

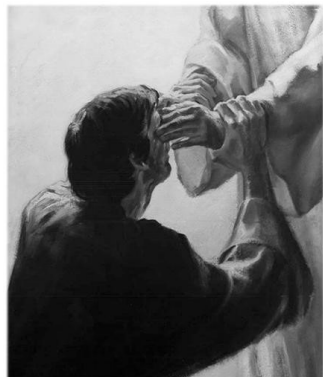
Fourth Sunday of Lent

March 26, 2017

First Reading: 1 Samuel 16:1b, 6-7,10-13a; Responsorial Psalm 23:1-3a, 3b-6

Second Reading: Ephesians 5:8-14; Gospel: John 9:1-41

"The man called Jesus made clay and anointed my eyes..." —John 9:11



Clay is wet dirt—in this case, dirt mixed with saliva. We are told in John's Gospel that Jesus used wet clay, smeared on the eyes of the man born blind, that he and others might see. Truly see. He sent the man to the Pool of Siloam: *"He put clay on my eyes, and I washed, and now I can see."* He sees not only with his eyes, but more importantly with his heart.

We began Lent with the sign of ashes. They were made from the dried palms of last year's Palm Sunday celebration and marked our foreheads. Our Lenten journey is an opportunity for us to see clearly, free of the "blindness" caused by sin. We, too, proclaim our faith in the gentle power of Jesus: *"I was blind and now I see."* Our ashes are washed away, but we, too, have been called to experience the power of Jesus healing us of our blindness. We have been sent by Jesus to be washed anew in the waters of our Pool of Siloam—the waters of the renewal of our baptismal promises. When asked if he believes in the Son of Man, the man born blind worships Jesus and proclaims his faith: *"I do believe, Lord."* May we do the same!

Lenten Dinners

Our next Lenten Dinner will take place this Friday, March 31, following our 5 pm Way of the Cross, at 6 pm in the Parish Hall. Tickets are \$15 per person. Children's tickets are \$5. The main course this week will be Grilled Swordfish and Linguine with Marinara with chopped clams. Ticket sales begin at 4 pm.

Lenten Reconciliation Service with Confessions

There will be a Lenten Reconciliation Service **this Wednesday, March 29, at 7:00 pm**. The special service will include the opportunity to share in the Sacrament of Reconciliation. Father Higgins will be here to assist with the Confessions. There will be not be a general absolution of all present.

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

Every Thursday during Lent following the 7:00 am Mass, concluding with a final prayer and blessing at 5:30 pm. You are invited to stop by anytime for prayer with our Lord.

2017 Annual Ministries Appeal (AMA) Update

Our Diocesan AMA Appeal *"One Faith, One Family"* continues this weekend. We are very grateful for all of you who have returned your envelopes with a commitment. Presently, our commitments total is **\$37,315**. As this is more than our obligation to our Diocesan Ministries, all donations now remain at OLMC.

Our participation level stands at 88 individuals and families, or 52% of our goal.

Easter Lily Mass Intentions

We invite you to offer an Easter Lily with a memorial or other intention. The plants can be left in the church or office from Wed. of Holy Week - Holy Saturday at 10:00 am. Thank you.

Please Pray for Our Elect

Mayela Reyes and **Marcos Resendiz-Nieto** will be sharing in the Sacraments of Baptism and First Communion during our very special Easter Vigil celebration on Saturday, April 15th. Please remember them in your prayers.

The Sacred Paschal Triduum: 3 Days In Remembrance of Christ's Life, Death, and Resurrection April 13-15

We begin the Triduum celebration with the *Holy Thursday* Eucharist. The Scripture accounts of the Last Supper address the heart of our faith. We are also called to engage in service to our neighbor, following Jesus' example of washing the disciples' feet.

On *Good Friday*, we journey with the Lord, the innocent servant of God, who has taken our sins upon himself as He walks the path to Calvary.

Holy Saturday, the most sacred of all nights, we gather for the Easter Vigil to rejoice in the Good News of Christ's Resurrection—the high point of the Paschal Triduum and of our liturgical year.

Please plan ahead to join us:

Holy Thursday, April 13, 7:30 pm; *Good Friday*, April 14, 5:30 pm (English), 7:00 pm (Spanish); *Holy Saturday* Easter Vigil, April 15, 7:30 pm.

Choir Singers Needed

Our OLMC choir needs a few more volunteers. The choir rehearses on Thursday evenings from 7:30 to 8:30, and sings at the 11:15 Mass on Sundays, as well as special liturgies throughout the Church Year, such as Holydays and the Holy Week Masses. Please speak with Louis Lebherz, at (831) 392-5315, for more information.

Altar Servers Needed

Children, youth, and young adults are invited to serve as Altar Servers or Acolytes for our Saturday and Sunday Masses. Please leave a message in the parish office for Father Dennis if you would like to serve. Thank you.

2nd Collection Next Sunday—April 2, 2017

Second Collection next week is for the Parish Grounds and Building Maintenance.

Offertory Report 3/19/2017

Plate collection: \$2,354; Building Fund: \$405; Hope's Pantry \$681; other: \$850; total deposit: \$4,290. Thank you!



Mass Intentions March 25-31, 2017

Sat., 4:30 pm	+Arthur Taylor, Sr.
Sun., 9:00 am	The Families of the Parish
Sun., 11:15 am	+John Sokolich +Edith Davis +Lorena Merino
Sun., 5:00 pm	Las Familias de la Parroquia
Wed., 7:00 am	+Robert Schruben
Thurs., 7:00 am	+Annie Garnero
Fri., 7:00 am	The Sick of the Parish



NOTICIAS ESPECIALES

Misa en Español - Cada domingo a las 5:00 pm.

Confesiones - El servicio especial ESTA SEMANA con Confesiones **el Miér. 29 de Marzo a las 7:00 pm** y cada miér. de 4 a 5pm.

Vía Crucis - Cada viernes de la Cuaresma a las 5:00 de la tarde. ¡Acompáñenos!

Santísimo Sacramento - Expuesto en la Iglesia cada jueves de 7:30 am hasta 5:30 pm

2017 Campaña Anual de Ministerios (AMA) - Nuestra Campaña Diocesana continua esta semana. Estamos muy agradecidos a todos ustedes que han regresado sus sobres con un compromiso. Actualmente, el total de nuestros compromisos es **\$37,315**. La Campaña ayuda a los muchos ministerios y servicios Diocesanos. Sobres de Compromiso están en las bancas.

Registración Parroquial - Favor de usar la forma de registración en la primera pagina del boletín para inscribirse en el registro parroquial y déjalo en la canasta, por favor. Gracias.

Youth Corner

Who is blind in today's Gospel? (John 9:1-41) Is it the man born blind? The story begins with him being cured of physical blindness, but as the story progresses, we see that one can be physically blind and yet possess true vision. The Pharisees, for their part, possess physical vision, but lack the ability to see spiritual truth right in front of their eyes. Ask Jesus to open the eyes of your heart so that you many truly see God's truth in your life!

