



MESSAGE FROM FR. DAVID

Blindness and Sight in Christ – Part 3

Jesus said that unless we have the second birth, unless we are reborn in Him, in His Spirit, we cannot see the Kingdom of God. The man who was blind from birth says at the end of this passage in John that he believes, and he now worships Jesus. Those who believe and worship Jesus can see the Kingdom of God. They can see that there is a Kingdom of God and that it has been brought into this world in the coming of Christ. They can't see the Kingdom of God completely or fully, but they can see it. Nonbelievers cannot see that there is any such thing as the Kingdom of God. Try telling someone who does not believe in God or in Jesus Christ that the Kingdom of God has come and that person will likely say, "What kingdom are you talking about? I don't see any kingdom like that here on earth. I see people living their lives, doing their jobs, going to movies, loving, fighting, whatever. But I don't see any Kingdom of God."

To see anything at all you need light. To see the Kingdom of God, you need the light which is Jesus Christ. The unbelieving world is spiritually blind. Our job as Christians is to shine the light which is Christ so that others may gain their spiritual sight by Him, and come to see Him and believe and worship Him just like the man blind from birth. This is the redemptive will of God carried out through us.

Christ is in the world, and so is the light of the world. He is present in several ways. For one thing, the Church is the extension of His Incarnation through time and space. The Second Person of the Trinity took on flesh and bones and became the man Jesus. The Church continues the embodiment of Jesus Christ in the world. He is present in the Sacraments, in the Word of God written and He is present in us when we gather together. "When two or three are gathered together in my name I am there in the midst of them," Jesus says. Jesus is present in this world and He is here to illuminate the hearts of those who are spiritually blind so that they may see Him and come to know and love Him so that He can save them.

The world is blind from birth. It is blind because humanity is fallen and has lost its sight of God. But Jesus is present in the hearts of His faithful worshippers, and through us, He gives sight to the blind. We are to reflect the light of Christ to a world that is blind to His presence and His Kingdom.

For all of human history, the redemptive will of God has been working. God is restoring what was lost. We lost our fellowship with God, our security in God, our joy in God. And we lost our vision of God. Jesus, the light of the world has come to restore that vision. Amen.

Blessings in Jesus, Fr. David

La Ceguera y la Visión en Cristo - 3ª Parte

Jesús dijo que a menos que naciéramos de nuevo, a menos que renazcamos en Él, en Su Espíritu, no podremos ver el Reino de Dios. El hombre que era ciego de nacimiento, al final de este pasaje dice en San Juan que él creyó, y reconoció a Jesús. Aquellos que creen y adoran a Jesús pueden ver el Reino de Dios. Pueden ver que hay un Reino de Dios y que ha sido traído a este mundo con la venida de Cristo. No pueden ver el Reino de Dios completamente, pero pueden verlo. Los no creyentes no pueden ver que existe el Reino de Dios. Intente decirle a alguien que no cree en Dios o en Jesucristo que el Reino de Dios ha llegado y esa persona probablemente dirá: "¿De qué reino estás hablando? No veo ningún reino como ese aquí en la tierra. Veo gente viviendo sus vidas, haciendo su trabajo, yendo al cine, amando, peleando, lo que sea. Pero no veo ningún Reino de Dios".

Para ver cualquier cosa necesitas luz. Para ver el Reino de Dios, necesitas la luz que es Jesucristo. El mundo incrédulo es espiritualmente ciego. Nuestro trabajo como Cristianos es hacer brillar la luz que es Cristo, para que otros puedan obtener su vista espiritual por Él, y venir a verlo, creer y adorarlo al igual que el hombre ciego de nacimiento. Esta es la voluntad redentora de Dios realizada a través de nosotros.

Cristo está en el mundo y también es la luz del mundo. Está presente de varias formas. Por un lado, la Iglesia es la extensión de Su Encarnación a través del tiempo y el espacio. La Segunda Persona de la Trinidad tomó carne y hueso, y se convirtió en el Hombre Jesús. La Iglesia continúa la encarnación de Jesucristo en el mundo. Está presente en los Sacramentos, en la Palabra de Dios escrita y está presente en nosotros cuando nos reunimos. "Cuando dos o tres se reúnen en mi Nombre, Yo estoy allí en medio de ellos", dice Jesús. Jesús está presente en este mundo y está aquí para iluminar los corazones de aquellos que son espiritualmente ciegos para que puedan verlo y llegar a conocerlo y amarlo para que Él pueda salvarlos.

El mundo es ciego de nacimiento. Es ciego porque la humanidad ha caído y ha perdido de vista a Dios. Pero Jesús está presente en el corazón de sus fieles adoradores y, a través de nosotros, da vista a los ciegos. Debemos reflejar la luz de Cristo a un mundo que está ciego a Su Presencia y Su Reino.

