Saint Dominic Catholic Community

God's Call to Build:
Our Bridge To The Future
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Mission Statement

We, the parish community of St. Dominic, Houston, TX, a multi-cultured community, joined together by faith in Jesus Christ and the Roman Catholic Church, commit ourselves to help each other grow in the understanding of our faith, celebrate this faith in Liturgy and live it out by using the gifts of each person in the service of others, especially those in need, so that in the end, we may become truly a community of faith: truly the people of God and be of service to all!

Worship Schedule -Weekend Masses
Saturday -English 8:00 a.m.
Anticipated Mass at 6:00 p.m.
Sunday - **English** 8:00 a.m. 11:15 a.m.
Español 9:30 a.m. -1:00 p.m.
Weekday Masses: Monday - Saturday
8:00 a.m. English Mass
Novena to Our Mother of Perpetual Help:
Integrated with the 8:00 am mass on Wednesday

Reconciliation Sacrament: Saturday-4:30-5:45 p.m.

Sacrament of Marriage – Quinceañera Celebrations
call the Parish office 6 months in advance to schedule appointment with priest**.**

Sacrament of the anointing of the sick
Please call the parish office to make arrangements for communion to be brought to your home or to the hospital.

Parish Registration If you are new to the parish, please register at the office. Tuesday –Friday 9:00 a.m. –3:00 p.m.

Deacon in Formation: Rogelio Mendez

OFFICE HOURS
HORAS DE OFICINA

MONDAY 10:00 am –5:00 pm
TUESDAY– FRIDAY 9:00 am-7:30 pm
Saturday - 4:00 pm-6:00 pm
Sunday 9:00 am-3:00 pm

Pray for the sick

Bobbie Anderson
Georgia Malonson
Horace Malonson
Mervin Auzenne
Doreen Whitmeer
Elma Revelo
Vitaliana Nisnisan
Eva Owens
Stela Visaya
Maria Celestino
Mike Ortega
Carolina Montemayor
Phil Martinez
Rebecca Directo
Concepcion Ligason
Cesar Avilez
Hector DeLeon
Margaret Ernest
Aguilar
Nidia Ramirez
Diana Montejano
Elvia Villanueva
Marissa Ramirez
Byrett May Freeman
Guadalupe Benitez
Jose Cruz
Idalia Rodriguez
Rosel Rodriguez

Pre -Baptismal Registration With Claudia Ramirez

Email –claudiarmz9119@hotmail.com
Must register in the parish office,
Monday – Friday, 1:00 am –4:00 pm a week prior to the class.
Bring child's birth certificate; required to register
Sponsors if married must be married by the catholic church and marriage certificate required.
If single they must be at least 16, and bring copy of their Baptism, First communion and confirmation

Parents and godparents must attend two pre-baptismal classes held 1st Tuesday & Thursday of the month at 6:30 - 9:30 pm. **Donation** for class is $75.00
Baptism celebration 3rd Saturday of the month at 8:00 am

Child being baptized can not be older than 7 yrs. Old.
children7 years and older must be prepared through the parish catechism Program. (Guidelines of the Archdiocese of Galveston-Houston)

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Información Pre- Bautismal - Pase a la oficina parroquial Lunes –Viernes, 9:00 am – 3:00 pm una semana antes de la clase. Es requerido presentar la acta de nacimiento del niño/ a quien van a bautizar.

Padrinos Si están casados
deben estar casados por la iglesia católica es requerido presentar la acta de matrimonio.
Si son solteros deben tener por lo menos 16 años y presentar su acta de Bautizo, Primera comunión y confirmación.
Papas y Padrinos tienen que asistir a platicas pre-bautismales el tercer sábado del mes de 10:00 –3:00
Donación para la platica: $75.00
Bautismos el segundo Sábado del mes a las 8:00 am

Niños sin bautizar no deben ser mayores de 7 años de edad. niños deben recibir catecismo en el programa de la parroquia. (Guías de Arquidiócesis de Galveston-Houston)
Presentación de Tres años
Cuarto domingo del mes durante la misa de 1:00 p.m.
Pasa a la oficina y presente acta de bautismo para registrase

Sacrament of Marriage: Register at least 6 months in advance; must be a registered member drop by the office and fill out form and be ready to meet the pastor; Pick up wedding information check-list.

