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THE POOL
OF SILOAM
JERUSALEM

I was blind and now I see.
JOHN 9:25

MARCH 22
2020

FOURTH SUNDAY
OF LENT

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Pastoral Team

Rev. Fr. Kevin O'Keefe

Deacon Ray Brown

Deacon Steven Mancuso

OFFICE HOURS
Monday - Thursday
9:00AM - 3:00PM

FAITH FORMATION CLASSES
No classes until further notice

Sunday Masses
NO PUBLIC MASS
Daily Mass
NO PUBLIC MASS
Confessions Sundays
BY REQUEST

HEALING FOR COMMUNITY

It is helpful to observe that our Gospel passage from John, the healing of the blind man, is the first part of a longer episode. When Jesus' words end Chapter 9 in today's passage, he goes on speaking in the discourse on the Good Shepherd in Chapter 10. The healing of the blind man was not only a demonstration of God's power, giving him the physical capacity of sight. It was even more than the awakening of the man's personal faith in Jesus. The image of the Good Shepherd confirms that the man was liberated from the social isolation of his blindness and became a member of Jesus' flock. All of Jesus' powerful actions of healing were intended as gifts, not only to individuals, but for the building up of the community of faith.

HUMILITY AND ACTION

"Not as man sees does God see, because man sees the appearance, but the LORD looks into the heart." In our first reading, Samuel draws conclusions about who God will choose as king based on his assumptions of what a proper king looks like. But God sees a deeper reality.




How easy it is to miss our own blindness. How frequently we are unaware of our own flawed assumptions about others and about ourselves. We often need a deeper humility about the limitations of our perceptions and our convictions.

Yet, as the letter to the Ephesians encourages, there are times to expose the "fruitless works of darkness", to speak out, especially when persons or groups are suffering from abuse or oppression. We are called to live within a tension that these scripture passages convey. We are to seek God's guidance in prayer with genuine openness. We are then to speak and act forcefully against wrongdoing, even as we maintain humility about how much we know, or what is the best action to take. We are called to bring God's wisdom and mercy to all.

Today's Readings: 1 Sam 16:1b, 6-7, 10-13a; Ps 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6; Eph 5:8-14; Jn 9:1-41 [1, 6-9, 13-17, 34-38]

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<p>Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament</p> 	<p>WEDNESDAY ADORATION 10AM TO 12PM</p>	<p>ATTENTION PARENTS Children under 12 years must be accompanied by an adult to use the restroom The safety of your child is very important to us</p> 	 <p>RADIO MISION Catolica MT 16:9-15 radiomisioncatolica.com</p>
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SAINT TURIBIUS OF MOGROVEJO (1538-1606)

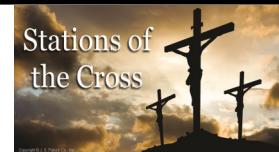
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In times of crisis, God always surprises the Church with unlikely saints, through whom Christ’s light radiates beyond their local communities to illumine the universal Church. Charles Borromeo was such a saint: appointed Archbishop of Milan at twenty-one by his papal uncle, epitomizing the corruption that the reformers condemned, Charles instead inspired a revival that reinvigorated a Church devastated by the Reformation. His less well-known contemporary, Turibius of Mogrovejo, was God’s “saintly surprise” in the New World. Spanish-born lawyer, professor, head of the feared Inquisition, Turibius was still a layman when a grateful king appointed him Archbishop of far-off Lima. Once in Peru, however, Turibius was appalled at the abuse of indigenous peoples by the occupying *conquistadores*—his fellow countrymen—and by the complicity of the clergy. He became the natives’ devoted advocate, building churches, schools, hospitals, and the first seminary in the Americas, publishing catechisms and prayer books in the native languages he painstakingly mastered. Four hundred years later, whenever Pope Benedict welcomed Latin American bishops to Rome, he always invoked “the shining example of San Toribio.”

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THE DISCIPLE MAKER INDEX SURVEY

Please help us participate by
 Completing a 10-15 min. survey.
 Go to WWW.DISCIPLEMAKERINDEX.COM
 or ask for a paper copy in the office
 All responses will be confidential and the Parish will
 Only receive information about the community as a whole.



**STATIONS OF THE CROSS
 CANCEL UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE**

**St. Anthony of Padua
 Prayer
 Garden**

Support us by ordering a memorial brick for our prayer garden. The cost is \$100 we do offer *payment plan*. To order a brick or if you have any question about our engraved bricks, please feel free to contact the Parish Office.



TODAY TOPIC

**NO CLASS
 Adult Faith Formation
 Classes**

Meet every Sunday
 at 11:15 in
 Church conference room.
 For more information please
 contact our office
 or Mrs. Lukens
 (229) 794-9140



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 THANK YOU!**



Lyle Benson
 Silvia Cruz
 Yolanda Vargas
 Maria Garcia
 Lee Mathew Nelms
 Daniela Rodriguez

**Adoration Of The
 Blessed Sacrament
 First Saturday
 7:00PM to 10:00PM**



Knights of Columbus
 Round table meeting
 Parish Hall
 Second Sunday of the month
 at 11:15AM

Rosary Ministry
 Our Rosary makers meet
 every 3rd Thursday of the month at
 11:30am. For more information
 please contact Kathy Giddens
 at (229)482-2364

**SOWING
 the SEEDS**
 2020 ANNUAL CATHOLIC APPEAL

Let us pray for the health of:
 Ray O' Keefe, Eva and Alfonso Angel, Bonnie Cornwell,
 Naina Waters, Nayar Prado Bisogno, José Hernández,
 Alan Moore, Fran LaRock, Consuelo Sterling, Michael Kunai
 Anna Marie Gould, Zelma Toro, Phylli Fletcher, Lida Paredes
 Patricia Hunter, Tripp Lasseter, Don & Angi Christiano,
 Lisa Salomon, Madalyn Touchton, Daniela Borrero,
 Carol Leaverton Alvaro Borrero, Angela Hood

For the Eternal rest of:
 Kevin Ward, Stephanie Nelson, Vincent Mancuso,
 Helen Scaff, Vinh Bui, Maria de Jesus Gallegos,
 Kelle Jackson, Chris Remick, Misty Lasseter, All faithful Departed



thankful
**March 15, 2020
 Collections**

Regular Collection	\$2367
Building Fund	\$1143
Bishop Annual Appeal	\$90