March 22, 2020 ~ Fourth Sunday of Lent
The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not want.
~ Psalm 23:1

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March 22, 2020 ~ Fourth Sunday of Lent ~ Year A

Samuel does not see as God sees (1) in the choice of David, who is anointed with oil (Ps). As Jesus cures the blind man (3), so too we are brought from darkness into light (2) through the grace of baptism.

Light

### Awake, O sleeper, and arise from the dead, and Christ will give you light” (Ephesians 5:14). We are at the midpoint of our Lenten journey of conversion. As always, God never gives up on us, especially those who have “fallen asleep” along the road to conversion. The most powerful stories of conversion are proclaimed during these final weeks of Lent. They have the power to shake us out of our sleep. Today’s Gospel story of the healing of the man born blind exposes the real blindness in the time of Christ—the blindness of the self-righteous religious leaders. In a few weeks, at the Easter Vigil, the Church will proclaim “Christ our Light” as the paschal candle is carried into darkened churches throughout the world. May the darkness of sin that still pervades our lives, communities, and world, be dispelled by the Christ who comes to bring sight to the blind and light to the world.

Treasures From Our Tradition

Centuries ago, these Lenten days were a time of intense final preparation for the candidates for baptism. By now, they had already been numbered among the “elect” for Easter baptism, and were daily challenged to excel in prayer, in fasting, and in works of charity. As is true today, at a certain point in the weekly assembly for Eucharist, the nonbaptized were dismissed from the assembly for their own learning and prayer. While they might have had impressions about the Eucharist, they had no direct experience. The rites of the church were secret and its worship places off-limits.

For the Easter Vigil, those to be baptized arrived very hungry from long fasting, and perhaps very apprehensive as to how initiation was to be accomplished. A long night of vigil and storytelling, a shimmering pool of baptism, the anointing with oil and clothing with white robes came as something of a surprise. At the end of a long, life-changing night of embrace by Christ and the community, as the eucharistic feast ended, a final surprise was brought forward. To address the deep hunger of the newly baptized, the church offered a bowl of milk and honey, sign of promises fulfilled, sign of community, prosperity, and peace, and yet another foretaste of heaven’s banquet.

Winter Cold and Flu Season

As always, you are reminded to use common good sense in the reception of Holy Communion during the annual cold and flu season.

If you are feeling ill or think you may have been exposed to a virus, you should refrain from partaking of the Blood of Christ from the communal chalice. In the same way, you should refrain from offering your hand to others at the sign of peace. Likewise if you are not comfortable sharing the sign of peace or receiving Holy Communion from the communal chalice for fear of infection, you should feel no pressure to do so.

All of us must be aware of such sensitive matters in the intimate life of the Christian community and we should expect that some will refrain from the sign of peace and the communal chalice out of care for our well being and not out of unkindness or a lack of piety.

Snap Judgment

While on a walk one day, I was surprised to see a man hoeing his garden while sitting in a chair. "What laziness!" I thought. But suddenly I saw, leaning against his chair, a pair of crutches. The man was at work despite his handicap. The lesson I learned about snap judgments that day has stayed with me for years now: the crosses people bear are seldom in plain sight.

Please Pray for our Holy Father’s Intention for March

Pope’s Intention: Catholics in China. That the Church in China may persevere in its faithfulness to the Gospel and grow in unity.
What You Can Do to Stay Healthy

Know the facts. Influenza is thought to spread mainly person-to-person through coughing or sneezing of infected people.

Take everyday actions to stay healthy.

Cover your nose and mouth with a tissue when you cough or sneeze or into your sleeve if you do not have a tissue available. Throw the tissue in the trash after you use it.

Wash your hands thoroughly and often with soap and water. If soap and water are not available, use an alcohol-based hand rub.

Avoid touching your eyes, nose and mouth. Germs spread that way.

Stay home if you get sick. CDC recommends that you stay home from work or school and limit contact with others to keep from infecting them.

Get vaccinated. Vaccination is the best protection we have against flu.

