



CATHEDRAL OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

Stewards of God's Gifts

March 10, 2024 | Fourth Sunday of Lent

MASS SCHEDULE

SUNDAY | DOMINGO

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| 8:00 am | English |
| 10:00 am | English* |
| 12:00 pm | Español* |
| 2:00 pm | Chinese* |
| 4:00 pm | English |
| 6:00 pm | Español |

*Livestream available.

Monday—Friday
Lunes—Viernes
12:10 pm

ADORATION

ADORACIÓN

Wednesday & Thursday
Miércoles y Jueves
1:00 pm - 4:00 pm

RECONCILIATION

RECONCILIACIÓN

Monday—Friday
Lunes—Viernes
11:30 am—12:00 pm

Saturday | Sabado
4:00 pm—5:00 pm

CATHEDRAL HOURS
Monday—Friday
10:00 am—4:00 pm

OFFICE HOURS
Monday—Friday
9:00 am— noon & 1 pm—4 pm



4° DOMINGO DE LA CUARESMA

Supo Jesús que lo habían echado fuera, y cuando lo encontró,
le dijo: "¿Crees tú en el Hijo del hombre?" - Jn 9, 35

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Events and Information

WHY ROSE COLOR?

The Fourth Sunday of Lent is traditionally called Laetare Sunday. Laetare is a Latin word that means “rejoice.” Today's Gospel describes the reason for our joy: **God's great love for us has been revealed in Jesus.** Through his Passion, Death, and Resurrection, Christ has reconciled us with God and one another. The rose chasuble is a lighter shade of rose or pink that **symbolizes joy, hope and anticipation.** It reminds the faithful that even during times of penance and preparation, there is always reason to rejoice and hope.

¿POR QUÉ COLOR ROSA?

El Cuarto Domingo de Cuaresma se llama tradicionalmente Domingo Laetare. Laetare es una palabra latina que significa "alegrarse". El evangelio de hoy describe el motivo de nuestra alegría: **el gran amor de Dios por nosotros se ha revelado en Jesús.** A través de su Pasión, Muerte y Resurrección, Cristo nos ha reconciliado con Dios y unos con otros. La casulla rosa es un tono más claro de rosa o rosa que **simboliza alegría, esperanza y anticipación.** Recuerda a los fieles que incluso en tiempos de penitencia y preparación, siempre hay motivos para regocijarse y esperar.

KEEPING THE FLAME ALIVE

Wednesdays, 7:00 PM via Zoom

Father O'Reilly leads a series on the Eucharist and the Roman Missal. Join us and deepen your understanding of the Mass!

Contact Donna: flamealive22@gmail.com



MANTENIENDO VIVA LA LLAMA

con Padre O'Reilly

Miércoles, 7:00 PM vía Zoom

Comienza una serie sobre la Eucaristía y el Misal Romano. ¡Únete a nosotros! ¡Ven a profundizar tu comprensión de la Misa!

Póngase en contacto con Donna: flamealive22@gmail.com.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS

Every Friday during Lent

After 12:10 pm Mass in English.

At 7:00 pm in Spanish.



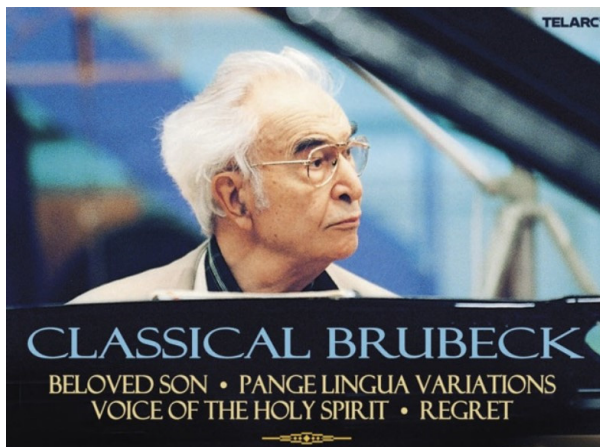
ESTACIONES DE LA CRUZ

Todos los viernes durante la Cuaresma

Después de las 12:10 Misa en inglés.

A las 7:00 pm horas en español.

Volunteer to help with the spiritual music event of the year!



On Saturday, July 6 the Cathedral choir, with orchestral and additional choral accompaniment, will perform the Dave Brubeck's jazz-infused version of the *Pange Lingua Variations, a Celebration for Sacramento*, which was originally commissioned by the Cathedral in 1983. It was Brubeck's first sacred composition after embracing Catholicism.

Get involved to put on this historic concert!

