

St. Paul the Apostle Catholic Church



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OUR PARISH MISSION STATEMENT

We, the people of St. Paul the Apostle Catholic Faith Community, Baptized into Jesus Christ, formed by Word and Sacrament, and Empowered by the guidance of the Holy Spirit, Seek to be a visible sign of God's love. We seek to build the Kingdom of God by: Using our unique gifts to minister to one another, Welcoming all and caring for those in need, Teaching our faith to others and Uniting in worship as a family with the Body of Christ.

God so loved the world
that he gave his only Son,
so that everyone who believes in him
might not perish
but might have eternal life.

JOHN 3:16

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DEAR HOLY PEOPLE OF GOD:

Second Sunday of Scrutiny during the Fourth Sunday of LENT! In today's gospel, Jesus saw a blind man - not only his blind eyes, but heard his heart begging: **"I want to see!"** It's a heart request that a loving heart cannot refuse. And with love, Jesus healed him, in this fashion:

Jesus spat on the ground... made clay with the saliva... smeared the clay on his eyes, and said, "Go wash in the Pool of Siloam!" So he went, washed and came back able to see. (Jn 9:6-7)

Jesus' healing-miracle brings "new eye-sight" and "new heart-sight" to the blind man. This "new sights" made his faith as an x-ray vision that identified Jesus in this manner:

First, he singled out Jesus, "he is a prophet," second, he said, "he is a man of God;" and third, he proclaimed, "Lord, I believe!"

This healing-miracle reaffirmed what Jesus said, "so the works of God might be made visible through him." That is, "we are born to be conduits of God's grace not barriers of it." The cured blind man is the true-life "expression of God's love and glory."

And he became a proactive evangelizer that, even the Pharisees cannot stop him. His powerful tag-line is: "The man called Jesus put clay on my eyes, and I washed and now I see."

If the blind man has the **Pool of Siloam** to encounter Jesus then; today, we have two **Pools of Siloam** that are available for us in our **Lenten Journey** - the **Sacraments of Reconciliation and Eucharist**:

The **Sacrament of Reconciliation** is a sacred time for you and God. When you say, "Bless me Father for I have sinned," God will assure you of his forgiveness with these words: "I absolve you from all your sins..." The **Sacrament of Reconciliation** is not a "dry cleaner" but dignity and honor restorer.

The **EUCARIST** is a thanksgiving celebration that Jesus continues to heal and love us, when he says: "This is my body, this is my blood... for you..." His body is a **life-giver**; his blood is a **salvation provider**.

During this **Lenten Season**, wash yourselves frequently with the **Sacrament of Reconciliation's** healing grace; and constantly feed yourself with the **Eucharist's** saving grace.

Blessings!

Fr. Romy Seleccion, MS

FOURTH LENT
SUNDAY OF
MARCH 14, 2021

Mass Intentions & Readings for the Week

Fourth Sunday of Lent

Saturday, March 13

Hos 6:1-6; Ps 51:3-4, 18-21ab; Lk 18:9-14

Lydia Concepcion, Norberto Concepcion,
Rodolfo Concepcion, Constancia Narage,
†Delia Tayag, †Sinforiana Raz,
†Shalla de Guzman, †Pablo Castro,
†Betty Lagos, †Thomas Ebbitt,
†Gregoria Dizon, †Edna Bocade,
†Roberto Dancel, Jr., †Kathy Moreno,
†Eduardo Madronero,
†Eduardo Madronero, Jr.,
†Antonia & Juana Bautista

Sunday, March 14

2 Chr 36:14-16, 19-23; Ps 137:1-6;

Eph 2:4-10; Jn 3:14-21

Alternate readings (Year A):

1 Sm 16:1b, 6-7, 10-13a; Ps 23:1-6;

Eph 5:8-14; Jn 9:1-41[1, 6-9, 13-17, 34-38]

4th Sunday of Lent

Second Scrutiny

For the People of the Parish,
Yolanda Morales & Family, Eric Serna,
Ladwig-Lopez Family, †Lea Ambeguia,
†Shalla de Guzman, †Eleazar Luevano,
†Edgardo & Eliza Siacunco,
†Virgilio Verdejo, †Tomas Pacis,
†Fidel Fernandez, †Eleanor King,
†Yno Pascual, †Joe Nazarowski,
†Antonio Torres, †Nonie Ledesma,
†Delia Tayag, †Santiago Serna,
†Carmen de Jesus Espiritu
†Florentino Edora, Jr.