Quinceañera Celebrations: The family must be registered in the parish for a period of three (3) months prior to the date of the first preparation session. The candidate should register for her/his Quince Años ceremony on or before her/his 14th birthday . The candidate must have been baptized in the Roman Catholic Church and must have received First Eucharist prior to the time of the ceremony. If the honoree has not received the Sacrament of Communion, she/he should be enrolled to prepare to receive the sacrament before the Quince Años ceremony. The candidate must attend and complete preparation sessions with the coordinator and must join our parish youth program. Pick up Quinceañera information check-list.

From The Pastor

As we did last week, we are reading today from the Gospel of John. In today's Gospel, the healing of the man born blind invites us to focus on the physical and spiritual aspects of sight and light. In the first part of today's Gospel, we hear Jesus' response to a prevalent belief of his time: that misfortune and disability were the result of sin. That belief is why Jesus is asked the question of whose sin caused the man's blindness—his own or his parents'. Jesus does not answer directly, but instead gives the question an entirely different dimension—through this man's disability, God's power will be made manifest. Jesus then heals the man.

The healing is controversial because Jesus heals on the Sabbath. The Pharisees, the religious authorities of Jesus' time, understood that the law of Moses forbade work (including healing) on the Sabbath. They also have trouble believing that Jesus performed a miracle. To determine whether the man was really born blind, the Pharisees question him and his parents. The man challenges the leaders of the synagogue about their assessment of the good that Jesus has done. In turn, they expel the man for questioning their judgment.

The final revelation and moment of enlightenment comes when the man born blind encounters Jesus again. Having heard the news of his expulsion, Jesus seeks out the man born blind and reveals himself to him as the Son of Man. In this moment, the man born blind shows himself to be a man of faith and worships Jesus. Jesus replies by identifying the irony of the experience of many who encounter Jesus: Those who are blind will now see, and those who think they now see will be found to be blind.

As in last week's Gospel about Jesus' encounter with the Samaritan woman, today's reading has many allusions to Baptism. The washing of the man in the pool of Siloam is a prototype for Christian Baptism. Through the man's encounter with Jesus, the man born blind is healed, his sight is restored, and his conversion to discipleship begins. The man born blind gradually comes to a greater understanding about who Jesus is and what it means to be his disciple, while the Pharisees (those who should see) are the ones who remain blind.

Rev. Roger Estorque

Como hicimos la semana pasada, estamos leyendo hoy del Evangelio de Juan. En el evangelio de hoy, la curación del ciego de nacimiento nos invita a centrarnos en lo físico y lo espiritual aspectos de la vista y la luz. En la primera parte del evangelio de hoy escuchamos la respuesta de Jesús a una creencia predominante en su tiempo: que la desgracia y la invalidez eran consecuencia del pecado. Esa creencia es la razón por la cual se le pregunta a Jesús quién es el pecado que causó la ceguera del hombre: el suyo o el de sus padres. Jesús no responde directamente, sino que le da a la pregunta una dimensión completamente diferente: a través de la discapacidad de este hombre, el poder de Dios se manifestará. Entonces Jesús sana al hombre.

La curación es controvertida porque Jesús cura en el Sábado. Los fariseos, las autoridades religiosas de la época de Jesús, entendieron que la ley de Moisés prohibía trabajar (incluida la curación) en sábado. También tienen problemas para creer que Jesús realizó un milagro. Para determinar si el hombre realmente nació ciego, los fariseos interrogarlo a él y a sus padres. El hombre desafía a la líderes de la sinagoga sobre su evaluación de la bien que ha hecho Jesús. A su vez, expulsan al hombre por cuestionar su juicio.