We need volunteers to help manage various tasks including brochure, program and ticket production, ticket sales, hospitality and publicity. If you can offer your time and expertise please contact Rich Zacaroli at rzacaroli@gmail.com, call or text (916) 207-2595.

FORMACIÓN FAMILIAR EN LA FE RIFA DE PASCUA \$1 POR BOLETO

a la venta después de las misas dominicales
Cestas expuestas en el vestíbulo después de las misas dominicales.
Premios entregados el Domingo de Ramos

FAMILY FAITH FORMATION BASKET EASTER RAFFLE \$1 PER TICKET

on sale after Sunday masses
Baskets displayed in the vestibule after Sunday masses. Prizes awarded on Palm Sunday, March 24



SPECIAL COLLECTION: This week, we are taking up The Catholic Relief Services Collection to respond to **Jesus in disguise**. This collection helps six Catholic agencies to provide relief and support to struggling communities and to work toward peace and reconciliation among our marginalized brothers and sisters here and around the world. Please prayerfully consider how you can support the collection. Learn more at www.usccb.org/catholic-relief.

COLECCIÓN ESPECIAL: Esta semana realizaremos The Catholic Relief Services Collection para responder a **Jesús con otro rostro, ¿le ayudarás?** Esta colecta ayuda a seis agencias católicas a brindar asistencia y apoyo a las comunidades que luchan por salir adelante y trabajar para conseguir la paz y la reconciliación entre nuestras hermanas y hermanos marginados aquí y alrededor del mundo. Por favor, en oración, considera la manera en la que puedas contribuir a esta colecta. Aprende más en www.usccb.org/catholic-relief.

Mass Intentions & Observances

SUN 3/10

FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT

8:00 AM: ROSARIO PURUGGANAN +

10:00 AM: MILAGROS AQUINO S.I.

12:00 PM: JOHN AND GABY LONG S.I.
AND FAMILY S.I.

4:00 PM: PEOPLE OF THE PARISH S.I.

6:00 PM: ANDRINA LOW +

MON 3/11

FOURTH MONDAY OF LENT

12:10 PM: GARY AGUINIGA +

TUES 3/12

FOURTH TUESDAY OF LENT

12:10 PM: TODDY LITCHY +

WED 3/13

RECONCILIATION AND UNITY

12:10 PM: PATTI EDWARDS S.I.

THU 3/14

FOURTH THURSDAY OF LENT

12:10 PM: ABRAHAM CHANG +

FRI 3/15

FOURTH FRIDAY OF LENT

12:10 PM: JULIANA HERNANDEZ +

*S.I. = for special intention
+ = for repose of the soul*

Giving Made Easy

We're grateful for all financial support to our Parish! Online giving is easier for us and for you. God bless you!



Dar es fácil

¡Estamos agradecidos por todo el apoyo financiero a nuestra parroquia! Donar en línea es más fácil para nosotros y para usted. ¡Dios lo bendiga!

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Utilice nuestro sitio web para hacer un regalo recurrente o único en www.CathedralSacramento.org/Donate

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Mass Intentions

Please email: vramos@cathedralsacramento.org or call 916-444-3071, ext. 10

At each Mass, we hear that prayers are requested for a particular person. This is referred to as a "Mass Intention", meaning the Mass is being offered for the repose of the soul of someone who has died or for the special intentions of someone who is living but requesting prayers.

Family Faith Formation and OCIA



Family Faith Corner

In March our families are continuing their life of prayer, focusing on five types of prayer and ways we pray with the Sacred Word of God.

“The Word of God is living and effective ...able to discern reflections and thoughts of the heart.”

~ Hebrews 5:12

We have all experienced it. We want to draw close to God in His holy Word, and with eagerness, we pick up our Bibles to read. Sometimes we find ourselves frustrated; the sacred text doesn't seem to speak to us, or it is difficult to make sense in our lives and context.

As part of our regular programming each month, the English Family Faith Formation does a self-guided tour day where families engage on a topic at their own pace. This month, we focused on **Lectio Divina** (or **Visio Divina** for young children). This is a long-standing practice for many who are in serious pursuit of God. Since many of our children are preparing for Holy Communion, we used the Last Supper narrative (Matthew 26:26-30) with the following steps:

- 1) **Lectio** (Read) - the family reads the assigned passage out loud. With younger children, we provided an image of the Last Supper for them to “read”. We asked them to record a word or phrase that stayed with them, and share that on the reflection wall.
- 2) **Meditatio** (Meditation) - In re-reading the text, they practice putting themselves in the story / picture using their imagination, using their 5 senses (what do they see, taste, smell, feel, hear). We were astounded at the depth at which the children connected the last supper with Holy Communion!
- 3) **Oratio** (Prayer) - Prayer is simply having a conversation with God about what the text said to them, and about how they experienced God in the meditation.
- 4) **Contemplatio** (Contemplation) - in this step, we have no more words to say and are comfortable just sitting with God in silence, letting God nurture the heart with his peace and silent wisdom. (this is hands down our families' favorite step!).

