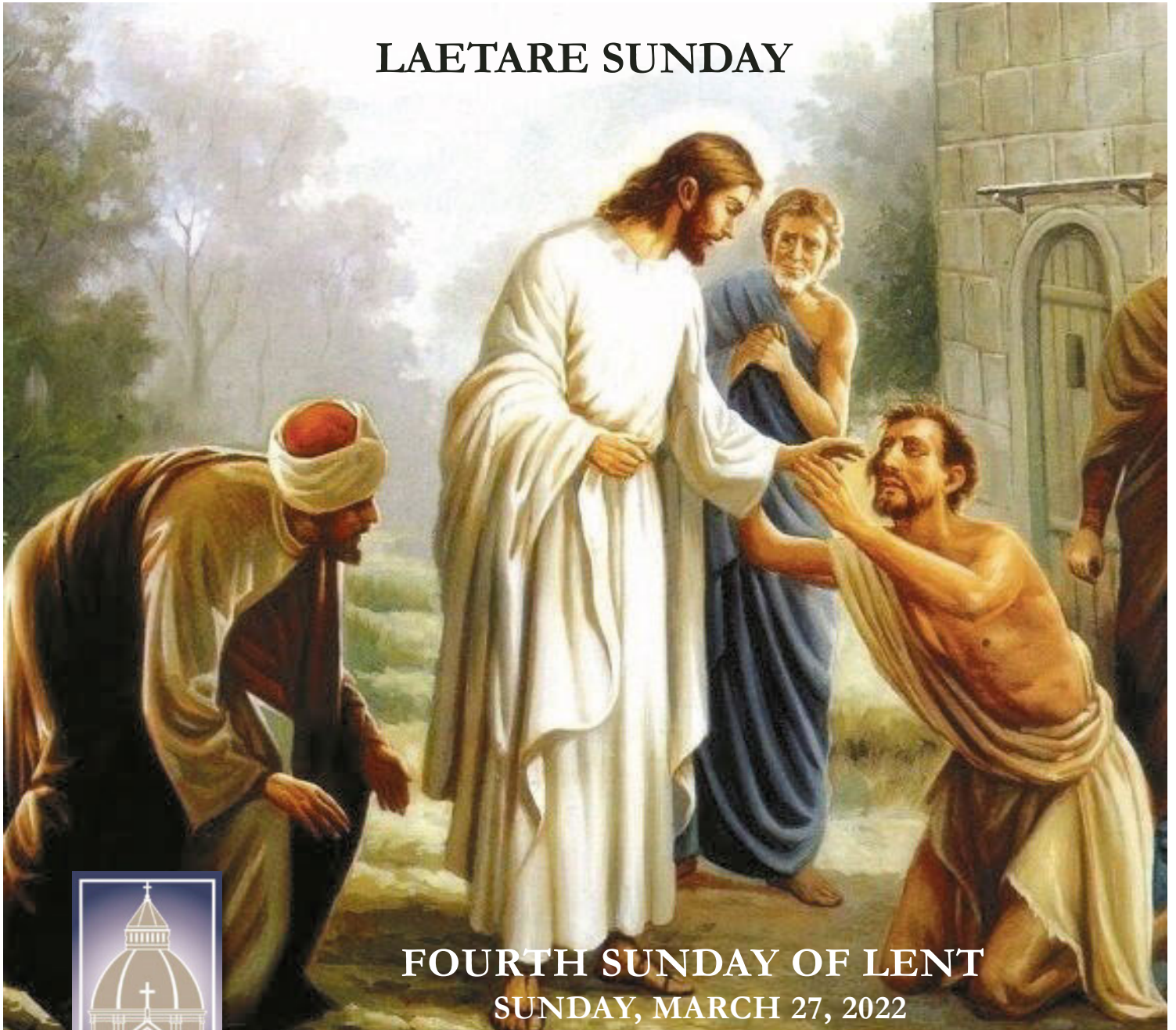


LAETARE SUNDAY



FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT SUNDAY, MARCH 27, 2022

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Stewards of God's Gifts

MASS SCHEDULE

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Sunday | Domingo

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

Monday - Friday

Lunes - Viernes
12:10 pm

Saturday | Sábado

NO VIGIL MASS

ADORATION

Wednesday & Thursday
1:00 pm to 4:00 pm

RECONCILIATION

Monday - Friday | Lunes - Viernes

11:30 am to 12:00 pm

Saturday | Sábado

4:00 pm to 5:00 pm

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MASKS ENCOURAGED INDOORS

READINGS/MASS INTENTIONS

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STEWARDSHIP REFLECTION

Christian stewardship did not begin in 1992 with the US Bishops' Pastoral Letter, Stewardship: A Disciple's Response. It did not start with the formation of the International Catholic Stewardship Council in 1962. It is not a current trend in the Catholic Church or the latest pop theology. Real stewardship has its origins in holy Scripture, from David's longing to repay his God for all his blessings in Psalm 116 to Jesus' command to love God with all one's heart, mind, and soul. God has entrusted us with so many gifts and talents, the breath of life, and the means by which we can sustain our existence. As disciples of Jesus we are called to use these things to build the Kingdom of God; to make the Body of Christ strong; to change the world. Stewardship is an extremely difficult reality to sustain. However, the concepts and processes we use do not need to be complicated. Simple principles can be the seeds for tremendous growth. This is the mission of Everyday Stewardship. Seven key steps for overall stewardship success in promoting all forms of gifts:

- 1 Personal witnessing
- 2 Commitment of leadership
- 3 Hospitality, Evangelization & Outreach
- 4 Communication & Education
- 5 Recruiting, training & recognizing gifts of time and talent
- 6 Encouragement of gifts of treasure
- 7 Accountability

SECOND COLLECTION: Today, our parish will take up the Catholic Relief Services Collection (CRSC). Funds from this collection help provide food to the hungry, support to displaced refugees, and give Christ's love and respect to all people. Thank you!