La revelación final y el momento de iluminación llega cuando el hombre ciego de nacimiento se encuentra con Jesús nuevamente. Habiendo oído la noticia de su expulsión, Jesús busca al hombre ciego de nacimiento y se le revela como el Hijo del Hombre. En ese momento, el ciego de nacimiento se muestra como un hombre de fe y adora a Jesús. Jesús responde identificando la ironía de la experiencia de muchos que se encuentran con Jesús: los ciegos ahora verán, y los que creen que ahora ven, serán ciegos.

Como en el Evangelio de la semana pasada sobre el encuentro de Jesús con la mujer samaritana, la lectura de hoy tiene muchas alusiones al bautismo. El lavamiento del hombre en el estanque de Siloé es un prototipo para el bautismo cristiano. a través del hombre encuentro con Jesús, el ciego de nacimiento es sanado, su recupera la vista y comienza su conversión al discipulado. El ciego de nacimiento poco a poco llega a una mayor comprensión acerca de quién es Jesús y qué significa ser su discípulo, mientras que los fariseos (los que deben ver) son los que permanecer ciego.

Rev. Roger Estorque

INTENCIONES DE LA MISA

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Saturday	**March 18th** *St. Cyril of Jerusalem*
8:00 am	Health-Dan Cao/Tina Cao
6:00 pm	† Florencio Remolador/Victoria Abrau
	† Inocencia Olalo/Victoria Abrau
	† Florencio Olalo, Jr./Victoria Abrau
Sunday	**March 19th**
8:00 am	† All Souls/Difuntos
9:30 am	† Catalina Lopez/Familia Lupercio
	† Martin Martinez/ Juany Tamez
	† Agustin Vazquez/Maria Vasquez
	Birthday-Martha Sierra/Sierra Family
11:15 am	† All Souls/Difuntos
1:00 pm	† Elvira Garcia/Juana Mejia
	† Elias Mejia/Juana Mejia
	† Alfonso Solis/Familia solis
	† Alfonso Cardoza/Familia Cardoza
	† Rosalinda Mejia/Juan Mejia
Monday	**March 20th**
8:00 am	Health-Dan Cao/Tina Cao
	Health– Sandra Gum/Family
Tuesday	**March 21st**
8:00 am	† Martha Trinh Tran/Family
	Health-Dan Cao/Tina Cao
	Health– Sandra Gum/Family
Wednesday	**March 22nd**
8:00 am	Health-Dan Cao/Tina Cao
Thursday	**March 23rd** *St. Toribius of Mogrovejo*
8:00 am	Health-Dan Cao/Tina Cao
Friday	**March 24th**
8:00 am	Health-Dan Cao/Tina Cao
Saturday	**March 25th**
8:00 am	Health-Dan Cao/Tina Cao
6:00 pm	† Vitaliano Racho/Victoria Abrau
	† Inosencia Racho/Victoria Abrau
	† Julia Remolador/Victoria Abrau

Ofrenda semanal

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03/12/23	Collection	$8,574.98
	Building	$ 230.00
	Spring Donations	$ 421.00

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Monday	**March 20th**
	NO OEC
Tuesday	**March 21st**
6:00 pm	Confirmation I - 8th grade
7:00 pm	Coro - Puente
Wednesday	**March 22nd**
6:00 pm	Confirmation II - 9th, 10th, 11th
Thursday	**March 23rd**
10:00 am	AMSIF
6:30 pm	Confirmation III -10th, 11th, 12th
7:00 pm	Youth Group
7:00 pm	Asamblea
Friday	**March 24th**
5:30 pm	Coro Tello
5:45 pm	1st Communion -Spanish class
Saturday	**March 25th**
12:00 noon	**English - 1st Communion Retreat**
4:30 pm	RCIC,RCIT RCIA Class Eng & Sp
Sunday	**March 26th**
9:45 am	OEC English PRE-K- 8TH Grade
11:30 am	OEC Spanish PRE-K-5TH

LIGHT AND SHADOW

In faith there is enough light for those who want to believe and enough shadows to blind those who don't.

