

THE FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT

MARCH 26, 2017

The LORD is my shepherd; I shall not want.
— Psalm 23:1

CHILDREN OF THE LIGHT

The future king, David, is an example of a type of character present throughout the Hebrew scriptures. He is the child born out of place (not the eldest or most favored) who ends up receiving the promise of the covenant. The spirit of God's anointing rushes upon him. In this way, he is similar to the man born blind from today's Gospel. David's family and the blind man's community did not expect the miraculous grace of God's love to work through them. Perhaps they, too, were "blinded" by the expectations and assumptions of those around them. Yet, after being touched by God, they both came to "see" the presence of God's will for them. Both became messengers of God's will. That same Spirit of God's anointing rushed upon us at our baptism; we were given a candle as a sign of our membership in the Body of Christ, the Light from Light. Our vocation, then, is to fulfill that enlightenment, that anointing, as Ephesians tells us, by living as "children of the light."
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TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading — As the prophet Samuel anointed David with oil, the spirit of the LORD rushed upon David and remained with him from that day forward (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. Live as children of light (Ephesians 5:8-14).

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

OUR GIFTS RECORD

	Offertory	Development
Last Week's Collection	\$3,376.00	\$2,401.00
Number of Families contributing	135	103
Total Pledge for 2017	\$175,815.00	\$188,514.00
Pledged to Date (12 Weeks)	\$39,990.00	\$43,636.00
Received to Date	\$40,309.10	\$34,180.10
Envelopes Outstanding	(\$319.10)	\$9,455.90

LADIES OFFERTORY RECORD

Amount given last week	Amount given to Date in 2017
\$237.00	\$3,969.00

Thirty-five ladies made a contribution last week.

BISHOP'S ANNUAL APPEAL WEEKLY REPORT

2017 Parish Goal	
Amount Received to Date	\$2,679.00
Amount Outstanding	

Sixteen people made a B.A.A. contribution last week.

HALL RENOVATION FUND WEEKLY REPORT

Amount given last week	Amount given to Date in 2017
\$325.00	\$4,296.00

Three people made a Hall Fund contribution last week.

PARKING LOT totaled \$8.00.

48 **CHILDREN** contributed \$176.00.

POOR BOX totaled \$50.00.

The **ATTENDANCE** for last Saturday 4:00 P.M. Mass was 310, 7:00 P.M. Mass was 110 and Sunday 10:00 A.M. Mass was 120.

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

Jackie, a fifteen-year-old, is a wonderful aggressive baseball player, a terrific roller skater, and is working on a Red Cross life-saving certificate.

Mary was a bright-eyed nine-year-old. She loved school, was concerned about everybody, and reached for success in everything she attempted.

Barry was a promising young football player in 1999. Today he sorts silverware in a 706-room hotel where he has been employed since 2009. He plans to enter law school in the near future.

So what's so unusual about these young people, you ask? Jackie has only one leg. Her right leg and hipbone were blown away in a shotgun accident when she was two-years-old. Mary had leukemia. She told her teacher one day, "I wish I could have just one day when I didn't feel sick." She was reserved, shy; but she was also loving and thoughtful. Barry is blind. He was injured in a football game. But his physical blindness has not blinded his outlook on life. He works and lives for each new day's challenges and opportunities.

So you think you have troubles, do you? Each of us should accept the gift of life just as happily and aggressively as Jackie and Barry do, and with the consideration for others that Mary always showed.

Remember what the Word says — "Present your body as a living sacrifice." Romans 12:1

Be glad for the opportunity to live and serve Him who loved us and gave Himself for us.

FLOWERS IN THE CHURCH ARE OFFERED BY:

1. Jimmy Jap and Theresa in thanks;
2. Pete Anthony Jude, Fallon and Onasis in loving memory of Kaiser's Lillie on her 67th Birthday the 2nd Anniversary of her death;
3. Tommy Apple, Jamie and Luke in thanks for Johnny Rouk on his 10th Birthday;
4. Black Pete, Bridgette Anna and Juda in thanks for Johnny Ringo on his 9th Birthday;
5. the Husband and Family of Hi's Rosie in loving memory of her on the 1st Anniversary of her death;
6. and a Parish Member in thanks to St. Expedite.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS during Lent, will be held every Friday after 7:00 p.m. Mass. The Stations of the Cross will be led on Friday: **Mar. 31: Youth Group & Young Girls Organization**

Apr. 7: Society of Mary Immaculate

Apr. 14: Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion

SPECIAL COLLECTION The second collection this weekend will be for *Catholic Relief Services*. Please be generous in this collection.

BANNS OF MARRIAGE The Banns of Marriage are announced for the third time for Jake Carroll and Bryce Carroll.

The Banns of Marriage are announced for the third time for Jason Patrick Carroll and Laney Carroll.