Docents are available to give tours on Sundays after the 8:00 am and 10:00 am English masses. Spanish language tours will be given following the noon Spanish mass. Our Docents will share with you how the Cathedral is such an important part of early California history. Learn about our beautiful and important art works and how symbolism in these art works is so integral to our Catholic Faith. Learn more at: <https://is.gd/cathedraltourresources>

READINGS AND OBSERVANCES

Sunday 3/27
4th Sunday of Lent
Laetare Sunday

1 Sm 16:1B, 6-7, 10-13A/Ps 23: 1-3A, 3B-4, 5, 6/Eph 5:8-14/Jn 9:1-41

Monday 3/28
Lenten Weekday

Is 65:17-21/Ps 30:2 and 4, 5-6, 11-12a and 13b/Jn 4:43-54

Tuesday 3/29
Lenten Weekday

Ez 47:1-9, 12/Ps 46:2-3, 5-6, 8-9/Jn 5:1-1

Wednesday 3/30
Lenten Weekday

Is 49:8-15/Ps 145:8-9, 13cd-14, 17-18/Jn 5:17-30

Thursday 3/31
Lenten Weekday

Ex 32:7-14/Ps 106:19-20, 21-22, 23/Jn 5:31-47

Friday 4/1
Lenten Weekday

Wis 2:1a, 12-22/Ps 34:17-18, 19-20, 21 and 23/Jn 7:1-2, 10, 25-3

Saturday 4/2
St. Francis of Paula

Jer 11:18-20/Ps 7:2-3, 9bc-10, 11-12/Jn 7:40-53

Sunday 4/3
5th Sunday of Lent

Is 43:16-21/Ps 126:1-2, 2-3, 4-5, 6 [3]/Phil 3:8-14/Jn 8:1-11

MASS INTENTIONS

Sunday, 3/27

Al Bell S.I.; Sister Jenny Aldeghi S.I.; Louise Meraz +; Camilo Martinez S.I. People of the Parish S.I.

Monday, 3/28

Holy Souls in Purgatory +

Tuesday, 3/29

Stella Varias Freiburg +

Wednesday, 3/30

Haley Addington S.I.

Thursday, 3/31

Lola Lee Hall Krist +

Friday, 4/1

Diane & Eric Westmark S.I.

Do you want to fast this Lent? WORDS FROM POPE FRANCIS

Fast from hurting words and **say kind words.**

Fast from sadness and **be filled with gratitude.**

Fast from anger and **be filled with patience.**

Fast from pessimism and **be filled with hope.**

Fast from worries and **trust in God.**

Fast from complaints and **contemplate simplicity.**

Fast from pressures and **be prayerful.**

Fast from bitterness and **fill your heart with joy.**

Fast from selfishness and **be compassionate to others.**

Fast from grudges and **be reconciled.**

Fast from words and **be silent so you can listen.**

Laetare Sunday

Laetare Sunday (Latin for Rejoice) is the fourth Sunday of Lent. It is the counterpart of Gaudete Sunday or the third Sunday of Advent. Today is named for the first few words of the traditional Latin Mass entrance (introit) for the mass of the day, “Laetare Jerusalem” (“Rejoice, O Jerusalem”) from Isaiah 66:10. The priests wear rose vestments to express encouragement and joy, as we see Pope Francis here.