LUZ Y SOMBRA

En la fe hay suficiente luz para los que quieren creer y suficiente sombra para enceguecer a los que no.

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday:	2 Sm 7:4-5a, 12-14a, 16; Ps 89:2-5, 27, 29;
March 20th	Rom 4:13, 16-18, 22;
	Gospel: Mt 1:16, 18-21, 24a or Lk 2:41-51a
Tuesday:	Ez 47:1-9, 12; Ps 46:2-3, 5-6, 8-9
March 21st	**Gospel:** Jn 5:1-16
Wednesday:	Is 49:8-15; Ps 145:8-9, 13cd-14, 17-18
March 22nd	**Gospel:** Jn 5:17-30
Thursday:	Ex 32:7-14; Ps 106:19-23
March 23rd	**Gospel:** Jn 5:31-47
Friday:	Wis 2:1a, 12-22; Ps 34:17-21, 23
March 24th	**Gospel:** Jn 7:1-2, 10, 25-30
Saturday:	Is 7:10-14, 8:10; Ps 40:7-11; Heb 10:4-10
March 25th	**Gospel:** Lk 1:26-38
Sunday:	Ez 37:12-14; Ps 130:1-8; Rom 8:8-11
March 26th	**Gospel:** Jn 11:1-45 [3-7, 17, 20-27, 33b-45]

ST. DOMINIC CATHOLIC CHURCH
HOUSTON, TX

FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT
MARCH 19, 2023

ST. DOMINIC

PLEASE LET US KNOW… If you or a loved one are hospitalized and would like to be added to the prayer list, have a visit, homebound, and receive Holy Communion or the Sacrament of Anointing. Call the Parish office - 281-458-2910

INTENCIONES DE MISAS

Favor de pasar al la oficina por lo menos un semana antes de fecha de intención. No le de su intención a ultima hora al lector. El nombre de intención debe aparecer en el boletín.
El boletín es enviado a impresa en lunes para edición del próximo domingo.
La donación mínima por intención son $5.00

MASS INTENTIONS

Please come by the office at least a week prior to date that you want intention mentioned. Please do not give name to lector last minute before intentions are mentioned. Names will appear in the bulletin.
Bulletin is sent to press on Monday of the week before Sunday edition.
Minimum Donation per intention of $5.00

ONLINE GIVING ST. DOMINIC

website www.stdominichouston.org
has three modules you can donate to. Under Ecommunity you can donate to St. Dominic and indicate where you want your donation applied.

You will also see DSF click on donate today select parish and place your donation. This is linked directly to the Archdiocese.

To donate to ignite click on ignite/enciende tab you will see HTTPS:/ www.archgh.org/ignite this is also linked to archdiocese.

Donations to DSF & Ignite are not controlled by St. Dominic. Statements for DSF and ignite are sent from the Archdiocese.

DONACIONES EN LÍNEA ST. DOMINIC

sitio web www.stdominichouston.org tiene tres módulos a los que puedes donar. En Ecommunity puede donar a St. Dominic e indicar dónde desea que se aplique su donación.

También verá que DSF hace clic en donar hoy, seleccione la parroquia y haga su donación. Esto está vinculado directamente a la Arquidiócesis.

Para donar a ignite, haga clic en la pestaña ignite/enciende. ver HTTPS:/www.archgh.org/ignite esto también está vinculado a archidiócesis.

St. Dominic no controla las donaciones a DSF & Ignite. Las declaraciones para DSF y ignite se envían desde la Arquidiócesis.