Durante toda la historia de la humanidad, la voluntad redentora de Dios ha estado obrando. Dios está restaurando lo que se perdió. Perdimos nuestra comunión con Dios, nuestra seguridad en Dios, nuestro gozo en Dios. Y perdimos nuestra visión de Dios. Jesús, la luz del mundo ha venido a restaurar esa visión. Amén.

¡Bendiciones! En Jesús, Padre David





Mass Schedule

Sunday, March 28, 2021 -PALM SUNDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE

Mk 11:1-10 or Jn 12:12-16(37), Is 50:4-7, Phil 2:6-11, Mk 14:1—15:47 or 15:1-39(38)

7:00 am (Fr. Rafal) †Lorenzo Lopez 9:00 am (Fr. Rafal) People of the Parish

11:00 am (Fr. David) Mass offered for Fr. David's Birthday

5:00 pm (Fr. David) Mass offered for Deb Mossman

Monday, March 29, 2021-Monday of Holy Week

Is 42:1-7, Jn 12:1-11(257)

12:00 pm (Fr. David) †Lilia Castillo

Tuesday, March 30, 2021-Tuesday of Holy Week

Is 49:1-6, Jn 13:21-33, 36-38(258)

7:00 am (Fr. Rafal) †Norman Straumann

Wednesday, March 31, 2021-Wednesday of Holy Week

Is 50:4-9a, Mt 26:14-25(259)

12:00 pm (Fr. David) **†Lorraine Meurer**

Thursday, April 1, 2021-Thursday of Holy Week (HOLY THURSDAY)

Chrism Mass: Is 61:1-3a, 6a, 8b-9, Rv 1:5-8/Lk 4:16-21 (260)

Evening Mass of the Lord's Supper: Ex 12:1-8, 11-14/1 Cor 11:23-26/Jn

13:1-15(39)

7:00 pm (Both priests) †Randy Guerrero

Friday, April 2, 202-Friday of the Passion of the Lord (GOOD FRIDAY)

Is 52:13-53:12, Heb 4:14-16; 5:7-9, Jn 18:1-19:42(40)

Stations of the Cross (English) 12:00 pm 1:30 pm Stations of the Cross (Spanish)

7:00 pm **†Andrew Miciotto**

Saturday, April 3, 2021-HOLY SATURDAY

Easter Vigil: Gn 1:1—2:2 or 1:1, 26-31a, Gn 22:1-18 or 22:1-2, 9a, 10-13, 15-18, Ex 14:15—15:1, Is 54:5-14, Is 55:1-11, Bar 3:9-15, 32—4:4, Ez 36:16-17a, 18-28, Rom 6:3-11, Mk 16:1-7(41)

8:30 pm (Both priests) Mass offered for Laura Abbott

Sunday, April 4, 2021 - EASTER SUNDAY OF THE RESURRECTION OF THE LORD

Acts 10:34a, 37-43, Col 3:1-4 or 1 Cor 5:6b-8, Jn 20:1-9(42) or Mk 16:1-7(41) or, at an afternoon or evening Mass, Lk 24:13-35 (46)

7:00 am (Fr. Rafal) †Kathy MacRae

9:00 am (Fr. Rafal) †Salvador "Chava" Coronado

11:00 am (Fr.David) People of the Parish

NO 5:00 pm MASS

UPCOMING EVENTS



Thursday, April 1, 2021—Evening Mass of the Lord's Supper (HOLY THURSDAY), 7:00 p.m. in the Church.

FRIDAY, April 2, 2021—STATIONS OF THE CROSS (English), 12:00 p.m. in the Church.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS (Spanish), 1:30 p.m. in the Church.

DIVINE MERCY CHAPLET, 3:00 p.m. in the Church.

FRIDAY, April 2, 2021—Passion of the Lord (GOOD FRIDAY), 7:00 p.m. in the Church.

Saturday, April 3, 2021—There will be NO Confessions

Saturday, April 3, 2021—HOLY SATURDAY, 8:30 p.m. in the Church.

Sunday, April 4, 2021—EASTER SUNDAY OF THE RESURRECTION OF THE LORD MASSES ARE:

> 7:00 am 9:00 am 11:00 am THERE WILL BE NO 5:00 P.M. MASS



MONDAY, MARCH 29, 2021—GOOD SHEPHERD, 5:00pm, Kemper Hall.

CURSILLOS/ULTREYA, 7:00 p.m., Social Center

TUESDAY, MARCH 30, 2021—RCIA—6:00 p.m. in the Fireplace RM.

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 31, 2021— INGLES TAMBÍEN, 5:00 in the Fireplace RM.

GOOD SHEPHERD, 5:00 p.m., in Kemper Hall **EDGE**, 5:30 p.m. in Kemper Hall Youth RM.

THURSDAY, APRIL 1, 2021—NO CATHOLIC WAY BIBLE STUDY AND NO M.O.S.T. gathering.