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In the vestibule, check out the various Easter Baskets to be raffled Palm Sunday. Tickets are \$1 each, and you can put your tickets toward the prize of your liking. Proceeds support Faith Formation and Catechetical Ministries. Thank you for your support!

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LENTEN REFLECTIONS—Saturdays, 5:30PM

Journey with Jesus in His passion each Saturday with these brief reflections and hands-on experiences. For Families, but all welcome.

Sign up for notifications: <https://is.gd/Lent2022>



Catechism in a Year—Daily in your in-box.

Read the Catechism in a year in 5 minutes a day. Why not start this Lent?

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STATIONS OF THE CROSS—Fridays

Prayers and scripture reflections

English: 12:30 PM

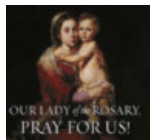
Spanish: 7:00 PM



CROSSING THE DESERT: Lent and Conversion

Weekly in your in-box, Reflection by Deacon James Keating. Sign-up at:

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PRAY THE ROSARY DURING LENT:

Join us for this beautiful prayer of faith, hope and love. Deepen your faith this Lent.

Fridays 7:30 am and Sundays 11:15 am Bilingual.

SATURDAY—April 2
Lenten Reflection #5
5:30pm
Lower Level
The Last Week
Passion & Glory

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March 2-April 10, 2022

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Contacto local: Paty Davila: 916-502-4854



PASTOR'S CORNER/ESQUINA DEL PASTOR

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In our reading today, we are introduced to a blind beggar who receives sight through the healing touch of Christ. As the story unfolds, we realize that people are not sure who this man is, confused as to whether he truly is the blind man or not, and not accepting his own word that he is. Having lived almost nine years downtown, I can relate to the confusion of the people. I often cannot keep track of the homeless around me who beg for help. I have an awareness of them, but I maintain a certain separation from them.

But Jesus is different. He touches the beggar, speaks to him, and gives him sight and a new life. This encounter between the blind beggar and Jesus shines a light on how distant everyone else is from this man. We begin to see just how blind everyone else is. By the time the encounter ends, we become aware that without Jesus, we are all blind.

Even Jesus' disciples seem to be blind to the situation. How is it that any one of us can be so close to Jesus and yet not really see the way He wants us to? I have learned that until I can truly see the blind beggars, I cannot truly see Christ. There are many things that prevent me from seeing and touching and speaking to the homeless around me; fear, doubt, selfishness, impatience. My greatest obstacle, however, to being present with the homeless is that it isn't considered to be appropriate. We, as a people, do not acknowledge and treat as human, the homeless, the lost, the mentally disturbed, the poor. It is not normal to respond to them as equals and to speak with them, touch them, embrace them and allow them into our lives.

Jesus is different. He is fearless. He is loving. He touches and is touched. It makes others angry because His love shines a light on how lost and afraid, they are. Sadly, by the end of our Gospel reading, only Jesus and the former blind man are able to see. Everyone else is blind. After 2000 years, Jesus' light is still shining on our blindness. To see, we must touch the beggars.