We had the families close with an application step: What did they feel called by God to do as a fruit of their prayer? Giving them opportunity to ponder this, will make new disciples of Jesus.

Experience the Liturgy of the Hours by joining the OCIA team for Evening Prayer on Mondays, 6:30pm in Mercy Hall.

Calendar for this Week

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| SAT 9 MAR | NO Family Faith Formation Parish Retreat |
| SUN 10 MAR | FIRED UP Youth Conference 9:00 AM, Christian Brothers HS |
| SUN 10 MAR | OCIA Breaking Open Word 8:00 AM, Church/St Francis/Hall Formacion en la Fe Familiar 10:00 AM, Mercy Hall OCIA Families—Year 1 11:45 AM, St Magdalene (Manogue) Faith Formation - Chinese 12:30 PM, Jesus Room |
| MON 11 MAR | Evening Prayer (All Welcome) 6:30 PM, Mercy Hall OCIA for Adults 7:00 PM, Mercy Hall/Classrooms |
| TUE 12 MAR | Family Faith Formation 6:00 PM, Mercy Hall/Classrooms |
| THU 14 MAR | Adult Confirmation Class 7:00 PM, St Toribio Adult Bible Study 7:00 PM, St Pius X |
| SAT 16 MAR | Family Faith Formation 10:00 AM, Mercy Hall |
| COMING UP: | |
| FRI 22 MAR 7 PM | LIVING STATIONS Through the Mary's Eyes Presented by Cathedral Confirmation Class 2024 |

Preparation for Mass Sunday, 17 MAR 24

Prepare:
5th Sunday of Lent

Ezekiel 37:12-14
Psalm 130:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 7-8
Romans 8:8-11
John 11:1-45

Gospel Focus:

All of us have fears: of failing, of rejection, of poverty, but perhaps the greatest fear is: DEATH. Our faith, however tells us that there is One who has authority over death, over hell and the grave. Jesus demonstrates His power in the rising of Lazarus. He reminds us that just as Lazarus was bound head to foot in bandages and was freed of that bondage, we too are bound by some things that lead not to life, but to death. During Lent, we are invited to take time to identify those things in our life do not help us to be the best version of ourselves, that keep us from holiness. Let us turn today to Jesus and give him permission to remove the bandages that keep us from Him, and let Him call us from the grave of sin to the light of life.

With your Family

- ◆ Read John 11:1-45
- ◆ Identify ways that you are ‘dead’. What are the things that bind you and need Jesus to free you?
- ◆ Martha is asked if she believes. Do you believe that Jesus can offer you Eternal Life? Ask for this grace.
- ◆ *Pray Psalm 130:1-8 together.*

Through
the
Eyes
of
Mary

**A Meditation on the
Passion of Jesus**
Presented by the
Faith Formation Families
Friday, March 22
7 PM

**Come
Holy Spirit!**

**FIRED
UP**

**10 MAR
2024**

Pray for our Confirmation youth as they get ready for the Conference with Bishop Soto. Let us ask the Holy Spirit to open their hearts, that they may be the hands and feet of Jesus.

Family Faith Formation—OCIA—Sacraments of Initiation for Children and Adults

Formación de fe Familiar y OICA

Preparación para la Misa Domingo, 17 MAR 24

Preparar:
5to Domingo de Cuaresma

Ezequiel 37:12-14
Salmo 130:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 7-8
Romanos 8:8-11
Juan 11:1-45

Enfoque del evangelio:

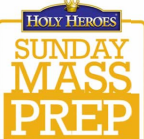
Todos tenemos miedos: al fracaso, al rechazo, a la pobreza, pero quizás el miedo más grande sea: la MUERTE. Nuestra fe, sin embargo, nos dice que hay Uno que tiene autoridad sobre la muerte, el infierno y la tumba. Jesús demuestra su poder en el levantamiento de Lázaro. Nos recuerda que así como Lázaro fue atado de pies a cabeza con vendas y fue liberado de esa esclavitud, nosotros también estamos atados por algunas cosas que no conducen a la vida, sino a la muerte. Durante la Cuaresma, se nos invita a tomarnos un tiempo para identificar aquellas cosas en nuestra vida que no nos ayudan a ser la mejor versión de nosotros mismos, que nos alejan de la santidad. Acudamos hoy a Jesús y démosle permiso para quitarnos las vendas que nos alejan de Él, y dejemos que Él nos llame del sepulcro del pecado a la luz de la vida.