MINISTRIES & ORGANIZATIONS Leaders & Time

Altar Servers: Merced Flores -**Spanish**
Clem & Cecile Monta **English** 3rd Saturday 9:00 am.
E. M. of Holy Communion: Mary LeBlanc -English
E. M. de Eucaristia: Imelda Duran
Lectors English: Gale Lamanilao
Lectores Spanish: Maribel Ortiz
Liturgy English Music: Melner Calvo, Kevin Rosacia
Liturgia Musica Espanol: Valentin Cobos, Jesus Puente, Elias Tello
Ushers/Greeters English: CriseldaPenaflor, Youth Group
Acomodadores Español: Gonzalo & Isabel Aguilar
Parish Pastoral Council: Rogelio Mendez, 1st. Monday 6:00 pm
Parish Finance Council: Hector Hernandez, quarterly & as necessary
Baptismal classes- English: Melner Calvo, Clem Mota
Clases Pre -Bautismales Español: Francisco & Romana Ramirez, Imelda Duran
Catholic Daughters: Shirley Malonson 3rd Tuesday 6:30 pm
Family Ministry: Melner Calvo
Damas del Altar: Lucy Villanueva
Amisf: Anabel Lozano
Knights of Columbus: Bill Burling, 1st. Sunday 9: 30 am
Legion of Mary: Elda Briggs, Thursday 7:00 p.m. English
Legion de Maria : Juany Tamez, Jueves 7:00 p.m. Español
Peregrinos Marianos: Rafael Ibarra,Freddy Garcia
Facilities Maintenance: Raymond Helfrich & Bobby Baccigalopi
Asamblea De Oración: Manuel Mungia, Jueves 7:00 pm
Escuela de la Cruz: Martin Oviedo
Talleres De Oracion: Jorge Luis Lopez
MFCC St. Dominic: Francisco & Lucina Valles
Hispanic Ministry Coordinator: Rogelio Mendez
Youth Ministry: Thursday 7:00 pm Rosana Gonzales, Elda Briggs, Arlett Hernandez
Clase Pre-Nupcial : Jose y Silvia Cervantes
Pre-Nuptial Class: Jose & Esmeralda Rangel
Nullity Sponsors: Clem Monta
Evangelization: Rogelio Mendez
Pro-Life Gabriel: Rosana Gonzalez
Parents Faith Formation: Rogelio Mendez-Spanish
Disaster Coordinator: Raymond Helfrich, Juan Hernandez, Elda Briggs, Francisca Fortuno, Rosana Gonzalez

Knights of Columbus Council #10779

BBQ Rib Fundraiser Presale
Smoked Honey BBQ Baby Back Ribs $20.00
Orders will be ready for pickup
Sunday , April 2, 2023
9:00 am to noon
in the Jurek hall

LENTEN SCHEDULE

WAY OF THE CROSS/VIA CRUCIS
EVERY FRIDAY DURING LENT
AFTER 8:00 AM MASS WAY OF THE CROSS
VÍA CRUCIS 6:00 PM BILINGÜE

FISH FRY /VENTA DE PESCADO FRITO
EVERY FRIDAY DURING LENT
CADA VIERNES DURANTE CUARESMA
4:00 PM -7:00 PM LINDSEY HALL

TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading — As the prophet Samuel anointed David with oil, the spirit of the LORD rushed upon David (1 Samuel 16:1b, 6-7, 10-13a).

Psalm — My shepherd is the Lord; I shall not want (Psalm 23).

Second Reading — You who were once darkness are now light in the Lord. Live as children of light (Ephesians 5:8-14).

Gospel — The man who was blind from birth proclaimed: The one called Jesus made clay with his saliva, anointed my eyes with it, and told me to wash. When I washed, I was able to see!
(John 9:1-41 [1, 6-9, 13-17, 34-38])

LECTURAS DE HOY

Primera lectura — Samuel ungió a David para ser rey (1 Samuel 16:1b, 6-7, 10-13a).

Salmo — Mi pastor es el Señor; nada necesitaré (Salmo 23 [22]).