Fr. Michael

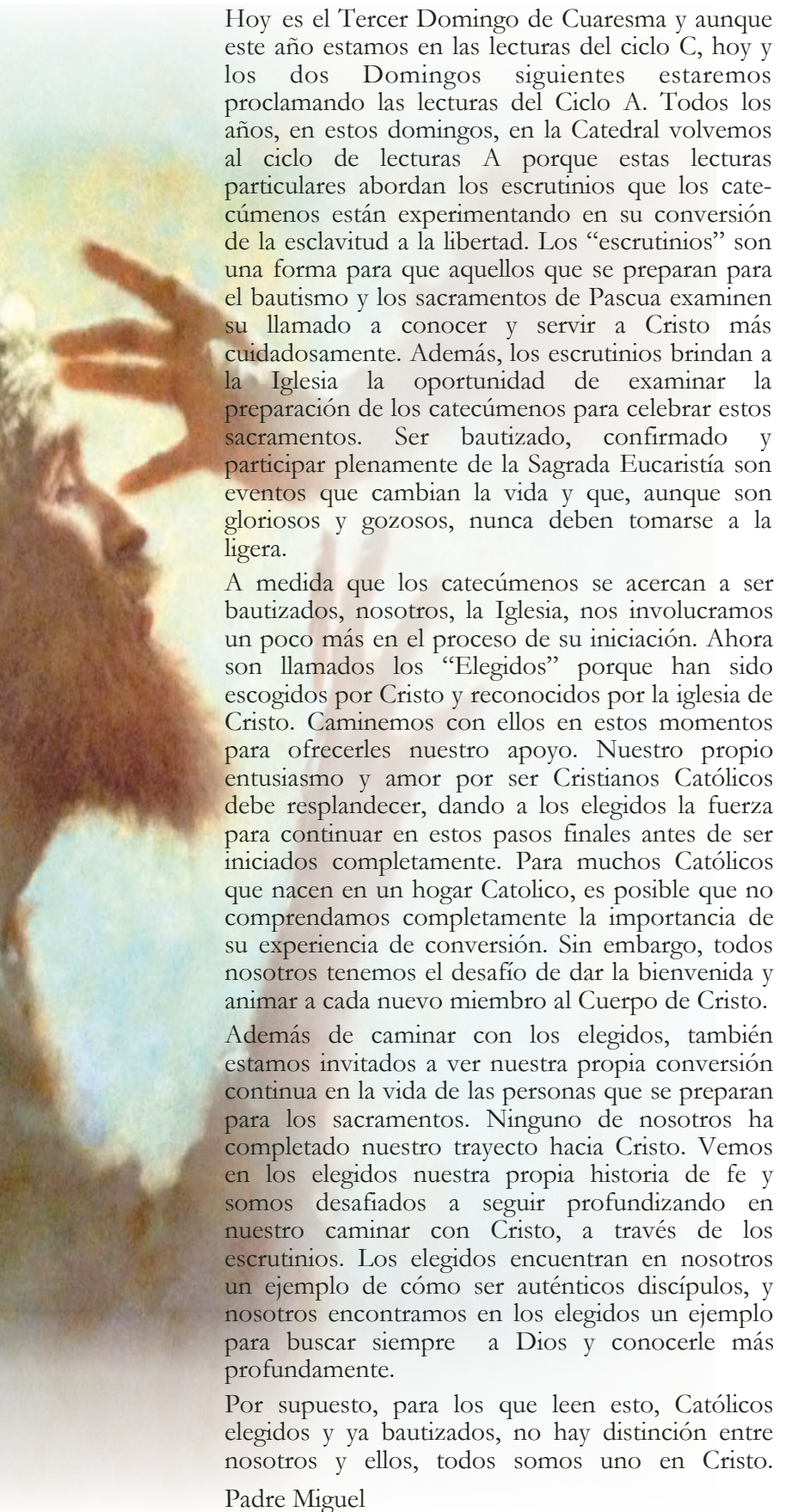
Hoy es el Tercer Domingo de Cuaresma y aunque este año estamos en las lecturas del ciclo C, hoy y los dos Domingos siguientes estaremos proclamando las lecturas del Ciclo A. Todos los años, en estos domingos, en la Catedral volvemos al ciclo de lecturas A porque estas lecturas particulares abordan los escrutinios que los catecúmenos están experimentando en su conversión de la esclavitud a la libertad. Los "escrutinios" son una forma para que aquellos que se preparan para el bautismo y los sacramentos de Pascua examinen su llamado a conocer y servir a Cristo más cuidadosamente. Además, los escrutinios brindan a la Iglesia la oportunidad de examinar la preparación de los catecúmenos para celebrar estos sacramentos. Ser bautizado, confirmado y participar plenamente de la Sagrada Eucaristía son eventos que cambian la vida y que, aunque son gloriosos y gozosos, nunca deben tomarse a la ligera.

A medida que los catecúmenos se acercan a ser bautizados, nosotros, la Iglesia, nos involucramos un poco más en el proceso de su iniciación. Ahora son llamados los "Elegidos" porque han sido escogidos por Cristo y reconocidos por la iglesia de Cristo. Caminemos con ellos en estos momentos para ofrecerles nuestro apoyo. Nuestro propio entusiasmo y amor por ser Cristianos Católicos debe resplandecer, dando a los elegidos la fuerza para continuar en estos pasos finales antes de ser iniciados completamente. Para muchos Católicos que nacen en un hogar Católico, es posible que no comprendamos completamente la importancia de su experiencia de conversión. Sin embargo, todos nosotros tenemos el desafío de dar la bienvenida y animar a cada nuevo miembro al Cuerpo de Cristo.