Con tu familia

- ♦ Lea Juan 11:1-45
- ♦ Identifique las formas en que está "muerto". ¿Cuáles son las cosas que te atan y necesitan que Jesús te libere?
- ♦ A Marta le preguntan si cree. ¿Crees que Jesús puede ofrecerte Vida Eterna? Pide esta gracia.
- ♦ Oren juntos el Salmo 130:1-8.



Preparación
de la Misa
para familias



OCIA: Journey to Easter
Jesus Helps Us to See

As we continue journeying towards Easter and Sacraments, we celebrate the Scrutinies with the OCIA at the 8AM Mass. This week, Jesus does the "impossible" and heals a man born blind from birth. You would think this would be enough to change the heart of anyone, and yet we see what happens when one's heart is hard due to hatred and jealousy. The Pharisees are shown to be the blind ones as they fail to see the great miracle before them; they are blinded by their biases and dislike of Jesus. We can learn from the Gospel to look at the things that keep us from the reality of who Jesus is: God who saves. May we be given sight and believe.

"I came into this world for judgment, so that those who do not see might see, and those who do see might become blind."
~ John 9:39

Sign up for Mass preparation with engaging videos and activity sheets for children of all ages.

is.gd/massprep2024

Regístrese para la preparación de la Misa con videos atractivos para niños de todas las edades.

Let us help your family get ready for Sunday Mass.



Plenary Indulgence Granted from March 1—October 2, 2024

In honor of the 250th Anniversary of the birth of Saint Madalene of Canossa, the Apostolic Penitentiary has granted a Plenary Indulgence (with normal conditions)* for the faithful who visit the Churches (Cathedral and Our Lady of Lourdes, Sacramento) and places of Prayer where Canossian Fathers and Sisters are present. * **See website for further explanation.**

Rincón de la Fe Familiar

En marzo nuestras familias continúan su vida de oración, enfocándose en cinco tipos de oración y formas en que oramos con la Sagrada Palabra de Dios.



"La Palabra de Dios es viva y eficaz... capaz de discernir los reflejos y los pensamientos del corazón".

~ Hebreos 5:13

Todos lo hemos experimentado. Queremos acercarnos a Dios en Su santa Palabra y con entusiasmo tomamos nuestras Biblias para leer. A veces nos sentimos frustrados; el texto sagrado no parece hablarnos, o es difícil de encontrar sentido en nuestras vidas y contexto.

Como parte de nuestra programación regular cada mes, English Family Faith Formation realiza un día de visita autoguiada donde las familias abordan un tema a su propio ritmo. Este mes nos centramos en la Lectio Divina (o Visio Divina para niños pequeños). Esta es una práctica de larga data para muchos que buscan seriamente a Dios. Dado que muchos de nuestros niños se están preparando para la Sagrada Comunión, utilizamos la Última Supernarrativa (Mateo 26:26-30) con los siguientes pasos:

- 1) **Lectio** (Leer): la familia lee en voz alta el pasaje asignado. A los niños más pequeños les proporcionamos una imagen de la Última Cena para que la "lean". Les pedimos que grabaran una palabra o frase que les quedara grabada y la compartieran en el muro de reflexión.
- 2) **Meditatio** (Meditación): al releer el texto, practican ponerse en la historia/imagen usando su imaginación, usando sus 5 sentidos (qué ven, saborean, huelen, sienten, oyen). ¡Nos sorprendió la profundidad con la que los niños conectaron la última cena con la Sagrada Comunión!
- 3) **Oratio** (Oración) - La oración es simplemente tener una conversación con Dios sobre lo que les dice el texto y sobre cómo experimentaron a Dios en la meditación.
- 4) **Contemplatio** (Contemplación): en este paso, no tenemos más palabras que decir y nos sentimos cómodos simplemente sentados con Dios en silencio, dejando que Dios alimente el calor con su paz y sabiduría silenciosa. (¡Este es sin duda el paso favorito de nuestras familias!).

Tuvimos a las familias cercanas con un paso de solicitud: ¿Qué se sintieron llamados por Dios a hacer como fruto de su oración? Darles la oportunidad de reflexionar sobre esto hará nuevos discípulos de Jesús.

Experimente la Liturgia de las Horas uniéndose al equipo de OCIA para la Oración Vespertina los lunes a las 6:30 PM en Mercy Hall.