Monday, March 15

Is 65:17-21; Ps 30:2, 4-6, 11-13b; Jn 4:43-54

8:00 a.m. †Jesus & Milagros Rodulfo,
†Jason Capones, †Shalla de Guzman,
†Josefina Jimenez

Tuesday, March 16

Ez 47:1-9, 12; Ps 46:2-3, 5-6, 8-9; Jn 5:1-16

8:00 a.m. Avelina Macasaet, Ruben Libunao,
†Shalla de Guzman, †Albert Pless

† Deceased

Did you light a candle for someone today?

Wednesday, March 17

Is 49:8-15; Ps 145:8-9, 13cd-14, 17-18; Jn 5:17-30

St. Patrick

8:00 a.m. Marcus Medrina, †Shalla de Guzman,
†Sara Gonzalez,
†Manolito Panganiban, Jr.

Thursday, March 18

Ex 32:7-14; Ps 106:19-23; Jn 5:31-47

St. Cyril of Jerusalem

8:00 a.m. †Dcn Restie Noriega,
†Irenea Ediesca, †Shalla de Guzman,
†Carmen De Jesus Espiritu

Friday, March 19

2 Sm 7:4-5a, 12-14a, 16; Ps 89:2-5, 27, 29;

Rm 4:13:16-18, 22; Mt 1:16, 18-21, 24a or Lk 2:41-51a

St. Joseph; Abstinence

8:00 a.m. Nicolas Mercado, Joseph Paloma,
†Jose Luna, †Jose Jocson

Saturday, March 20

Jer 11:18-20; Ps 7:2-3, 9bc-12; Jn 7:40-53

Iniga de las Alas, Leo De Leon,
Jenelita Picar, Cherie Perez,
Richard Garrido, Msgr. Ching Ensinares,
Sr. Vivian Sun, Sr. Claire,
†Sinforiana Raz, †Shalla de Guzman,
†Florante Maglalang, †Jesus Ayala, Jr.,
†Severino de las Alas, †Claro Reyes,
†Sr. Blandine Marie Thanh,
†Julian Guevara, †Rowell Ramirez,
†Avelina Mijares, †George Ronquillo,

Sunday, March 21

Jer 31:31-34; Ps 51:3-4, 12-15; Heb 5:7-9; Jn 12:20-33

Alternate readings (Year A):

Ez 37:12-14; Ps 130:1-8; Rom 8:8-11;

Jn 11:1-45 [3-7, 17, 20-27, 33b-45]

Sienna Lizar, Elizabeth Lujan,
Benjamin Raz, †Concepcion Lasquette,
†Shalla de Guzman, †Jesus Baluyot,
†Florante Maglalang, †Delia Tayag,
†Gaspar Sinco, †Abdon Rocabado,
†Amadeo & Lola Castillo, †Rafael Diaz,
†Glen Hironaka, Rosalinda Deypuyart,
†Felipe Alolod, †Ramona Salvador,
†Anastacio Cuaresma, †Dom Rosacia,
†Herminia Ancheta, †Kathy Moreno

PLEASE PRAY FOR:

