

OUR LADY OF MOUNT CARMEL CATHOLIC CHURCH

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FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT- MARCH 19TH, 2023

"I am the light of the world, says the Lord; whoever follows me will have the light of life.



As we did last week, we are reading today from the Gospel of John. In today's Gospel, the healing of the man born blind invites us to focus on the physical and spiritual aspects of sight and light. In the first part of today's Gospel, we hear Jesus' response to a prevalent belief of his time: that misfortune and disability were the result of sin. That belief is why Jesus is asked the question of whose sin caused the man's blindness—his own or his parents'. Jesus does not answer directly, but instead gives the question an entirely different dimension—through this man's disability, God's power will be made manifest. Jesus then heals the man.

The healing is controversial because Jesus heals on the Sabbath. The Pharisees also have trouble believing that Jesus performed a miracle. To determine whether the man was really born blind, they question him and his parents. The man challenges the leaders of the synagogue about their assessment of the good that Jesus has done. In turn, they expel the man for questioning their judgment.

The final revelation and moment of enlightenment comes when the man born blind encounters Jesus again. Having heard the news of his expulsion, Jesus seeks out the man born blind and reveals himself to him as the Son of Man. In this moment, the man born blind shows himself to be a man of faith and worships Jesus. Jesus replies by identifying the irony of the experience of many who encounter Jesus: Those who are blind will now see, and those who think they now see will be found to be blind.

As in last week's Gospel about Jesus' encounter with the Samaritan woman, today's reading has many allusions to Baptism. The washing of the man in the pool of Siloam is a prototype for Christian Baptism. Through the man's encounter with Jesus, the man born blind is healed, his sight is restored, and his conversion to discipleship begins. The man born blind gradually comes to a greater understanding about who Jesus is and what it means to be his disciple, while the Pharisees (those who should see) are the ones who remain blind.

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Yo soy la luz del mundo, dice el Señor; el que me sigue tendrá la luz de la vida.

Como hicimos la semana pasada, estamos leyendo hoy del Evangelio de Juan. En el evangelio de hoy, la curación del ciego de nacimiento nos invita a centrarnos en los aspectos físicos y espirituales de la vista y la luz. En la primera parte del evangelio de hoy escuchamos la respuesta de Jesús a una creencia predominante en su tiempo: que la desgracia y la enfermedad eran consecuencia del pecado. Esa creencia es la razón por la cual se le pregunta a Jesús quién pecó 'él sus, padres. Jesús no responde directamente, sino que le da a la pregunta sino que le da una dimensión completamente diferente: a través de la discapacidad de este hombre, el poder de Dios se manifestará. Entonces Jesús sana al hombre.

La curación es controvertida porque Jesús cura en sábado. Los fariseos también tienen problemas para creer que Jesús realizó un milagro. Para determinar si el hombre realmente nació ciego, lo interrogan a él y a sus padres. El hombre desafía a los líderes de la sinagoga sobre su evaluación del bien que Jesús ha hecho.

La revelación final y el momento de iluminación llega cuando el hombre ciego de nacimiento se encuentra con Jesús nuevamente. Habiendo oído la noticia de su expulsión, Jesús busca al hombre ciego de nacimiento y se le revela como el Hijo del Hombre. En ese momento, el ciego de nacimiento se muestra como un hombre de fe y adora a Jesús. Jesús responde identificando la ironía de la experiencia de muchos que se encuentran con Jesús: los ciegos ahora verán, y los que creen que ahora ven, serán ciegos.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Next Sunday we will take a second collection to help those impacted by the recent torrential rains and flooding that has left thousands homeless in the Pajaro Valley. Thank you in advance for helping our neighbors in need

Bishop Daniel Garcia will preside at the Bilingual Confirmation Mass, next Sunday March 26th at 1:00PM. Twenty (20!) of our young people will be receiving the sacrament of Confirmation. Please keep them in your prayers as they go forward in their faith journey.

Join us for fellowship, coffee, and doughnuts this Sunday after the 9:00 & 11:15 Masses. We still have our historical display for the 70th anniversary available for viewing in the hall. And for those who have not gotten their new parish directories we have some in the parish hall.

Our AMA is now in full swing. Since we were unable to hold Lenten dinners this year, **this will be our only major fundraiser**. We ask that you please be generous. Jack McAleer, our AMA Chairman, will be here to give us an update.

EVENT Calendar

LENTEN SEASON 2023

Confessions Fridays During Lent: 4:30 – 5:15pm

Bilingual Stations of the Cross Fridays during Lent 5:30pm.

Mass in Cachagua. Sat. March 25th 7:00 pm

Conformation Bilingual Mass, Sun. March 26th at 1:00pm

COMMNUAL PENANCE SERVICES IN THE AREA:

San Carlos Cathedral (Monterey) Tue. March 21 at 7:00 pm.

St. Angela Merici Parish (Pacific Grove) Wed. March 22 at 6:30 pm.

Carmel Mission (Carmel by the Sea) Fri. March 24th at 5:30 pr

SCHEDULE

Weekday Mass

Wednesday — Friday, 12 noon

Weekend Mass

Saturday Vigil at 4:30 PM Sunday at 9:00 and 11:15 AM in English, 5:00 PM in Spanish

Reconciliation

Saturday at 3:30 PM and by appointment

Office Hours

Wednesday — Friday: 10 AM - 12 PM; 2 - 4 PM

The church is open Wednesday — Sunday from 10 AM to 4 PM for personal prayer.

"At the heart of silence is prayer. At the heart of prayer is faith. At the heart of faith is life. At the heart of life is service." St. Teresa of Avila

MASS INTENTIONS

Mass Intentions March 18th—24th 2023

Sat. March 18th 4:30pm: + **Mike & Gloria Powers** Sun. March 19th 9:00 : + **Leo Berta** 11:15:

5:00: + Alva Bonilla (6th Anniversary)
Wed. March 22nd 12:00: + Rene & Lydia Latterade
Thurs. March 23rd 12:00: + Mary Fielo
Fri. March 24th 12:00: + Ellen Bates

May the souls of all the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen.

WEEKLY COLLECTION

March 12-13 2023

General Fund and EFT: **\$2,521.44**

Thank you for your generosity to our Parish Community

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Faith Formation

- First Communion: Jennifer Bodner (1st year),
 Marilyn Morgadinho (2nd year)
- Confirmation: Tess Arthur (1st year), Alondra Klemek and Brisa Cabrera (2nd year)
- RCIA / Adult Faith Formation: John Condon

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