Segunda lectura — Levántense de entre los muertos, hijos de la luz (Efesios 5:8-14).

Evangelio — De esto estoy seguro: Yo era ciego pero ahora puedo ver (Juan 9:1-41 [1, 6-9, 13-17, 34- 38]).

CATHOLIC PRAYER CORNER
Prayer in Time of Sadness and Grief

O God of compassion,
your people are in pain.
Send your Holy Spirit among us
to dispel the fear that accompanies grief.
We cry out to you in our confusion;
comfort us in our affliction.
Help us to travel this road of grief and sadness
with our eyes fixed on the salvation
promised us through the death and resurrection
of your Son, who is Lord forever and ever. Amen.

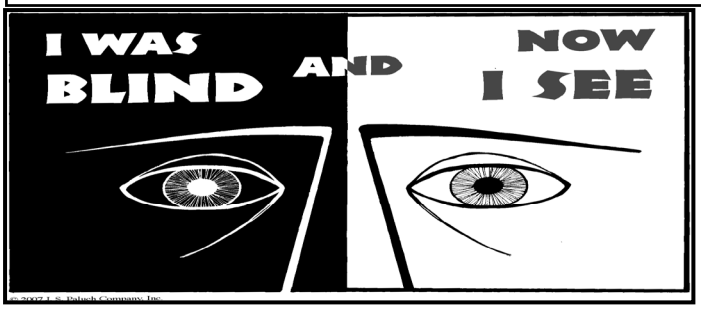
LA ESQUINA DE ORACIÓN CATÓLICA
Oración en Tiempos de Tristeza y Dolor

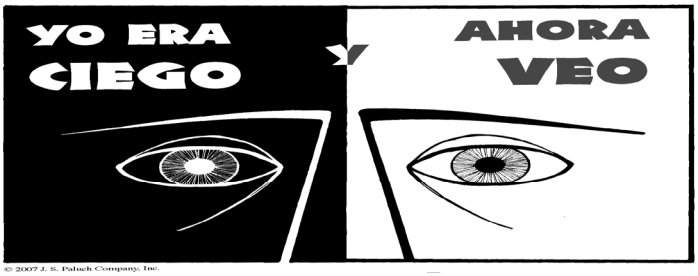
Oh, Dios de compasión,
tu pueblo está sufriendo.
Envía tu Espíritu Santo en medio de nosotros
para disipar el miedo que acompaña al dolor.
Aclamamos a ti en nuestra confusión;
consuélanos en nuestra aflicción.
Ayúdanos a recorrer este camino de dolor y tristeza
con la mirada puesta en la salvación
prometida por la muerte y resurrección de tu Hijo,
que es Señor por los siglos de los siglos. Amén.

Please call office or e-mail Maria or Irma e-mails listed in front of the bulletin, If you have any changes in your family status, change off address, change of phone number added another family member.

Call office for your ID number

Por favor llame a la oficina o a los correos electrónicos de María o Irma que se encuentran al frente del boletín. Si tiene algún cambio en el estado de su familia, cambio de dirección, cambio en el número de teléfono o agrego otro miembro de la familia.
Llame a la oficina para obtener su número de identificación





Fourth Sunday of Lent

What do you see? Jesus gave sight to a man who was blind from birth. Not only was his physical sight restored, he saw things clearly even though the people around him—religious leaders, his own parents—were blinded by fear. Their preconceived convictions kept them in darkness even while the light of the world stood before them, offering them new sight. Led by the light of Christ, the man who had been blind worshiped Jesus. Samuel looked at Jesse's sons through the eyes of God and found the Lord's anointed, not in the older, stronger ones, but in the youngest, David. As we continue our Lenten journey, we resolve to live in the light of the Lord, to see clearly through the eyes of faith and respond by sharing Christ's light with the world.