THE SICK AND SUFFERING: Yvonne Acosta, Victor Almaraz, Ana Alvarado, Luis Arieta, Leni Basilio, Leodi Basilio, Joe Bok, Jeanette Byczek, Allison Carlos, Cella Family, Ernesto Cruz, Gus Davila, Charlie Field, Wayne Fisher, Roberto Garcia, Ida Garza, Harvey & Patricia Geiss, Steve & Annette Gamboa, Ida Garza, Jose Guadalupe Guerrero, Jon Hosea, Leo de Leon, Marlene Lombardo, Fr. Michael Maher, ss.cc., Joe Manzanares, Larry McCann, Fr. Pat O'Hagan, ss.cc., Raymond Henderson, Ninfa Hidalgo, Lina Medenillo, Rosenio Medenillo, Kathy Moreno, Gloria Pacheco, Margarita Pacheco, Charlie Perez, Jenelita Picar, Susie Pinter, Raymond Rodriguez, Judy Sacaris, Roy Singzon, Joe Tolido, Danny Triana, Stephanie Tribe, Dcn Paul Von Ins, James & Mary Watson and Sheila Williams.

DECEASED: Chuck Guidry and Orlando Del Rosario.

THE PREGNANT WOMEN AND ALL THE NEW MOMS OF OUR PARISH: If you would like prayers, support, meals and a gift after your baby is born, contact Maile Dafun-Long 909-896-3395, Elizabeth Ministry.

NEXT WEEKEND IS MCF

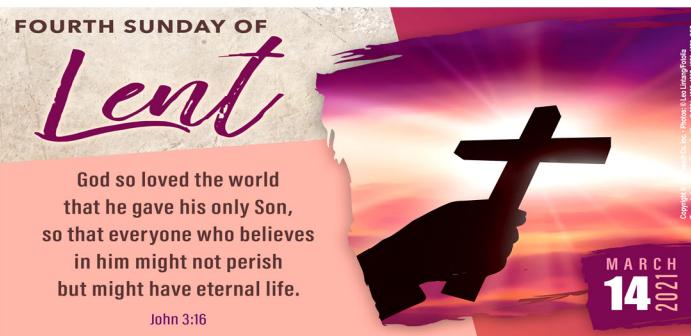
We are grateful to all who have continued to support the Ministry Center Building Fund. Fr. Romy and the Finance Council have approved a temporary change in how the funds received are to be used.

PASTORAL COUNCIL SELF-NOMINATIONS

We Are The Church!! Our gifts and talents are needed at St. Paul the Apostle, the faith community where we live our lives of faith in the Lord Jesus. As we are continually challenged to be a community where peoples' lives are filled with hope, we reach out to everyone to be a part of this sacred journey through the many ministries offered throughout our parish.

The St. Paul Pastoral Council Ministry is actively seeking 3 new members to replace the outgoing members. The ministry of The Pastoral Council assists our pastoral leadership in discerning the will of God for the parish through the wisdom of our graced community. The council takes on a consultative role to work within our community in order to communicate the needs of the parish to our leadership through the process of praying and working together to engage in, strengthen and continue to build and support the actions of the Body of Christ.

Nominees must be registered and participating members of our parish. This is a 3-year commitment. The self-nominations forms are available in the foyer of the Church or outside of the Parish Office. Please return the forms by **Friday, April 30th**.



This Weekend!



Knights of Columbus Chino Valley Council #10234

Grab-n-Go

*Burrito Breakfast is back!
Today, Sunday*

*Enjoy a Knights Breakfast Burrito
after the 9:00AM
Virtual Mass and Communion*

*Chorizo, Hash-Browns, Eggs & Cheese
Sausage, Hash-Browns, Eggs & Cheese
Hash-Browns, Eggs & Cheese*

*\$5.00 each
(Includes Salsa)*

All sales will be COVID-19 Compliant.

EVENINGS OF RECONCILIATION

Monday, March 22nd - Friday, March 26th
**7:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m. in the Church
And/Or Courtyard**

**Spanish: Monday, March 22nd
Wednesday, March 24th**

Reservations will be required. Please check the Church Website for details.

BLOOD DRIVE RETURNS



St. Paul the Apostle and the Knights of Columbus are having their Blood Drive on **Wednesday, March 24th** from **1:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.** in Maher Hall.

Walk-ins are welcome!! (Donate Blood today and help save lives through the gift of blood.

Sponsored by the Knights of Columbus

Year of **ST. JOSEPH**



In Advent, Pope Francis announced that this particular liturgical year would be the **Year of St. Joseph**. The Pope noted that "Each of us can discover in Joseph – the man who goes unnoticed, a daily, discreet and hidden presence – an intercessor, a support and a guide in times of trouble."

