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The Blindness of the Pharisees

How difficult it is for people who are centered in themselves to accept they might be wrong. All their security is based on their pride and fundamentalism. They tend to become sarcastic and aggressive in order to demoralize anybody who might challenge them. That was the reaction of the Pharisees when the blind Bartimaeus, healed by Jesus, gave witness to the power of the Lord. Even before the evidence of the miracle, the Pharisees remained inflexible. They admitted the unexplained cure of the blind but still affirmed that Jesus was a sinner. What a contradiction! Their rigidity prevented them from seeing God in Jesus. Yet, the one who was blind now sees and comes to believe in the Son of Man.

In the First Reading God asks Samuel to anoint the new king of Israel who should be one of Jesse's sons. The seven best were presented to the prophet but God did not choose any of them. Jesse had actually omitted the young David who was tending the sheep. Nevertheless, God wanted David. God chose a shepherd! The lesson of this passage is that "the human looks on the outward appearance, but the Lord looks on the heart."

Paul invited the Ephesians to become children of light; to leave behind all works of darkness and let Christ shine on them. We, too, are encouraged to overcome our blindness; to give up arrogance and embrace simplicity. Inspired by Bartimaeus we allow the Lord to touch us and heal our lack of faith. We ask Him to keep us safe from the blindness of the Pharisees. As a community of brothers and sisters, let us renounce every judgment that may obscure our need of loving and welcoming everyone.

Fr. Will, SCJ

Mass Intentions for March 25 – April 1, 2017

Saturday	5:00 p.m.	+Gabriel Sebyeza, requested by P. Kayumba
Sunday	8:30 a.m.	+Percival Kempis Sr., requested by C. Ezpeleta
	10:00 a.m.	+Isaac Navarrete, requested by N. Navarrete
	11:30 a.m.	Intentions of the parish community
	8:00 p.m.	+Alphonse Gisagara, requested by P. Kayumka
Monday	7:30 a.m.	Intentions of Jordan, Jaden & Joshua Rey
Tuesday	7:30 a.m.	Intentions of Keith Francis
	7:00 p.m.	Intentions of Tina Livingston
Wednesday	7:30 a.m.	In thanksgiving, Sandy Thevarkunnel
	7:00 p.m.	+Anastacia De Juan, requested by the family
Thursday	7:30 a.m.	+Emmanuel & Marie Ciuffreda, requested by the family
	7:00 p.m.	+Alejandro Breganza, requested by L. Cobrana
		Intentions of Kathleen Bicos & Ralph V. Nacin
		In thanksgiving, Abu George
Friday	7:30 a.m.	+Jeanne Ndake, Itoua Martin, Moussa Mariane, Otselet Bony, Avoukou Emmanuel
	7:00 p.m.	+Maria Luz Ocampo, requested by the Huang family
Saturday	9:00 a.m.	+Sharon Bonner, requested by L. Francis

Stations of the Cross

Every Friday at 6:20 p.m.

Each Friday evening during Lent the Stations of the Cross will take place at 6:20 p.m. followed by Mass at 7:00 p.m.

Lenten Session

Wednesday, March 29



The Priests of the Sacred Heart are leading the last Lenten session on the life, spirituality and ministry of their founder

Leo Dehon.

The session will be held in our parish hall after the 7:00 p.m. Mass on Wed., Mar. 29.

Everyone is invited to join in the spiritual reflection inspired by this venerable pastor with a passion for Christ and a passion for the world.

News for the Young Adults for Christ

March 25 / 26 and April 1 / 2

Saturday, April 8 at 9:30 a.m.

Our Young Adults for Christ will be taking orders for lilies during the next two weekends, March 25 / 26 and April 1 / 2 after all Masses. These lilies, in memory of our deceased loved ones, will be part of the Easter altar display. Two sizes will be available to order at a cost of \$10.00 and \$30.00. All proceeds will go to the parish Building Fund.

"The Word is a Gift-Other Persons are a Gift" is the theme for a Lenten Retreat to be held for youth and young adults in the parish. The Priests of the Sacred Heart and the Sisters of St. Joseph will facilitate this retreat on Sat., Apr. 8 from 9:30 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. The Retreat includes talks, praise and worship, confession, Eucharistic Adoration and Mass. Please register at stmyac@gmail.com or youth.stmyg@yahoo.ca or call 416-439-1545.

Is God Calling You?

"We must work the works of Him who sent me while it is day." Are you being called to a life as an ordained or a consecrated person? If God is calling you to serve Him as a priest, deacon, brother or sister, please contact Fr. Chris Lemieux at 416-968-0997 or at vocations@archtoronto.org.

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"Living the Gospel" locally and around the world...

How do we "Live the Gospel" toward others when our daily lives are so busy? For some it is volunteering at a soup kitchen, or it may be caring for an elderly relative. If we do not have the time to actively participate, we can support the many ShareLife funded agencies within our community that bring the hands of Christ to those in need. Our annual appeal provides resources to 42 agencies, bringing much need programs and services to those both here in our communities and around the world. Next Sunday is the first ShareLife collection. Over the next week, consider your ability to "Live the Gospel" by helping those who are vulnerable and in need, and make a contribution to ShareLife.

Next Sunday, April 2, 2017 is ShareLife Sunday.

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Lenten Reconciliation Service

Wednesday, April 5 at 7:30 p.m.



The Lenten Reconciliation Service will be held on Wed., Apr. 5 at 7:30 p.m. to prepare ourselves for the feast of Easter. We will have many priests available for confessions.

Praying for the Sick



We are praying for the sick of our parish: Rita Croft, Itoua Steve, Henry Sharp, Vijaya Swamy, Mikayla Hasswell, Albert Vella, Bella Passanha, Denise Whyte, Kenny Corraya, Phyllis Cogliano, Yvonne Rampersaud and Dennis Hookimaw Sr. May they be supported by our prayers and pastoral ministry by the grace of God.



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