Además de caminar con los elegidos, también estamos invitados a ver nuestra propia conversión continua en la vida de las personas que se preparan para los sacramentos. Ninguno de nosotros ha completado nuestro trayecto hacia Cristo. Vemos en los elegidos nuestra propia historia de fe y somos desafiados a seguir profundizando en nuestro caminar con Cristo, a través de los escrutinios. Los elegidos encuentran en nosotros un ejemplo de cómo ser auténticos discípulos, y nosotros encontramos en los elegidos un ejemplo para buscar siempre a Dios y conocerle más profundamente.

Por supuesto, para los que leen esto, Católicos elegidos y ya bautizados, no hay distinción entre nosotros y ellos, todos somos uno en Cristo.

Padre Miguel



RCIA: LENTEN JOURNEY TO THE SACRAMENT

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As an RCIA Parish, the Cathedral community has an important responsibility to help prepare and support those among us who are seeking full communion with the Catholic Faith.

This process of preparation, the Catechumenate, is a process for both the unbaptized, classified as **catechumens**, being prepared for full initiation through Baptism, Confirmation and Holy Eucharist; and those already baptized in the Catholic or other Christian faiths, but not yet fully initiated, classified as **candidates for full communion**. The way of the Catechumenate has its beginnings in the 4th Century and has four periods or stages: the **Pre-Catechumenate**, the **Catechumenate**, the **Purification and Enlightenment**, and **Mystagogy**. Each of these stages is marked with specific liturgical rites: the Rites of passage. During Lent, we focus on the third Stage—Purification & Enlightenment.

PERIOD OF PURIFICATION & ENLIGHTENMENT

• Rite of Election & Call to Continuing Conversion

On the 1st Sunday of Lent Catechumen and Candidates gathered with Bishop Jaime Soto to recognize their preparation for the Sacraments at Easter this year.



Catechumen Mike Lara and Candidate Joel Aguirre with Bishop Jaime Soto

• 2nd Sunday of Lent: Call to Continuing Conversion

On the 2nd Sunday of Lent, the Candidates receive a blessing from the Priest and are prayed over by which we recognize our need for Christ to take away our sins.

• 3rd, 4th, 5th Sunday: Scrutinies of Unbaptized

During the 3rd, 4th, and 5th Sundays of Lent three Scrutinies are celebrated during which time there is the "Presentation of the Creed" and the "Presentation of the 'Our Father'" occurring within the weeks of the Third and Fifth Sundays of Lent respectively. The baptized unite with the Elect in spirit, praying for them, supporting them and using the occasion as an awesome opportunity to renew our commitments to the life of grace; similar to the renewal of our



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baptismal promises during the celebration of Baptism.

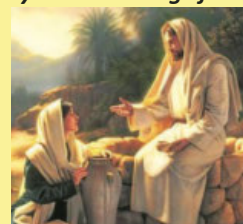
“What are “Scrutinies”?” Scrutinies are special liturgical rites celebrated with the Elect. They foster deeper spiritual preparation and “inspire in the Elect a desire for purification and redemption by Christ” (RCIA 143). They “are rites of self-searching and repentance... meant to uncover, then heal all that is weak, defective, or sinful in the hearts of the elect; to bring out, then strengthen all that is upright, strong, and good.... [Also], to deliver the elect from the power of sin and Satan, to protect them against temptation, and to give them strength in Christ, who is the way, the truth, and the life. These rites, therefore, should complete the conversion of the Elect and deepen their resolve to hold fast to Christ and to carry out their decision to love God above all” (RCIA, 141).

At these celebrations, the Elect will have special quiet times (cf. Ps 46:10) to ponder the Word of God in their minds and hearts (cf. Lk 2:19, 51), to allow the Word of God to lay bare the depths of their sins, humbly acknowledge them and to trust in God’s love and mercy. The Church applies prayers of minor exorcism begging God to deliver the Elect from the dominion of Satan, purify them and set them afire with the desire to grow in intimate relationship with Christ who alone can satisfy all their ultimate longings.



Fr. Michael prays for the Candidates on the 2nd Sunday of Lent

Cycle A Readings for the 3rd, 4th and 5th



3rd Sunday of Lent [First Scrutiny]:

Christ’s outreach to the Samaritan woman (Jn 4:5-42). Here, the Elect are like the Samaritan woman whom Jesus asked for a

drink. Jesus was not thirsty for physical water but for her soul.



4th Sunday of Lent [Second Scrutiny]:

Christ heals a man born blind (Jn 9:1-41). Here, the Elect embody the blind man being called out of darkness into light (cf. 1 Pt 2:9). Their

present state of original sin is neither their fault nor their parents’ fault, but to show God’s glory.