IT'S TIME TO SEE OUR BLINDNESS

Most of us can admit that we're blind at times—we simply do not see the people and situations around us clearly. We stumble in the darkness of illness or grief and cannot see a way out. We may be blinded by selfishness or self-centeredness. Sometimes we are so caught up in our own lives, we're blind to the hurt, confusion, and need of those around us. We may look at things through our limited experience and perspective and not understand others' pain. At times, we choose to remain blind. We fail to see injustice and unfairness, preferring to remain in the dark rather than risk acknowledging and addressing such situations. Like the parents of the man who was born blind, we stay safe and comfortable, even when there is clearly an opportunity to make a difference, to bring light and love to the darkness.

SEE THROUGH THE EYES OF FAITH

When Samuel met the sons of Jesse, he thought he could see the one the Lord would anoint. He found the grace, however, to see through the eyes of faith and respond by anointing David, who would become the king of Israel. Jesus opened the eyes of the man who was born blind. We do not know how many others' eyes were opened that day, as they saw Jesus as the source of light and life. We can learn from Samuel and Jesus, bringing our darkness to the light through faith. When we look at life through God's eyes, we see endless possibility for goodness, holiness, grace, and peace.

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]

Cuarto Domingo de Cuaresma

¿Qué es lo que ves? Jesús devolvió la vista a un hombre ciego de nacimiento. No sólo recuperó la vista física, sino que vio las cosas con claridad, a pesar de que las personas que le rodeaban -los líderes religiosos, sus propios padres- estaban cegadas por el miedo. Sus convicciones preconcebidas les mantenían en la oscuridad, incluso cuando la luz del mundo estaba ante ellos, ofreciéndoles una nueva visión. Guiado por la luz de Cristo, el hombre que había estado ciego adoró a Jesús. Samuel miró a los hijos de Jesé a través de los ojos de Dios y encontró al ungido del Señor, no en los mayores y más fuertes, sino en el más joven, David. Al continuar nuestro camino cuaresmal, nos proponemos vivir a la luz del Señor, ver con claridad a través de los ojos de la fe y responder compartiendo la luz de Cristo con el mundo.

ES HORA DE VER NUESTRA CEGUERA

La mayoría de nosotros puede admitir que a veces estamos ciegos: simplemente no vemos con claridad a las personas y las situaciones que nos rodean. Tropezamos en la oscuridad de la enfermedad o el dolor y no vemos la salida. Puede que nos ciegue el egoísmo o el egocentrismo. A veces estamos tan atrapados en nuestras propias vidas, que somos ciegos al dolor, la confusión y la necesidad de los que nos rodean. Podemos mirar las cosas a través de nuestra limitada experiencia y perspectiva y no entender el dolor de los demás. A veces, optamos por permanecer ciegos. No vemos la injusticia y la falta de equidad, y preferimos permanecer en la oscuridad antes que arriesgarnos a reconocer y abordar esas situaciones. Como los padres del ciego de nacimiento, nos quedamos a salvo y cómodos, incluso cuando hay una clara oportunidad de marcar la diferencia, de llevar luz y amor a la oscuridad.

VER CON LOS OJOS DE LA FE

Cuando Samuel conoció a los hijos de Jesé, pensó que podía ver al que el Señor ungiría. Sin embargo, encontró la gracia de ver a través de los ojos de la fe y respondió ungiendo a David, que se convertiría en el rey de Israel. Jesús abrió los ojos del ciego de nacimiento. No sabemos a cuántos otros se les abrieron los ojos aquel día, al ver a Jesús como fuente de luz y de vida. Podemos aprender de Samuel y de Jesús, trayendo nuestra oscuridad a la luz a través de la fe. Cuando miramos la vida a través de los ojos de Dios, vemos infinitas posibilidades de bondad, santidad, gracia y paz.

Lecturas de hoy: 1 Sam 16:1b, 6–7, 10–13a; Sal 23 (22): 1–3a, 3b–4, 5, 6; Ef 5:8–14; Jn 9:1–41 [1, 6–9, 13–17, 34–38]

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