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Sacramento Chinese Catholic Community

RECONCILIATION: 1st Sunday of the month before mass. Please contact Kenneth Ng or Fr. Chiu in advance.

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Website: www.sacchineseatholic.org/



**Chinese Portal:
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**Fr. Abraham Chiu
趙必成神父**



A Glimpse of Spirituality 靈修一瞥115 (Luke 路21:1-4)

Fr. Abraham Chiu 趙必成神父

Jesus' presence and preaching sounded so disturbing while he denounced the scribes; which will end with the religious leaders' decision to get rid of Jesus permanently.

Jesus accused the Scribes of offering long prayers to God, in the synagogue or Temple or some other highly public place, as a means of asserting their superior piety. Many scribes were downright poor. Devouring widows' houses is Jesus' condemnatory description of the luxurious lives led by some scribes who impoverished the pious widows who volunteered to support them.

Power and position often lead even religious leaders to material greed and corruption. When Jesus observed the tiny gift of two copper coins given by a poor widow, he was moved to comment on the proceedings. For him, it was the fact that this widow, alone among all the contributors lined up to give their offerings, gave her all. The widow gave all she had as an offering that symbolized her entrusting into the hands of God with the sure conviction that God would give her the support she needed. Jesus said, "She out of her poverty put in all the living that she had."

The term "living" (bion) denotes that by these two coins the widow and her family are sustained; however, she offered them all to God. Her action, likewise, also signified what Jesus would do by offering his very life to God as an act of perfect offering. She, not the Scribes, possessed true honor in God's eyes.

We often judge people's value or worth by what they possess. Jesus, however, measures us in a totally different way on the basis of our inner motives and the intentions hidden behind our actions. The offering God wants from us is not our material possessions, but our hearts and lives.

當耶穌譴責經師時，他的出現和宣講讓他們非常不安，這“不安”推動經師連同宗教領導決定毀滅耶穌而告終。

耶穌指責經師在會堂、聖殿或其他一些明顯公共場所，誇張的向天主長時間祈禱，以此來炫耀他們虔誠。經師多是貧窮，因此吞噬寡婦房屋，是耶穌嚴厲譴責他們奢華生活的其中原因，這些經師利用甘願供養他們的虔誠寡婦而導致她們落得一貧如洗。

權力和地位經常導致宗教領導陷入物質貪婪和腐敗。當耶穌看到一位窮寡婦捐兩枚銅錢給聖殿時，感動；對耶穌來說，所有列隊捐款的人中，只有這位寡婦奉獻自己一切。

寡婦奉獻她的所有，象徵將自己生命交託天主手中，並堅信天主會給予她所需一切。耶穌說：“而這個寡婦卻是從她的不足中，把她所有的一切生活費都投上了。”

“生活費” (bion) 一詞表示寡婦和家人單靠這兩個銅錢維持生計，可是都完全奉獻給主；同樣，她的行為也像徵耶穌將自己塵世生命奉獻出來，作為完美祭品。她，非經師，在天主眼中擁有真正光榮。

人常常根據個人所擁之物來判斷他們價值，然而，耶穌根據我們內在動機和背後意圖，來衡量我們對主誠意。天主要我們奉獻的，不是物質財產，而是初心與生命。



Chinese New Year Mass

Celebrated on Sunday, February 25



親愛的兄弟姐妹，



沙加緬度天主教華人團體，喜樂滿盈的邀請到蘇途主教、奧懷理神父、溫克林神父、杜德才執事、奧馬執事、莊生執事以及李諾思執事，還有灣區教友和所有親朋戚友，跟我們一起慶祝農曆新春彌撒、敬祖典禮以及春節晚宴。恭祝新年快樂！身體健康！願主耶穌基督保佑大家，亞孟！

We are joyful to have Bishop Soto, Fathers Michael O'Reilly and Colin Wen, Deacons John Thoo, Omar Badales, Keith Johnson, and Al Llenos; together with the parishioners from the Bay Area, all families and friends to celebrate Lunar New Year Mass, Veneration Ceremony to Ancestors, and Spring Festival banquet with us. Wishing you all happy New Year, good health with many blessings from our Lord Jesus Christ! Amen!

Liturgy of the Word

FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT A

MARCH 10, 2024

READING 1 1 SM 16:1B, 6-7, 10-13A

The LORD said to Samuel:

“Fill your horn with oil, and be on your way. I am sending you to Jesse of Bethlehem, for I have chosen my king from among his sons.”

