

The Fourth Sunday of Lent Year A

Sunday, March 22, 2020

Readings: 1)1 Samuel 16:1b, 6-7, 10-13a 2) Ephesians 5:8-14 3) John 9:1-41

Sunday Liturgy

The focus for today's Mass is: The Lord of all gives sight to the blind.

Jesus' power and claims divide those who encounter him. He is the long-awaited one, and he heals all wounds, even giving sight to the blind. We can trust that Jesus can heal all the wounds of our lives, giving us sight to see and a light to follow in the darkness of sin.

In the first reading, the Lord sends Samuel to Jesse of Bethlehem because the Lord has chosen the new king from among Jesse's sons. Samuel goes, and anoints David *in the presence of his brothers*. In Saint Paul's Letter to the Ephesians, he exhorts them to *live as children of light*. In the Gospel, Jesus encounters a man blind from birth. After Jesus gives the man sight, the Pharisees become divided over the account. The man defends Jesus, explaining that he must be from God.

GENERAL INTERCESSIONS

PRIEST:

Let us present our needs, and those of the world, to our most gracious God.

**For the holy Church,
may we seek Christ and his living water in the sacraments.**

We Pray to the Lord. Lord, hear our prayer.

For all those suffering worldwide from the coronavirus whether in sickness or from loss.

For frontline medical professionals treating those who are ill.

**For researchers for all leaders advising, devising and implementing measures
to slow the spread of infection and keep people safe,**

and for the comfort of all who are isolated, lonely and fearful.

We Pray to the Lord. Lord, hear our prayer.

For those who are suffer in mind, body or spirit.

We Pray to the Lord. Lord, hear our prayer.

For all our beloved dead.

We Pray to the Lord. Lord, hear our prayer.

**For our faith community,
may the Lord encourage us in perseverance in our Lenten resolutions.**

We Pray to the Lord. Lord, hear our prayer.

For our own personal intentions, (pause).

We Pray to the Lord. Lord, hear our prayer.

PRIEST:

Father, hear the prayers of your people, we ask through your Son, Jesus Christ.