LETTERS TO A PASTOR

- Dear Pastor, I know God loves everybody but he never met my sister. Yours sincerely, Arnold, Age 8.
- Dear Pastor, My mother is very religious. She goes to play bingo at every church every week even if she has a cold. Yours truly, Annette, Age 9.
- Dear Pastor, I would like to go to heaven because I know my brother won't be there. Stephen, Age 8.
- Dear Pastor, I think more people would come to your church if you moved it to Disneyland. Loreen, Age 9.
- Dear Pastor, Are there any devils on earth? I think there may be one in my class. Carla, Age 10.

THANK YOU to a member for a donation in honor of St. Gerard; a member for a donation in honor of St. Expedite; and a member for a donation in thanks to St. Expedite.

MORNING AND EVENING PRAYER

<u>MORNING PRAYER</u>	Mon. thru Friday	9:30 a.m.
<u>EVENING PRAYER</u>	Monday & Friday	6:30 p.m.
	Tues., Wed., & Thurs.	4:30 p.m.

BIBLE GUIDE

What are literary forms?

Literary forms are types of genres of literature that are distinguished from one another by distinct form and structure adapted to content. In order to understand the Bible correctly, we must know the specific literary forms it contains.

JOKE OF THE WEEK Grandma told her grandson. "Be a good boy. At the end of the world all the disobedient and bad people will be cast into fiery hell where they will be weeping and gnashing of teeth." The little boy raised an intelligent doubt. "Grandma, you don't have any teeth and you always quarrel with others. How would you gnash your teeth when you are cast into hell?" Grandma replied: "You naughty boy, don't you know that teeth will be provided in hell."

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

<i>Sunday:</i>	Fourth Sunday of Lent
<i>Friday:</i>	Abstinence
<i>Saturday:</i>	First Saturday

MASS INTENTIONS

<i>Monday:</i>	In loving Kaiser's Lillie Sherlock on her 67 th Birthday and 2 nd Anniversary of her death.
<i>Tuesday:</i>	For the repose of the souls of Jack and Betty Costello.
<i>Wednesday:</i>	In honor of the Holy Souls and St. Joseph.
<i>Thursday:</i>	In thanksgiving to Pope Francis, Pope Benedict, and St. John Paul.
<i>Friday:</i>	For Grant Riley on his 13 th Birthday.

LITTLE BOY OF MINE

*Today, he walks the carefree path with little thought or care;
His world is one of "make believe" with happy dreams to share.
As I watch him from my window, so happy at his play,
I ask God to watch over him and guide his path each day.
If it were mine to give, on him, the sun would always shine
And life would be a golden dream for that little boy of mine.*

READERS

Sat. Mar. 25th, 4:00 P.M. Christina & Julie Ann	Sat. Mar. 25th, 7:00 P.M. Jay & Apple's Mary Regina
Sun. Mar. 26th, 10:00 A.M.	Jimmy Joseph & Mary Cat
Sat. Apr. 1st, 4:00 P.M. Rita Riley & Scott's Mercedes	Sat. Apr. 1st, 7:00 P.M. Dominique & Natalie
Sun. Apr. 2nd, 10:00 A.M.	Jimmy Joseph & Theresa Maria

READERS – WEEKDAYS

Monday	Cheryl
Tuesday	Sable
Wednesday	Allison
Thursday	Natalie
Friday	Raid's Karen

EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS – WEEKEND

Saturday 4:00 P.M.	Mar. 25th
Front	Bridget Ann
Left Cup	Winnie Ann
Saturday 7:00 P.M.	Mar. 25th
Front	Jay
Cup	Mary Regina Hambone

Sunday 10:00 A.M.

Mar. 26th	April 2nd
Pete Man's Nora	Pete Man's Nora
Rose Marie	Rose Marie

EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS - WEEKDAY

Monday	Mary Cat
Tuesday	Pete Man's Nora
Wednesday	Ann T.
Thursday	Rose Marie
Friday	Bridget Ann

THINGS TO REMEMBER

1. The *past* cannot be *changed*.
2. *Opinions* don't define your *reality*.
3. Things get *better* with *time*.
4. *Judgements* are a *confession* of character.
5. *Happiness* is found *within*.
6. Positive *thoughts* create positive *things*.
7. What *goes* around *comes* around.

LOVE AND EGO

Life is in constant conflict between *love* and *ego*.
Love always wants to *say sorry*.
Ego always wants to *hear it*.

~~~~~PRAYER CORNER~~~~~

LORD JESUS

Lord Jesus, grant this day, to direct and sanctify, to rule and to govern our hearts and bodies, so that all our thoughts, words and deeds may be according to Your father's law and thus we may be saved and protected through your mighty help. Amen.