As Catholics, we often pray to the saints and ask for their heavenly intercession. During this liturgical year, we have the unique opportunity to pray and reflect on the life of St. Joseph. We also have opportunities to gain a plenary indulgence (or remission of all temporal punishment due to sin). This indulgence can be applied to oneself or to a soul in Purgatory. There are many ways in which special indulgences may be obtained during the Year of St. Joseph. For example, one can meditate on the Lord's Prayer for at least 30 minutes, perform Corporal or Spiritual works of Mercy that follows St. Joseph's example, etc. For additional opportunities, you can check the following websites:

The Vatican (via the Relevant Radio website . . .

<https://relevantradio.com/2020/12/vatican-announces-year-of-st-joseph-and-plenary-indulgence/>

Catholic News Agency . . .

<https://www.catholicnewsagency.com/news/fifteen-ways-to-gain-an-indulgence-in-the-year-of-st-joseph-81304>

Here at St. Paul the Apostle, we suggest that parishioners begin a personal consecration to St. Joseph. On March 19th (the Feast of St. Joseph), We recommend that you begin by praying a prayer to St. Joseph (see below). This prayer should then be prayed consecutively (each day), for a total of **33 days**. On Tuesday, April 20th, at the end of the 8:00 a.m. Mass, the Prayer of Consecration will be led by the presider for all who have decided to participate in the consecration to St. Joseph. If you have a St. Joseph medal (easily obtained through a religious good store, such as the Madonna Shop in Upland, CA), it will be blessed at that time.

In this Year of St. Joseph, may we like St. Joseph, overcome our fears and hesitations, protect and defend the presence of Christ, and bring his presence to the world around us each day.

Blessings,

Fr. Mike

Pope Francis' Prayer to St. Joseph

*Hail, Guardian of the Redeemer,
spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary.
To you God entrusted his only Son;
in you Mary placed her trust;
with you Christ became man.*

*Blessed Joseph, to us too,
show yourself a father
and guide us in the path of life.
Obtain for us grace, mercy and courage,
and defend us from every evil. Amen.*



THE SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

The **Sacrament of Reconciliation** will be on **Tuesdays and Thursdays**, beginning at **9:15 a.m.** and ending at **10:30 a.m.** (**OR** when the line of those waiting to receive *Reconciliation* ends, whichever comes **first**).

At this time, **ALL** celebrations of this sacrament will be **OUTDOORS**. Also, a minimum 6' (six foot), physical distancing between the priest and penitent must be maintained.

Everyone coming to receive the *Sacrament of Reconciliation*, **MUST**:

- Be wearing a **mask** that completely covers the nose and mouth areas.
- Maintain the 6' (six foot) physical distancing between all persons present (noted exception: those who are living in the same house).

The location for the *Sacrament of Reconciliation* will be just outside the entrance doors of the Church at Entry Gate #1, just off of Boys Republic Drive (see illustration).

If the above noted days and times are not convenient, an appointment may also be made to celebrate the *Sacrament of Reconciliation*. Please note that there will be **NO INDOOR** celebrations of the *Sacrament of Reconciliation* at this time.



Mass Intentions



The **Schedule of Mass Intentions** for the month of **April, 2021** is now available. Please contact the Parish Office!!

Please Continue to Pray

For Our Military



JOURNEY OF HOPE

The San Bernardino Catholic Divorce Ministry is offering a Divorce Support Group "Journey of Hope" for anyone to join by Zoom. This group is led by facilitators from St. Paul the Apostle.

Journey of Hope is a 6-Week Program to support those going through the emotional pain of divorce and separation. Key challenges and unique family dynamics as a result of this unexpected journey will be addressed as well as a safe environment to share concerns and reconnect with understanding and a new hope.

Wednesdays, Now through April 14th
7:00 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.