As Jesse and his sons came to the sacrifice, Samuel looked at Eliab and thought, “Surely the LORD’s anointed is here before him.” But the LORD said to Samuel: “Do not judge from his appearance or from his lofty stature, because I have rejected him. Not as man sees does God see, because man sees the appearance but the LORD looks into the heart.” In the same way Jesse presented seven sons before Samuel, but Samuel said to Jesse, “The LORD has not chosen any one of these.” Then Samuel asked Jesse, “Are these all the sons you have?” Jesse replied, “There is still the youngest, who is tending the sheep.” Samuel said to Jesse, “Send for him; we will not begin the sacrificial banquet until he arrives here.” Jesse sent and had the young man brought to them. He was ruddy, a youth handsome to behold and making a splendid appearance. The LORD said, “There—anoint him, for this is the one!” Then Samuel, with the horn of oil in hand, anointed David in the presence of his brothers; and from that day on, the spirit of the LORD rushed upon David.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM PS 23: 1-3A, 3B-4, 5, 6

The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want.

The LORD is my shepherd; I shall not want. In verdant pastures he gives me repose; beside restful waters he leads me; he refreshes my soul.

The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want.

He guides me in right paths for his name’s sake.

Even though I walk in the dark valley I fear no evil; for you are at my side With your rod and your staff that give me courage.

The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want.

You spread the table before me in the sight of my foes; you anoint my head with oil; my cup overflows.

The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want.

Only goodness and kindness follow me all the days of my life; and I shall dwell in the house of the LORD for years to come.

The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want.

READING 2 EPH 5:8-14

Brothers and sisters:

You were once darkness, but now you are light in the Lord. Live as children of light, for light produces every kind of goodness and righteousness and truth. Try to learn what is pleasing to the Lord. Take no part in the fruitless works of darkness; rather expose them, for it is shameful even to mention the things done by them in secret; but everything exposed by the light becomes visible, for everything that becomes visible is light. Therefore, it says: “Awake, O sleeper, and arise from the dead, and Christ will give you light.”

VERSE BEFORE THE GOSPEL JN 8:12

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

GOSPEL JN 9:1-41

As Jesus passed by he saw a man blind from birth. His disciples asked him, “Rabbi, who sinned, this man or his parents, that he was born blind?” Jesus answered, “Neither he nor his parents sinned; it is so that the works of God might be made visible through him. We have to do the works of the one who sent me while it is day. Night is coming when no one can work. While I am in the world, I am the light of the world.” When he had said this, he spat on the ground and made clay with the saliva, and smeared

the clay on his eyes, and said to him, “Go wash in the Pool of Siloam” —which means Sent—.So he went and washed, and came back able to see.

His neighbors and those who had seen him earlier as a beggar said, “Isn’t this the one who used to sit and beg?” Some said, “It is, but others said, “No, he just looks like him.” He said, “I am.” So they said to him, “How were your eyes opened?” He replied, “The man called Jesus made clay and anointed my eyes and told me, ‘Go to Siloam and wash.’ So I went there and washed and was able to see.” And they said to him, “Where is he?” He said, “I don’t know.” They brought the one who was once blind to the Pharisees.

Now Jesus had made clay and opened his eyes on a sabbath. So then the Pharisees also asked him how he was able to see. He said to them, “He put clay on my eyes, and I washed, and now I can see.” So some of the Pharisees said, “This man is not from God, because he does not keep the sabbath.” But others said, “How can a sinful man do such signs?” And there was a division among them.

So they said to the blind man again, “What do you have to say about him, since he opened your eyes?” He said, “He is a prophet.” Now the Jews did not believe that he had been blind and gained his sight until they summoned the parents of the one who had gained his sight. They asked them, “Is this your son, who you say was born blind? How does he now see?” His parents answered and said, “We know that this is our son and that he was born blind. We do not know how he sees now, nor do we know who opened his eyes. Ask him, he is of age; he can speak for himself.” His parents said this because they were afraid of the Jews, for the Jews had already agreed that if anyone acknowledged him as the Christ, he would be expelled from the synagogue. For this reason his parents said, “He is of age; question him.”

So a second time they called the man who had been blind and said to him, “Give God the praise! We know that this man is a sinner.” He replied, “If he is a sinner, I do not know. One thing I do know is that I was blind and now I see.” So they said to him, “What did he do to you? How did he open your eyes?” He answered them, “I told you already and you did not listen. Why do you want to hear it again? Do you want to become his disciples, too?” They ridiculed him and said, “You are that man’s disciple; we are disciples of Moses! We know that God spoke to Moses, but we do not know where this one is from.” The man answered and said to them, “This is what is so amazing, that you do not know where he is from, yet he opened my eyes. We know that God does not listen to sinners, but if one is devout and does his will, he listens to him. It is unheard of that anyone ever opened the eyes of a person born blind. If this man were not from God, he would not be able to do anything.” They answered and said to him, “You were born totally in sin, and are you trying to teach us?” Then they threw him out.