Finally, the 5th Sunday of Lent [Third and Final Scrutiny]:

Christ’s raising of Lazarus (Jn 11:1-45). Here, the Elect embody Lazarus in death. The raising of the dead shows the overwhelming power

of God: nothing can frustrate God’s plan for our salvation; nothing can separate us from the love of God (cf. Rm 8:35-39).

Fourth LENT Week

<p>Sunday <i>The Scribes and Pharisees were angry at Jesus because he cured a blind man on the Sabbath.</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Take some time to read a book about God or a saint. 	
<p>Monday <i>The soldiers made a crown of sharp thorns and put it on Jesus.</i></p>  <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Have you ever thought unkindly of others? Imagine having a crown of thorns as punishment! <p>23</p>	<p>Tuesday <i>The Soldiers mocked Jesus, saying, "Hail, king of the Jews!"</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Look at a crucifix and tell Jesus that He is your king. <p>24</p>
<p>Wednesday <i>Jesus was beaten with rods and spit upon.</i></p>  <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Say something kind about a person who is made fun of. <p>25</p>	<p>Thursday <i>Pilate set Jesus before the people, saying "Behold the Man!"</i></p>  <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Find a picture of Jesus crowned with thorns and look at it for a minute, or else draw one. <p>26</p>
<p>Friday <i>They shouted, "Crucify Him!"</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Say an Act of Contrition <p><i>O my God, I am heartily sorry for having offended Thee. I detest all of my sins because of Thy just punishment, but most of all because they offend Thee my God, Who art all good and deserving of all my love. I firmly resolve with the help of Thy grace to sin no more and to avoid the near occasion of sin.</i></p> <p>Amen. 27</p>	<p>Saturday Pray to Our Lady:</p> <p><i>My Queen and my Mother, I give myself entirely to you, and, in proof of my affection I give you my eyes, my ears, my tongue, my heart, my whole being without reserve. Since I am your own, keep me and guard me as your property and possession.</i></p> <p>Amen. 28</p>

Cuarta Semana de CUARESMA

Domingo. Los escribas y fariseos se enojaron con Jesús porque curó a un ciego en sábado. Tómese un tiempo para leer un libro sobre Dios o un santo.

Lunes. Los soldados hicieron una corona de espinas afiladas y la pusieron sobre la cabeza de Jesús. ¿Alguna vez has pensado mal de los demás? ¡Imagina tener una corona de espinas como castigo!

Martes. Los soldados se burlaban de Jesús, diciendo: ¡Salve, rey de los Judíos! Mira un crucifijo hasta Jesús que es tu rey.

Miércoles. Jesús fue golpeado con varas y escupido. Di algo amable sobre una persona de la que se burlan.

Jueves. Pilato dijo a Jesús delante de la gente, diciendo cita he aquí el hombre! Y cita el viernes. Gritaron, ¡crucifícalo! Decir un acto de contrición: My God, I am sorry for my sins with all my heart. In choosing to do wrong and failing to do good, I have sinned against you whom I should love above all things. I firmly intend, with your help, to do penance, to sin no more, and to avoid whatever leads me to sin. Our Savior Jesus Christ suffered and died for us. In his name, my God, have mercy.

Sábado. Oración a nuestra señora: My Queen and my Mother, I give myself entirely to you; and to show my devotion to you, I consecrate to you this day my eyes, my ears, my mouth, my heart, my whole being without reserve. Wherefore, good Mother, as I am your own, keep me, guard me, as your property and possession. Amen.

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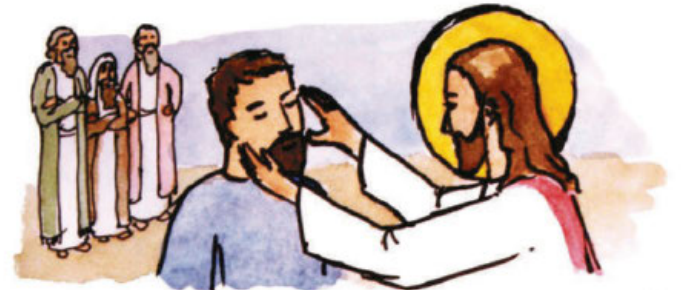
- SATURDAY** **NO Breakfast with God**
MAR 26 **NO Faith Formation**
Parish Retreat
* Lenten Reflection #4— 5:30PM
- SUNDAY**
MAR 27 ☞ RCIA Scrutiny—8AM Mass
RCIA Breaking Open the Word
✿ Augustine Group, 9:15AM
◆ Grupo Guadalupe, 10:00AM
♥ Chinese Family Group
- MONDAY**
MAR 28 ☞ RCIA Mondays,
6:30 Vespers/7:00PM lessons
- TUESDAY**
MAR 29 6pm Sacramental Prep—Tues Group
- WEDNES**
MAR 30 Bible Study Concluded.
- THURSDAY** ✕ Adult Confirmation, 7:00PM
MAR 31 St. Toribio Room, Lower Level
- SATURDAY** ☺ Breakfast w/God, 8AM Zoom
APR 1 Sacramental Prep.—10:00AM
* Lenten Reflection #5— 5:30PM
- SUNDAY** ☞ RCIA Breaking Open the Word
APR 2 ✿ Bakhita Group, 9:15AM
◆ Grupo Guadalupe, 10:00AM