See parish website for more information or contact us via email at CDM@sdiocese.org

BEREAVEMENT "SEASONS OF HOPE"

The Bereavement Ministry Support Group continues to meet via Zoom. **Meetings are on the 2nd and 4th Monday of every month from 7:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.** If you or someone you know are experiencing a loss, please contact Leeza Montoya at 714-342-8418 for information.

Our next Zoom meeting will be held on **Monday, March 22nd**.

~Bereavement Grief Share Ministry

PRESCHOOL REGISTRATION

St. Paul the Apostle Catholic Preschool is enrolling new students for our 2020-2021 school year.



Contact the Director, Chrissy Stutzman at cstutzman@sptacc.org for more information.



Mass Schedule

SATURDAY

4:00pm – Livestream (*English*)
5:00pm – Maher Hall
6:30pm – Livestream (*Spanish*)

SUNDAY

7:00am – Maher Hall
9:00am – Livestream and **VCL***
1:00pm - Church - **Spanish**
3:00pm – Church
5:00pm – Church

You will need to reserve your seat through our Parish Website seating system. The reservation system enables us to have immediate contact tracing should the need arise. It also ensures that we do not exceed the maximum number of people for each mass and we will not have to “turn anyone away” from attending the Mass since their seat is already reserved. **NOTE:** If for some reason you will not be able to attend the Mass, please be considerate and **cancel** your reservation, so that someone else may attend the ‘**In Person**’ Mass. Thank you.

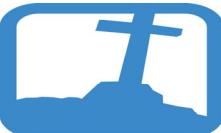
* – **VEHICLE COMMUNION LINE**

- ◆ The *Vehicle Communion Line* is a *direct continuation* of the 9:00 a.m. Livestream Mass. In order to receive Communion (Eucharist), you **MUST**:
 - ◆ Have already received your First Communion
 - ◆ Have participated fully and completely in the 9:00 a.m. Livestream Mass (i.e., watched and responded throughout the Livestream Mass)
 - ◆ Be in a state of grace
 - Meet the *Eucharistic Fast* requirements (e.g., no food or beverages for **1 hour before** you receive the Eucharist. Noted exception: water and medication)
 - ◆ All cars will enter through Gate #1 on Boys Republic Drive.
 - You will **NOT** be parking, but simply entering into the *Vehicle Communion Line*. Please follow the directions of all *Guidance Ministers* as they direct you to one of the Communion distribution points.
 - ◆ Please be aware that you **will** be exiting your vehicle in order to receive Communion (unless you have great difficulty walking).
 - ◆ Please be aware that there is **NO** “upper age limit.” If you meet **all** of the above requirements and you are in good health (i.e., have no symptoms of illness – such as fever, cough, etc.), you are welcome to receive communion.
 - ◆ In keeping with Diocesan guidelines, at this time, Communion will be given in the hand only.

Finally, we ask that you bring **hand sanitizer** with you and make sure that everyone in the vehicle is wearing a **face mask** that completely covers your nose and mouth.



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**Mar. 8-11****Virtual Unity Nights for Con 1 and Con 2 students - 6pm
Check your emails for YOUR schedule, details and links!****Mar. 29-Apr 9****NO ZOOM CLASSES - NO PORTAL CLASSES****HOLY WEEK**

A Heart felt THANK YOU to the "Knot Just a Prayer Ministry" for their incredible gift to the Con 2 teens of our parish! They will be donating the cost of 205 Confirmation Stoles this year so our Teens can show their pride in receiving the Sacrament of Confirmation. Please hold the ministry in prayer in "all ways" and always.

**The Holy Spirit is truly at work!**

**Ministry Center: Mon– Thurs 10:30am-7:30pm
Fridays: 8:30 am-5:30pm
Closed “Off” weeks and Saturday and Sundays
Phone: 909-325-8900 - Website: www.sptacc.org**

For Holy Week and Easter Week!**Apr 2****Office Closed – Good Friday****Apr. 5****Office Closed - Easter Monday**

LENT: WHAT IS FASTING?