When Jesus heard that they had thrown him out, he found him and said, “Do you believe in the Son of Man?” He answered and said, “Who is he, sir, that I may believe in him?” Jesus said to him, “You have seen him, the one speaking with you is he.” He said, “I do believe, Lord,” and he worshiped him. Then Jesus said, “I came into this world for judgment, so that those who do not see might see, and those who do see might become blind.”

Some of the Pharisees who were with him heard this and said to him, “Surely we are not also blind, are we?” Jesus said to them, “If you were blind, you would have no sin; but now you are saying, ‘We see,’ so your sin remains.

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PRIMERA LECTURA 1 SM 16, 1B. 6-7. 10-13A

En aquellos días, dijo el Señor a Samuel: “Ve a la casa de Jesé, en Belén, porque de entre sus hijos me he escogido un rey. Llena, pues, tu cuerno de aceite para ungirlo y vete”.

Cuando llegó Samuel a Belén y vio a Eliab, el hijo mayor de Jesé, pensó: “Este es, sin duda, el que voy a ungir como rey”. Pero el Señor le dijo: “No te dejes impresionar por su aspecto ni por su gran estatura, pues yo lo he descartado, porque yo no juzgo como juzga el hombre. El hombre se fija en las apariencias, pero el Señor se fija en los corazones”.

Así fueron pasando ante Samuel siete de los hijos de Jesé; pero Samuel dijo: “Ninguno de éstos es el elegido del Señor”. Luego le preguntó a Jesé: “¿Son éstos todos tus hijos?” Él respondió: “Falta el más pequeño, que está cuidando el rebaño”. Samuel le dijo: “Hazlo venir, porque no nos sentaremos a comer hasta que llegue”. Y Jesé lo mandó llamar.

El muchacho era rubio, de ojos vivos y buena presencia. Entonces el Señor dijo a Samuel: “Levántate y úngelo, porque éste es”. Tomó Samuel el cuerno con el aceite y lo ungió delante de sus hermanos. A partir de aquel día, el espíritu del Señor estuvo con David.

SALMO RESPONSORIAL SALMO 22, 1-3A, 3B-4. 5. 6

R. El Señor es mi pastor, nada me faltará.

El Señor es mi pastor, nada me falta: en verdes praderas me hace reposar y hacia fuentes tranquilas me conduce para reparar mis fuerzas.

R. El Señor es mi pastor, nada me faltará.

Por ser un Dios fiel a sus promesas, me guía por el sendero recto; así, aunque camine por cañadas oscuras, nada temo, porque tú estás conmigo. Tu vara y tu cayado me dan seguridad.

R. El Señor es mi pastor, nada me faltará.

Tú mismo me preparas la mesa, a despecho de mis adversarios; me unges la cabeza con perfume y llenas mi copa hasta los bordes.

R. El Señor es mi pastor, nada me faltará.

Tu bondad y tu misericordia me acompañarán todos los días de mi vida; y viviré en la casa del Señor por años sin término.

R. El Señor es mi pastor, nada me faltará.

SEGUNDA LECTURA EF 5, 8-14

Hermanos: En otro tiempo ustedes fueron tinieblas, pero ahora, unidos al Señor, son luz. Vivan, por lo tanto, como hijos de la luz. Los frutos de la luz son la bondad, la santidad y la verdad. Busquen lo que es agradable al Señor y no tomen parte en las obras estériles de los que son tinieblas.

Al contrario, repruébenlas abiertamente; porque, si bien las cosas que ellos hacen en secreto da vergüenza aun mencionarlás, al ser reprobadas abiertamente, todo queda en claro, porque todo lo que es iluminado por la luz se convierte en luz. Por eso se dice: Despierta, tú que duermes; levántate de entre los muertos y Cristo será tu luz.

ACLAMACIÓN ANTES DEL EVANGELIO JN 8, 12B

R. Honor y gloria a ti, Señor Jesús.

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

R. Honor y gloria a ti, Señor Jesús.

EVANGELIO JN 9, 1-41

En aquel tiempo, Jesús vio al pasar a un ciego de nacimiento, y sus discípulos le preguntaron: “Maestro, ¿quién pecó para que éste naciera ciego, él o sus padres?” Jesús respondió: “Ni él pecó, ni tampoco sus padres. Nació así para que en él se manifestaran las obras de Dios. Es necesario que yo haga las obras del que me envió, mientras es de día, porque luego llega la noche y ya nadie

puede trabajar. Mientras esté en el mundo, yo soy la luz del mundo”.