Two Kinds of BLINDNESS

In today's Gospel reading, Jesus cured a blind man. Then he showed that the Pharisees had another kind of blindness- they didn't see the truth that curing someone was more important than not working on the Sabbath day.

What do you think it would be like to be blind? Have you ever tried to walk around with a blindfold on? It's hard to tell where you're going, and you miss out on a lot of things going on around you. When you are blind on the inside, then you can't see where your soul is- or whether it's clean or stained from sin.

Next time that you see a fault in someone else, before you say anything about it think about yourself. Do you ever do wrong things? How do you want to be treated when you know you did something wrong? If you want to be able to see spiritually, you need to first look at your own faults.



Answer to Front: If this man were not from God, he would not be able to do anything. Answers to cross-word: Across: 2.no 5.courage 8.table 9.shepherd 11.in 13.soul 14.want 16.waters 18.Lord 19.me 20.of 21.set 22.he Down: 1.paths 3.oil 4.before 6.overflows 7.anoint 10.pastures 12.valley 15.staff 17.sake

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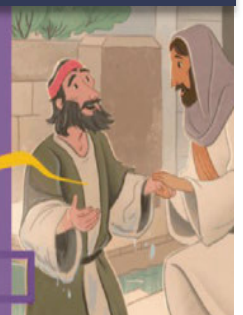
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4th Sunday of Lent
John 9:1-41



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A Glimpse of Spirituality (靈修一瞥) 16

趙必成神父 Fr. Abraham Chiu

Let go, how hard is it? It depends on what people will get after letting go.

Jesus wants believers to let go of the world and get heaven. However, Christians sometimes listen to the devil as to let go of heaven and opt for hell. Is it worth?

What Jesus said to the rich man was to raise his spiritual level: “Go, sell what you have, and give to the poor; and you will have treasure in heaven; and come, follow me.”

At first glance, selling everything is the foundation. Actively taking up the cross is the main issue to follow Jesus. In other words, selling everything is a preparation for bearing the cross, because following Jesus is not a comfortable job. The devil will continue to tempt and persecute the Christians all their lives, forcing them to obey the devil, and finally letting go of the kingdom of heaven because of pain; then rushing to hell with the company of the devil.

The Greek verb “follow” (akolouthei) is participating in Jesus’ life. That is the cross. The pain inflicted on him by the adversaries came to climax when they mocked Jesus: “Aha! You who would destroy the temple and build it in three days, save yourself, and come down from the cross!” (Mark 15:29-30)

If Jesus really jumped off the cross, he would have fallen into the devil’s trap. It might indicate that Jesus could not bear the pain and he chose to leave the mission of God. Thus, he finally failed to reveal to the world that there would be resurrection after death.

Since Jesus was persecuted for upholding God’s justice, then Christians who participated in Jesus’ life should like that of Jesus, i.e. letting go themselves and even their lives for the kingdom of heaven. The resurrection, indeed, is waiting for those who give up their lives for witnessing to God.

Letting go of all the world’s property, for this rich man, is the spiritual cultivation, allowing him to get closer to the core of Jesus’ life step by step. At that time, what he should rely on was not himself but God.

Jesus continued saying: “how hard it is for those who trust in riches to enter the kingdom of God! It is easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle than for a rich man to enter the kingdom of God.”

“Trust” here (pepoithotas) means to believe. In short, if one worships money like a god and relies on it with all one’s heart, s/he will not be able to enter the kingdom of heaven. How could these persons enter the kingdom of God while they regard hell as their heaven?

The heart, like an anchor, where it is placed, is the port.