Did you know that fasting AND abstinence is only **required** of Catholics on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday? Abstain from meat (14 years+) and eat only one meal, with two smaller ones spaced throughout the day. No eating between meals. Those who suffer from hypoglycemia, diabetes or other medical conditions are not required to fast at all. For fasting, you need to be between the ages of 14 and 60. But fasting can involve more than the stomach—fasting can also **FILL** us and bring us closer to God; fasting can increase our self-control, loosen the grasp of unhealthy habits and rearrange our priorities. Here are some other ways to "fast" without missing a meal:

Fast of time—Our most precious of commodities—TIME. Try reading less of the daily newspaper, or skip the news on TV. Use the time you save to write a letter or call an old friend. Fast from shopping for anything other than groceries, and buy only what is essential. Re-invest your time to prepare a family dinner (a "fast" from fast food!). Think of the money you can save that could help others!

Fast of Words—Words both hurt and heal. Fast from gossip, nagging, criticism or words spoken out of anger. Instead choose words of kindness and gratitude. Look for ways to compliment and affirm family and friends.

Fast of behavior—Ask yourself some of these questions: what could I do to be more at peace? How can I serve others? How can I improve my relationship with God? With family? After spending time (time you have saved from TV or reading the newspaper) with the answers choose behaviors that support them. Fast from anger, jealousy, adding instead tolerance and forgiveness.

Director of Catechetical Ministry: **Jeanie Kiefer**
 Coordinator of Elementary: **Vera Ramirez**
 Confirmation Coordinator: **Edric Alcantara**
 Bilingual Spanish Coordinator: **Concha Ebbitt**

ST PAUL THE APOSTLE

VIRTUAL 5K

February 17- March 17
\$25: Price Includes 5k Shirt

RUN/WALK WITH ST. PAUL

Register at sptacc.org or Eventbrite
Stay Connected at Facebook.com/sptacc or
Email: RunwithStPaul@gmail.com

What Is a Virtual Race? A virtual race is a race you run, jog, or walk on the road, trail, treadmill, track, or any location you choose. You get to run your own race, at your own pace, and time it yourself.

**GRUPO DE ORACION
“JESUS ENTRE NOSOTROS”**

Te invita a tener un encuentro con Dios a través de la Oración, el Rosario y la Formación.

Nos reunimos por la plataforma virtual del Zoom todos los **Martes de 7:00 a 8:30 p.m.**
Para más información, comuníquese con Angélica y Miguel al 909-973-8531 o con Marcelo al 909-917-8135.

Unidos en el camino para una conversión.

SPANISH PRAYER GROUP

Invites you to have an encounter with God through Prayer, Rosary and Formation.

We meet via Zoom every **Tuesday from 7:00 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.** For more information, contact Angelica and Miguel at 909-973-8531 or Marcelo at 909-917-8135.

SANTO ROSARIO

Acompáñanos todos los **Miércoles** a rezar el Santo Rosario, unidos como una cadena que nos une el Cielo y la tierra uno de cuyos extremos está en nuestras manos y el otro en las manos de la Santísima Virgen. Oremos por nuestras necesidades y las del mundo.

Desde tu hogar en compañía de tu familia, trasmítido por medio del **Zoom a las 7:00 p.m.**

ID para la Reunión : 89623583206
Contraseña: María

Sagrada Familia

Maricela Castañeda: 909-244-4432
Monica Alatorre: 909-720-9568
Bertha Palma: 626-438-6567

HERMANOS EN CRISTO CAMINEMOS CON JESÚS

Que estos 40 días sean para abrir el corazón al hermano que sufre y a la misericordia de Dios.

Los invitamos a unirnos en oración, para acompañar a Jesús en su viacrucis. Todos los Viernes hasta el **2 de Abril a las 7:00 p.m.** por la plataforma virtual del Zoom.

Meeting ID: 89623583206
Password: María

Monica Alatorre: 909-720-9568
Maricela Castañeda: 626-244-4432

NOCHES DE RECONCILIACION

Lunes, 22 de Marzo - Viernes, 26 de Marzo
7:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m. en la Iglesia
Y/O en el Patio

Español: Lunes, 22 de Marzo
Miércoles, 24 de Marzo

Se requerirán reservacion. Consulte el sitio web de la Iglesia para más detalles.