Dicho esto, escupió en el suelo, hizo lodo con la saliva, se lo puso en los ojos al ciego y le dijo: “Ve a lavarte en la piscina de Siloé” (que significa ‘Enviado’). Él fue, se lavó y volvió con vista.

Entonces los vecinos y los que lo habían visto antes pidiendo limosna, preguntaban: “¿No es éste el que se sentaba a pedir limosna?” Unos decían: “Es el mismo”. Otros: “No es él, sino que se le parece”. Pero él decía: “Yo soy”. Y le preguntaban: “Entonces, ¿cómo se te abrieron los ojos?” Él les respondió: “El hombre que se llama Jesús hizo lodo, me lo puso en los ojos y me dijo: ‘Ve a Siloé y lávate’. Entonces fui, me lavé y comencé a ver”. Le preguntaron: “¿En dónde está él?” Les contestó: “No lo sé”.

Llevaron entonces ante los fariseos al que había sido ciego. Era sábado el día en que Jesús hizo lodo y le abrió los ojos. También los fariseos le preguntaron cómo había adquirido la vista. Él les contestó: “Me puso lodo en los ojos, me lavé y veo”. Algunos de los fariseos comentaban: “Ese hombre no viene de Dios, porque no guarda el sábado”. Otros replicaban: “¿Cómo puede un pecador hacer semejantes prodigios?” Y había división entre ellos.

Entonces volvieron a preguntarle al ciego: “Y tú, ¿qué piensas del que te abrió los ojos?” Él les contestó: “Que es un profeta”.

Pero los judíos no creyeron que aquel hombre, que había sido ciego, hubiera recobrado la vista. Llamaron, pues, a sus padres y les preguntaron: “¿Es éste su hijo, del que ustedes dicen que nació ciego? ¿Cómo es que ahora ve?” Sus padres contestaron: “Sabemos que éste es nuestro hijo y que nació ciego. Cómo es que ahora ve o quién le haya dado la vista, no lo sabemos. Pregúntenselo a él; ya tiene edad suficiente y responderá por sí mismo”. Los padres del que había sido ciego dijeron esto por miedo a los judíos, porque éstos ya habían convenido en expulsar de la sinagoga a quien reconociera a Jesús como el Mesías. Por eso sus padres dijeron: “Ya tiene edad; pregúntenle a él”.

Llamaron de nuevo al que había sido ciego y le dijeron: “Da gloria a Dios. Nosotros sabemos que ese hombre es pecador”. Contestó él: “Si es pecador, yo no lo sé; sólo sé que yo era ciego y ahora veo”. Le preguntaron otra vez: “¿Qué te hizo? ¿Cómo te abrió los ojos?” Les contestó: “Ya se lo dije a ustedes y no me han dado crédito. ¿Para qué quieren oírlo otra vez? ¿Acaso también ustedes quieren hacerse discípulos suyos?” Entonces ellos lo llenaron de insultos y le dijeron: “Discípulo de ése lo serás tú. Nosotros somos discípulos de Moisés. Nosotros sabemos que a Moisés le habló Dios. Pero ése, no sabemos de dónde viene”.

Replicó aquel hombre: “Es curioso que ustedes no sepan de dónde viene y, sin embargo, me ha abierto los ojos. Sabemos que Dios no escucha a los pecadores, pero al que lo teme y hace su voluntad, a ése sí lo escucha. Jamás se había oído decir que alguien abriera los ojos a un ciego de nacimiento. Si éste no viniera de Dios, no tendría ningún poder”. Le replicaron: “Tú eres puro pecado desde que naciste, ¿cómo pretendes darnos lecciones?” Y lo echaron fuera.

Supo Jesús que lo habían echado fuera, y cuando lo encontró, le dijo: “¿Crees tú en el Hijo del hombre?” Él contestó: “¿Y quién es, Señor, para que yo crea en él?” Jesús le dijo: “Ya lo has visto; el que está hablando contigo, ése es”. Él dijo: “Creo, Señor”. Y postrándose, lo adoró.

Entonces le dijo Jesús: “Yo he venido a este mundo para que se definan los campos: para que los ciegos vean, y los que ven queden ciegos”. Al oír esto, algunos fariseos que estaban con él le preguntaron: “¿Entonces también nosotros estamos ciegos?” Jesús les contestó: “Si estuvieran ciegos, no tendrían pecado; pero como dicen que ven, siguen en su pecado”.

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