放下，有多難？

要看放下之後，得到什麼

耶穌只是要信徒放下世界，得到天國

可是，有時候基督徒卻聽從魔鬼放下天國，投進地獄
值得？

耶穌對富人所說的，是提升他神修層次：“你去，變賣你所有的一切，施捨給窮人，你必有寶藏在天上；然後來，背著十字架，跟隨我！”

變賣一切，是基礎，主動背起十字架，才是積極跟隨耶穌。

換言之，變賣一切，是背十字架的準備，因為跟隨耶穌不是舒服的事，魔鬼會一輩子不斷誘惑與迫害，逼使基督徒聽從魔鬼，因痛苦而放下天國，跟著進入地獄。

“跟隨” (akolouthei) 是參與耶穌生命，而耶穌生命就是十字架，是敵對者加給他的痛苦，特別在十字架下戲弄嘲笑耶穌：“哇！你這拆毀聖殿，三天內重建起來的，你從十字架上下來，救你自己吧！” (谷15:29-30)

耶穌如果真的從十字架上跳下來，就中了魔鬼詭計，因為耶穌也受不了痛苦，離開天主的救世使命，沒有給世界啟示死亡之後有復活。

既然耶穌因主持天主正義而受迫害，那麼，參與耶穌生命的基督徒，也要跟耶穌一樣，為天國而奉獻自己，甚至生命，因為死亡之後有復活。

放下世界一切財產，為這富人，是神修提升，讓他一步一步接近耶穌生命核心，到時，他所依靠的，不是自己，而是天主。

耶穌繼續說：“仗恃錢財的人，進天主的國是多麼難啊！駱駝穿過針孔，比富有的人進天主的國還容易。”

“仗恃” (pepoithotas) 意即信任或相信，簡言之，如果將錢財變成神明一樣膜拜，並且全心依靠，是進不了天國，因為，這些人將地獄看成天國。

心，如船錨，放在哪裡，哪裡就是港岸

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MASSES

The Cathedral is open for all services with Sunday and Holy Day of Obligation Masses broadcast via livestream on our Facebook and YouTube channels.

RECONCILIATION/CONFESSION

Monday—Friday: 11:30 am to 12:00 pm
Saturday: 4:00 to 5:00 pm

ANOINTING OF THE SICK

Make an appointment by calling the parish office.

MATRIMONY

No new bookings for 2021 until June 2022.
Contact Titi Kila at tkila@cathedralsacramento.org.

CONVALIDATION of MARRIAGE

If you would like your civil marriage blessed in the Catholic Church, or if you have been together for a number of years and would like to be married in the Church, contact Titi Kila at tkila@cathedralsacramento.org.

INFANT BAPTISM PREPARATION

Classes located in the Cathedral. *English*: 1st Thursday of the month at 7pm. *Spanish*: 2nd Thursday of the month at 7pm.



MARRIAGE PREPARATION

The Diocese requires all engaged couples to prepare for their union with a marriage preparation program no less than two months before the date of their wedding. Contact Deacon Omar & Janet Bardales at matrimonyprep@att.net or 916-427-9160.

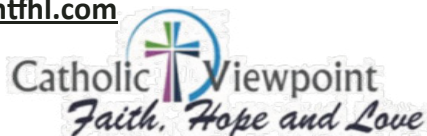
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HOLY EUCHARIST

Following at least two years of faith formation, and signs of readiness, Children and Teens prepare for the Sacrament of the Holy Eucharist through a series of workshops for immediate preparation for the Sacrament. Adults prepare for the Sacrament through the RCIA. Contact Sister Lisa Marie for details at cathedralfaithformationsac@gmail.com

CONFIRMATION

The Cathedral offers programs of formation for the Sacrament of Confirmation to youth 7th grade and older and Adults. Please see the faith formation page of the website for information and/or to register.

HOLY ORDERS

Priests and deacons are ordained to perform ministerial roles in the community. To know more about the priesthood and /or deaconate, contact Fr. Mémo Hernandez at 916-733-0258.

FAMILY FAITH FORMATION AND EDUCATION

English and Spanish Online

The Cathedral offers weekly encounters for families to grow in faith together. This year we will study the Creed, taking a tenant each month and learn how to live it through weekly activities. Go to:

www.cathedralsacramento.org/faithformation

RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION FOR ADULTS/CHILDREN

(RCIA) Adults: Mondays, 7 pm

Children and Teens: Follow Family Program Online

For more information see page 6 of bulletin.

CATECHIST PREPARATION

Desire to help us pass on the faith to adults and children? Complete your application today at:

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