Source: Centers for Disease Control (http://www.cdc.gov)

Liturgy and Illness

Please be aware that the obligation to attend Sunday Mass does not apply to those who are ill, especially those who suffer from contagious disease. It is a sign of consideration for others that those with flu-like symptoms remain at home. For the convenience of those who are homebound, or unable to attend Mass because of illness or infirmity, Mass is broadcast each Sunday morning at 6:00 AM on Channels 8, 20 (Comcast), KTSF 26.

Ministers Schedule

March 28 - 29, 2020

Saturday, 5:15 p.m.

Presider - Fr. Linh Nguyen
Readers - Amy Mohler, Cristin Salangsang
Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion - Barbara Villanueva, Amy Mohler, Luzviminda Grajales, Mary Josue, Jeannette Chafe

Sunday, 7:30 a.m.

Presider - Fr. Linh Nguyen
Readers - Albert Chin, Julius Vedasto
Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion - Therese Guin-tu, Julius Vedasto, Cathy Bohol, Vida Ventura, Albert Chin, Tessie Gallardo

Sunday, 9:30 a.m.

Presider - Fr. Obet Andrey
Readers - Renniel Santos, Julie Santos
Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion - Ligaya Gem-mentera, Celso Mangoba, Rose Mangoba, Miguel Herrera, Malou Pulanco, Ben Banato

Sunday, 12:00 p.m.

Presider - Fr. Linh Nguyen
Readers - Judy Labaria, Belinda Rodrigues
Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion - Sandra Cea, Mary Josue, Jeannette Bird, Evelyn Bird, Fe Macatangay, Trini Raymundo, Evelyn Bird

Sunday, 5:15 p.m.

Presider - Fr. Raphael Laizer
Readers - Ellen Gayapa, Zachary Duldulao
Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion - Zachary Duldulao, Teng Sullivan, Luzviminda Grajales, Mary Josue

Light and Shadow

In faith there is enough light for those who want to believe and enough shadows to blind those who don’t. ~ Blaise Pascal

“I wish as many parishioners remembered my homily as remembered the altar server with the green hair.”
Today’s Readings

First Reading — As the prophet Samuel anointed David with oil, the spirit of the LORD rushed upon David (1 Samuel 16:1b, 6-7, 10-13a).

Psalm — The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want (Psalm 23).

Second Reading — You who were once darkness are now light in the Lord (Ephesians 5:8-14).

Gospel — The man who had been blind from birth proclaimed: The one called Jesus made clay with his saliva, anointed my eyes with it, and told me to wash (John 9:1-41 [1, 6-9, 13-17, 34-38]).


Special Collection

Today we hear about David, son of Jesse, who lived in Bethlehem. Even though David was the youngest of all his brothers and a simple shepherd, he was the one God chose to be the next king. God暴风了 David, who became one of the first kings of Israel. This story reminds us not to judge others by their outward appearance.

Jesus was born in Bethlehem because Joseph wanted it to be “the city of David” for the Roman census, for Joseph was “of the house and family of David.”

Like David before him, Jesus would be called Good Shepherd and King. Pontius Pilate even had the sign INRI (Jesus Nazarenus, Rex Iudaeorum) on Jesus’ cross. The letters stand for “Jesus of Nazareth, King of the Jews.”

Draw a picture of Jesus as the Good Shepherd next to the sheep. Next to the cross, draw a picture of how Jesus would look as a king. What kind of king would he be?

St. Turibius of Mogrovejo (1538-1606) #

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~ St. Vincent Ferrer

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**Schedule of Sacraments**

*Eucharistic Celebrations*
- Sundays ~ 7:30 a.m., 9:30 a.m., 12:00 p.m., 5:15 p.m.
- Family Mass on 2nd Sunday at 12:00 p.m.
- Tagalog Mass on 1st Sunday at 2:00 p.m.

*Charismatic Mass and Healing Service on 3rd Sunday at 2:00 p.m.*
- Monday through Friday ~ 7:30 a.m., 12:10 p.m. & 5:15 p.m.
- Saturdays ~ 7:30 a.m. & 12:10 p.m. ~ 5:15 p.m. Vigil Mass

**Sacrament of Baptism (infants and children)**
- Baptismal Prep Class ~ Every 1st Saturday at 9:00 a.m.
- Baptism ~ Every 2nd and 4th Saturday at 10:00 a.m.