The Respect Life and Family Ministry invites all parishioners to take an active role in **40 Days for Life**, which started on **Ash Wednesday and runs through Palm Sunday**. This worldwide campaign to promote and protect life “from womb to tomb” involves prayer, peaceful vigils and community outreach. Locally, a coordinated effort is underway to conduct a **daily prayer vigil** from **7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.** for the entire 40 days.

Location: Planned Parenthood Pomona
1550 N. Garey Avenue,
Pomona, CA

Learn more about this campaign by visiting 40daysforlife.com/pomona. Whether you can pray for one hour a day or one hour a week, please join this effort. Whether you join us at the Planned Parenthood location, or pray in the comfort of your home, your prayers are needed!

Contact Kelly Schlegel at 909-896-6351 or Claudia Shannon at 909-789-2310 for more information.

Visit Our Website
SPTACC.ORG

If **you or someone you know is in emotional distress or suicidal crisis,**

call
1-800-273-TALK (8255).
National Suicide Prevention Lifeline

THE MINISTRY FORMATION INSTITUTE IS CURRENTLY ACCEPTING APPLICATIONS FOR THE INTRODUCTION TO CMFP 2021 ONLINE

The application deadline is **March 31, 2021**
Course begins on **Saturday, May 1st**

Anyone interested may apply online by visiting our webpage:
www.mfisbdiocese.org

For more information:
909-475-5375
Email: cmfp@sbdiocease.org.

Classes will be conducted online via Zoom until further notice.

We hope you take advantage of this opportunity to nurture your ministerial growth from the comfort of your home.

EL INSTITUTO DE FORMACIÓN PARA LOS MINISTERIOS (MFI) ESTÁ ACEPTANDO SOLICITUDES PARA LA INTRODUCCIÓN AL CMFP 2021 EN LÍNEA

El plazo de solicitud es el **31 de Marzo, 2021**
el curso comienza el sábado, 1º de Mayo

Cualquier persona interesada puede aplicar en línea por medio de nuestra página web:

www.mfisbdiocese.org

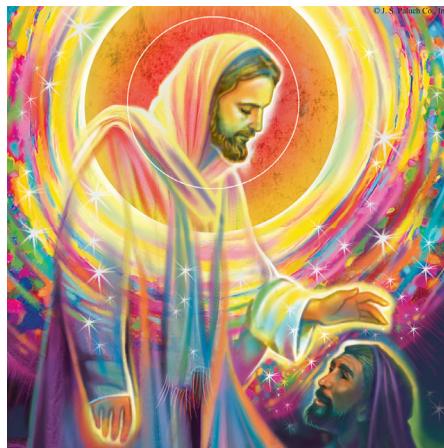
Para más información:
909-475-5375
Correo electrónico: cmfp@sbdiocease.org

Las clases se llevarán a cabo en línea a través de Zoom hasta nuevo aviso.
Esperamos que aproveche de esta oportunidad para crecer en su capacitación ministerial desde la comodidad de su hogar.

Healing Our *BLINDNESS*

On the surface, today's Gospel would appear to be about the physical healing of a blind man, but underneath lies a play on the word "sight." In this event, Jesus is challenging those around him, including his own disciples, to "see" the world in a new way. He points out to them...and to us...that it is entirely too easy to operate with a set of false assumptions; to be "blind" to the things of God in our lives. Like those in this account, we can think we are seeing clearly, but in fact we are blinded by our own assumptions, prejudices, and egos. Of all the characters in the story of the blind man, the only one who has the gift of true sight is the blind man himself who acknowledged Jesus as the Messiah.

In this reading, we are called to ask ourselves if we see things the way God sees them or if we are looking through the eyes of the world; to examine where we might be blind spiritually; where we are looking at appearances, not reality. As God says to the prophet Samuel in the first reading: "Not as man sees does God see, because man sees the appearance but the Lord looks into



the heart." This Gospel reminds us that the way we see best is through the eyes of faith, for then we see the world the way God sees it. But first we have to recognize that without Jesus, we are truly blind.

