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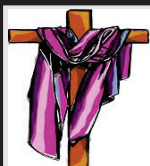
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MARCH 19TH, 2023 4TH SUNDAY OF LENT

CYCLE A (MATTHEW)

Eyesight to the Blind: Scott Hahn Reflects on the Fourth Sunday of Lent

Readings:

1 Samuel 16:1, 6-7, 10-13

Psalms 23:1-6

Ephesians 5:8-14

John 9:1-41

God's ways of seeing are not our ways, we hear in today's First Reading. Jesus illustrates this in the Gospel as the blind man comes to see and the Pharisees are made blind. The blind man stands for all humanity. "Born totally in sin," he is made a new creation by the saving power of Christ. As God fashioned the first man from the clay of the earth (see Genesis 2:7), Jesus gives the blind man new life by anointing his eyes with clay (see John 9:11). As God breathed the spirit of life into the first man, the blind man is not healed until he washes in the waters of Siloam, a name that means "Sent." Jesus is the One "sent" by the Father to do the Father's will (see John 9:4; 12:44). He is the new source of life-giving water: the Holy Spirit who rushes upon us in Baptism (see John 4:10; 7:38-39). This is the Spirit that rushes upon God's chosen king David in today's First Reading. A shepherd like Moses before him (see Exodus 3:1; Psalms 78:70-71), David is also a sign pointing to the good shepherd and king to come—Jesus (see John 10:11). The Lord is our shepherd, as we sing in today's Psalm. By His death and Resurrection He has made a path for us through the dark valley of sin and death, leading us to the verdant pastures of the kingdom of life, the Church. In the restful waters of Baptism He has refreshed our souls. He has anointed our heads with the oil of Confirmation and spread the Eucharistic table before us, filling our cups to overflowing. With the once-blind man we enter His house to give God the praise, to renew our vow: "I do believe, Lord." "The Lord looks into the heart," we hear today. Let Him find us, as Paul advises in today's Epistle, living as "children of light," trying always to learn what is pleasing to our Father.



Thank you to Dr. Scott Hahn and the St. Paul Center for the use of the weekly Mass reflections. More resources are available at www.stpaulcenter.com

Mass Intentions FOR THE WEEK



MARCH 18TH TO MARCH 25TH 2023

Sat	March 18th	5:00pm - Stephen De Franca †
Sun	March 19th	7:30am - Thanksgiving for Patrick Gabrielpillai family
		9:00am - Alvaro Fernandes †
		10:30am - People of the Parish
		12:00pm - Maria Scavuzzo †
Mon	March 20th	8:30am - Seomione Ramirez Cosme †
Tue	March 21st	8:30am - Soul of Jacinta †
Wed	March 22nd	7:30pm - Deodato Da Costa †; and Birthday Thanksgiving for Desiree Bugante
Thu	March 23rd	8:30am - 65th Birthday Blessing for Victor Adolfo
Fri	March 24th	7:30pm - Thanksgiving for Anthony Manjuran
Sat	March 25th	8:30am - Birthday Thanksgiving for Oghene Kevwe Angiboro; Encarnacion Querubint † and Annuciacion Querubint †



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SAVE THE DATE: APRIL 29TH & 30TH 2023

2023 TRIDUUM AND EASTER SCHEDULE

Holy Thursday - April 6th

NO Morning Mass
7:30 pm Mass of the Lord's Supper

Good Friday - April 7th

12:00 Noon Good Friday: The Lord's Passion

3:00 pm Good Friday: The Lord's Passion

7:00 pm Stations of the Cross
No Evening Mass

Holy Saturday - April 8th

8:00 pm Easter Vigil Mass
No Morning Mass

Easter Sunday Masses - April 9th

9:00 am; 10:30 am; 12 Noon
NO 7:30 am Morning Mass

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MASS OF CELEBRATION TO WELCOME ARCHBISHOP FRANCIS (FRANK) LEO

The installation of Bishop Francis (Frank) Leo as Archbishop of Toronto will take place on **Saturday, March 25, 2023 at 10 a.m.**



Given capacity restrictions at St. Michael's Cathedral Basilica, this will be an invitation-only event. The Mass of Installation will be livestreamed through www.stmichaelscathedral.com/live and also broadcast on Salt & Light Catholic TV and through their website: www.slmedia.org.

Parishioners are invited to attend a regional Mass of Welcome taking place at the **Eastern Region, at St. Isaac Jogues Parish, in Pickering, on Wednesday, April 26th 2023 @ 7pm.** A reception will follow Mass in the parish hall. All are welcome. Please continue to keep Archbishop Leo in your prayers as he begins his ministry as our shepherd.

2023 DIVINE MERCY NINE DAYS NOVENA & DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY

APRIL 7 - GOOD FRIDAY (1st day)

7:00 pm - Stations of the Cross
Divine Mercy Novena following Stations

APRIL 8 - HOLY SATURDAY (2nd day)

3:00 pm - Divine Mercy Novena

APRIL 9 - EASTER SUNDAY (3rd day)

3:00 pm - Divine Mercy Novena

APRIL 10 - EASTER MONDAY (4th day)

8:30 am - Morning Mass
9:00 am - Divine Mercy Novena

APRIL 11 - EASTER TUESDAY (5th day)

8:30 am - Morning Mass
9:00 am - Divine Mercy Novena

APRIL 12 - EASTER WEDNESDAY (6th day)

7:00 pm - Perpetual Help Novena
7:30 pm - Evening Mass
8:00 pm - Divine Mercy Novena

APRIL 13 - EASTER THURSDAY (7th day)

8:30 am - Morning Mass
9:00 am - Divine Mercy Novena

APRIL 14 - EASTER FRIDAY (8th day)

7:30 pm - Evening Mass
8:00 pm - Divine Mercy Novena (Holy Hour)

APRIL 15 - EASTER SATURDAY (9th day)

8:30 am - Morning Mass
9:00 am - Divine Mercy Novena

APRIL 16 - DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY

3:00 pm - Mass
Exposition & Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament
Divine Mercy Chaplet...short period of silence/Adoration





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