Please call the parish office at least two months before the preferred date of Baptism. All Baptisms are scheduled through the parish office and Baptismal classes are required for all first time parents and godparents.

**Sacrament of Marriage**
You must first be a registered and active parishioner for at least six months prior to arranging a marriage at St. Patrick. Arrangements for this celebration must be made at least six months in advance. No date may be reserved without first consulting with the Pastor.

**Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession)**
- Tuesdays and First Fridays ~ 11:30 a.m. & 4:30 p.m.
- Saturdays ~ 4:00 to 5:00 p.m.

**Sacrament of Anointing of the Sick**
Please call the Rectory at (415) 421-3730

**Parish Meeting Schedule**

- Adult Choir……………………………… Thursdays, 6:30 p.m.
- Altar Servers…………………………….. 3rd Sunday, 10:30 a.m.
- Charismatic Prayer Group…………….. Sundays, 1:30 p.m.
- Forever Young Ministry……………….. Sundays, 10:30 a.m.
- Legion of Mary ~ Patricular Meeting~ Last Sunday, 1:30 p.m.
- Liturgical Lay Ministers………………….. as announced
- Our Lady of Fatima Devotees….. 1st Saturday, 2:00 p.m.
- Parish Pastoral Council…………………. 1st Monday, 6:15 p.m.
- Sacred Heart of Jesus Devotion........ 1st Friday, 6:00 p.m.
- St. Vincent de Paul Society…………… 4th Saturday, 6:30 p.m.
- Young Adult Choir (SPYCO)........... Fridays, 6:00 p.m.

**Devotions**

*Sacred Heart ~ Every First Friday, the Blessed Sacrament is exposed for public adoration from 8:30 a.m. ~ 5:00 p.m.*

*Our Mother of Perpetual Help ~ Tuesdays after the 12:10 p.m. & 5:15 p.m. Masses*

*Divine Mercy ~ Daily at 4:45 p.m.*

*Santo Niño Devotion ~ 2nd Friday after the 5:15 p.m. Mass*

**The Pontifical Good Friday Collection**

Pope Francis has asked our parish to support the Pontifical Good Friday Collection, which helps Christians in the Holy Land. Your support helps the church minister in parishes, provide Catholic schools and offer religious education. The Pontifical Good Friday Collection also helps to preserve the sacred shrines. The wars, unrest and instability have been especially hard on Christians. In these times of crisis, the Pontifical Good Friday Collection provides humanitarian aid to refugees. When you contribute to the Pontifical Good Friday Collection, you become an instrument of peace and join with Catholics around the world in solidarity with the Church in the Holy Land. PLEASE BE GENEROUS!

For more information about Christians in the Holy Land, visit www.myfranciscan.org/good-friday.

**Mass Intentions for Mar 22 - 28**

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**Saints & Special Observances**

**Monday: optional memorial ~ St. Turibius of Mogrovejo, Bishop**

**WEDNESDAY: SOLEMNITY ~ THE ANNUNCIATION OF THE LORD**

**SUNDAY: FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT**

**Readings for the Week**

**Monday:** Is 65:17-21; Jn 4:43-54
**Tuesday:** Ez 47:1-9,12; Jn 5:1-16
**WEDNESDAY:** Is 7:10-14;8:10; Heb 10:4-10; Lk 1:26-38
**Thursday:** Ex 32:7-14; Jn 5:31-47
**Friday:** Wis 2:1a,12-22; Jn 7:1-2,10,25-30
**Saturday:** Jer 11:18-20; Jn 7:40-53
**SUNDAY: FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT**

*Ez 37:12-14; Ps 130:1-8; Rom 8:8-11; Jn 11:1-45 or 11:3-7,17,20-27,33b-45*

**Welcome to St. Patrick!!**

Welcome to all of our out-of-town visitors, Thank you for worshipping with us!!