The Sanctuary Lamp
will burn this week
in memory
of
Ed Nemec
by
Barbara Nemec
& Brittany Clark



The Sanctuary Lamp 2021 is available for your intentions. Please come by the Pastoral Center or call the Office at (830)257-5961.



The Collection on Good Friday is for Shrines of the Holy Land

The Second Collection on April 3 & 4, 2021 will be for Rice Bowl

Thank you for your generosity!



PRAY THE ROSARY

ALUMNI HIGHLIGHT

OLH ALUM BEGINS RESIDENCY AT JOHNS HOPKINS



OUR LADY of THE HILLS COLLEGE PREP

March 29th

Blood Drive at OLH 8am-3pm

April 1st

Holy Thursday Stations of the Cross & Senior Service Project

April 10thOLH Spring Formal

GO HAWKS!



We are proud to share that Mitch Parma, Our Lady of the Hills alum from the Class of 2013, graduates from UT Health San Antonio this Spring and has been matched in Internal Medicine at Johns Hopkins University.

After spending this past year developing educational materials, answering COVID hotlines, and using campus labs to produce hand sanitizer, Mitch is an incredible example of Hawk life post-graduation: continuing to be *Men and Women for Others*.

WHAT CAN <u>YOUR</u> STUDENT DO?

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Notre Dame YFM is planning for Catholic Kidz Camp (VBS) This summer June 7th-11th for kids ages 4-12

In order to do this we must have ADULT volunteers!!!!!

If you are interested in helping our kids learn their Catholic faith in a fun and exciting way, please return the completed form or call Nelda 896-4233 by March 31.

The theme is: CATHLETICS: TRAINING TO BE CHAMPIONS FOR CHRIST!

Yes! I want to help kids learn more about the Bible!

I am interested in helping with: (circle)

Faith Lessons, Music, Group Leader, Crafts, Skits, Decoration, wherever I am needed

Name:		
Phone #		
Email:	_	



PONTIFICAL GOOD FRIDAY COLLECTION

Pope Francis has asked our parish to support the Pontifical Good Friday Collection, which helps Christians in the Holy Land. Your support helps the church minister in parishes, provide Catholic schools and offer religious education. The Pontifical Good Friday Collection also helps to preserve the sacred shrines. The wars, unrest and instability have been especially hard on Christians. In these times of crisis, the Pontifical Good Friday Collection provides humanitarian aid to refugees. When you contribute to the Pontifical Good Friday Collection, you become an instrument of peace and join with Catholics around the world in solidarity with the Church in the Holy Land.

PLEASE BE GENEROUS!

For more information about Christians in the Holy Land, visit www.myfranciscan.org/good-friday.



The Daughters of Notre Dame are currently accepting Easter

Memorials. A special Memorial

Mass will be said on April 11, 2021 at the 11:00am Mass; names will be published in the weekly bulletin.

Envelopes for donations are located in the back of the church in the Narthex. Donations may be placed in the collection basket or dropped off at the Pastoral Center. Deadline for intentions is Sunday, April 4, 2021.



Roy Ybarra, William Etchison, Ariana Lambdin, Bill Gibson, Maria Acosta, Marissa Hernandez, Marci Denton, Olan Mahlmann, Regina Kelly, Mauricio Reyes, Tom Miller, Sam Rodriguez, Steven Soveck, Clifton Leda, Viola Juarez, Laura Abbott, Noah Doran, Tony Perez..



Please pray for those who have died, and have gone to their eternal rest with the Lord, especially for *Andrew Keller*. Eternal rest grant unto him, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon him. May he rest in peace.

Beginning Experience presents "Coping with Life Alone in the Beginning" which is a one day program to help participants come to terms with the major loss of a marriage, the feelings surrounding that loss and the changes that are a part of it.

When: Saturday, April 17, 2021

8:30 am—4:00 pm—lunch provided

Where: St. Peter Upon the Water

Cost: \$40.00

Contact: Barbara at 210.256.2859 (leave message)

OFFERTORY COLLECTION

March 13-14, 2021

CHURCH

TOTAL

Envelopes/Checks	\$ 13,391.57	
Currency/Coin	1,069.00	
Capital Improvement	413.00	
TOTAL	\$ 14,873.57	
Catholic Relief Services American Bishop's Oversees (2nd Collection)	\$ 525.00	
Black & Indian Mission	10.00	
TOTAL	\$ 535.00	
March 8—14, 2021 On-line Giving		
Church	\$ 2,140.00	
Building Fund	100.00	
School	325.00	
TOTAL	\$ 2,565.00	
March 15—21, 2021 On-line Giving		
Church	\$ 3,925.00	
Building Fund	160.00	
School	225.00	
TOTAL	\$ 4,310.00	
SCHOOL		
School Envelopes	\$ 1,217.00	
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\$ 1,267.00



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