DISCUSSION: Let's take a closer look at how blindness can be both physical and spiritual as we read about one of Jesus' more controversial cures—the healing of a blind man on the Sabbath. Please watch this week's *Opening the Word* video at sptacc.formed.org

Put yourself in today's Gospel. What are some of the false perceptions the disciples had about the blind man?

What are some of the ways that

the characters in this story were blind? The disciples? The Pharisees? The neighbors?

What are some of the ways that you might be blind?

PRAYER: Imagine that you are with the blind man who was cured when Jesus comes to find him. You hear Jesus ask, "Do you believe in the Son of Man?" and you hear the man respond, "I do believe, Lord." Now see Jesus turn toward you and ask you the same question. Do you believe that Jesus is truly the Son of Man? How do you respond to Jesus? What do you think he might say to you in return?

RESOLUTION: We all need to ask ourselves the hard questions about our beliefs so that we can grow and mature in our faith. This week, consider Jesus' question, "Do you believe in the Son of Man?" and ask that he help you come to a greater understanding of who he really is and that you live your life more in union with him.

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We encourage you to take notes as you reflect on this week readings / homily

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Así como levantó Moisés la serpiente en el desierto, así tiene que ser levantado el Hijo del hombre, para que todo el que crea en él tenga vida eterna.

Juan 3:14-15

CUARTO DOMINGO DE CUARESMA

La lectura de hoy del libro 2 Crónicas es la conclusión de estos dos libros, un resumen breve de la infidelidad de Judá bajo una serie de reyes y los subsiguientes setenta años de exilio en Babilonia. Esta serie abreviada resume los eventos que se trataron en los capítulos anteriores, concluyendo con la conquista de Jerusalén y la deportación de sus habitantes a Babilonia.

Después de que los babilonios fueron conquistados por Ciro y los persas, Ciro construyó el gran Imperio Persa que incluía todo el antiguo Oriente Cercano. A diferencia de los anteriores asirios y babilonios, Ciro no gobernó deportando y esclavizando a los pueblos que derrotaba. Al contrario, él organizó su imperio en gobiernos regionales y financió sus proyectos de construcción, gobernando sobre todo con el título (entre otros) Rey de Reyes. Con este espíritu, Ciro instó a los exiliados a regresar a Jerusalén para que reconstruyeran su templo y su cultura originaria. En términos judíos, Ciro era un “mesías” (hebreo) o un cristo (griego), alguien ungido por Dios para llevar a cabo esta misión divina.

... Y EL RESCATE DIVINO

El regreso del exilio de Babilonia fue el segundo después del Éxodo de Egipto, como una narración

fundacional que determinó la identidad judía en la que nació Jesús y en la que la Iglesia se enraizó y comenzó a crecer. Si leemos entre las líneas de las dos lecturas del Nuevo Testamento de hoy, podemos ver los contornos de este mismo patrón de Dios trayendo a la humanidad del dolor al gozo: la esclavitud de los hebreos en Egipto y el exilio de los judíos en Babilonia revelan una verdad universal, que pertenecemos al Dios que es “rico en Misericordia,” y se nos asegura que “cuando estábamos muertos en nuestras transgresiones,” Dios “amó tanto al mundo” que envió a Jesús para que fuera el camino de nuestra redención, nuestra salvación.

El Cuarto Domingo de Cuaresma a veces se le suele llamar “Domingo Laetare,” o “Domingo de la Alegría.” Incluso si nos sentimos abrumados por la oscuridad del pecado (del nuestro y de otros), preguntándonos si Dios realmente está obrando en nuestro favor, podemos poner nuestra fe en la Palabra de hoy de que es así. Por esto, podemos regocijarnos de verdad, ¡estamos a más de medio camino para la Pascua!

Lecturas de hoy: 2 Cr 36:14—16, 19—23; Sal 137 (136):1—2, 3, 4—5, 6; Ef 2:4—10; Jn 3:14—21



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