

Fourth Sunday of Lent
March 22, 2020

Samuel was one of the great leaders of ancient Israel. Called by God while he was still young, he was recognized as a prophet and a seer before becoming a military and political leader. Yet he expected that God would select one of Jesse's older sons as the new king. If not even this eminently wise and capable leader has the insight required to choose his successor, how much must we depend on God for the decisions we must make. If nothing else, we must resist the urge to make a snap judgment based on appearance alone.

"Like night and day," we say when speaking of two things that are completely different. Paul would approve of that idiom, for he contrasts light and darkness in the reading we hear today: "You were once darkness, but now you are light in the Lord" (Ephesians 5:8). While in the darkness (whose "fruitless works" can still tempt them) the Ephesian were unable or unwilling to realize goodness, righteousness, or truth. With the light of Christ they gained insight. In the early Christian era, one of the traditional names for baptism was "illumination." As baptized Christians, let us shine forth the light of Christ to illuminate our world.

The intellectual laziness of the Pharisees is exposed today. Rather than take the time to use good judgment, they immediately dismiss Jesus as a sinner. He did not keep the Sabbath! It did not matter that he cured a blind man. It wouldn't matter if he had conquered death; keeping the law was more important. If nothing else, judging exclusively by the letter of the law made life easier for them. Illuminated by Christ's light, we are called to make the effort to shine a light on all aspect of a person, event, or issue, so we can make a good and true judgment.

Question of the Week

When have I judged someone unkindly without taking the time to look deeper?

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Saturday, March 21, 2020

Vigil of the Fourth Sunday of Lent

4:00p.m. Darrell & Bruce Gabriel – Elodie Gabriel – Francis Hai Cao – Joseph Ngan Cao & Mary Pham – Ellsworth McKendall – Leonard Belton – Joyce Evans – Tu Tran – George Marcell – Chris H. Davillier, Sr. – Richard Defrene – Msgr. Earl Gauthreaux

Sunday, March 22, 2020

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8:30a.m. Darrell & Bruce Gabriel – Elodie Gabriel – Earthy B. Lazard – Walter Banks, III – Francis Hai Cao – Joseph Ngan Cao & Mary Pham – Melvina Kepp – Lawrence Miller, Jr. – Betty Cates – Tu Tran – Jerome Lomba, Sr. – Memory Britsch – Calvin Tate – Msgr. Earl Gauthreaux

10:30a.m. Lordeas Glapion Nix – Lamar & Shirley Smith – Melvin Thomas – Melvin Thomas – Msgr. Earl Gauthreaux – Russell Obee – Ronald M. Carriere, Sr. – Noma Honore – All souls in purgatory

12:00p.m. Msgr. Earl Gauthreaux – Intentions of St. Maria Goretti Parish

Monday, March 23, 2020

8:30a.m. Joseph Ngan Cao & Mary Pham – Mr. Mrs. Ernest Jacob, Sr. – Intentions of Earl and Iris Pierre

6:00p.m. Intentions of the sick and homeless

Tuesday, March 24, 2020

8:30a.m. Joseph Ngan Cao & Mary Pham – Tu Tran – Intentions of Stacey Martin – In Thanksgiving

6:00p.m. Intentions of the sick and homebound

Wednesday, March 25, 2020

8:30a.m. Albert R. Pierre – Joseph Cong Cao – Peter & Mary Nuygen – Joseph Ngan Cao & Mary Pham – Tu Tran – Msgr. Earl Gauthreaux – Intentions of Stacey and Vernon Martin – Henry Martin – Fr. Cyril Buyeera

6:00p.m. Ruby Jackson – Msgr. Earl Gauthreaux

Thursday, March 26, 2020

8:30a.m. Joseph Nagan Cao & Mary Pham – Tu Tran – Intentions of Gianna Northern – Haley and Aiden Mitchell – Jalen and Kolby Adams – Stacey Martin

6:00p.m. Intention of all souls in purgatory

Friday, March 27, 2020

8:30a.m. Joseph Ngan Cao & Mary Pham – Tu Tran

6:00p.m. Msgr. Gauthreaux – Intentions of Fr. Buyeera – John Northern – Krissy Thomas – Kristy and Jarandon Adams – Gregory, June and Ashton Jones

Saturday, March 28, 2020

8:30a.m. Msgr. Earl Gauthreaux – The Living and Deceased Benefactors of the Catholic Negro American Mission

Eucharistic Adoration

Eucharistic Adoration Monday – Friday, 9:00a.m. – 12:00 Noon and Saturdays, 12:00 noon – 3:00pm. in the Chapel.



Sanctuary Lamp

The Sanctuary Lamp in the Church for this week will burn in memory of Msgr. Earl Gauthreaux. The Sanctuary Lamps in the Chapel this week will burn in memory of Gloria Lewis and Charles Cager, Sr.



Thursdays, 8:00p.m. in the Center where you might win and have some fun with friends and family.

Bible Study

Bible Study will be held this Monday Night at 7:00p.m. in the Center. The readings for the Fourth Sunday in Lent Year A. Reading I: 1 Samuel 16:1b, 6-7, 10-13a; Responsorial Psalm: 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6; Reading II: Ephesians 5:8-14; Gospel: John 9:1-14 or 9:-9, 13-17, 34-38.

Faith Formation and RCIA Sessions

Continuing faith formation and RCIA sessions will be held this Wednesday evening at 7:00p.m. in the Center. This week we will discuss, the meaning of; “one, holy, catholic, apostolic church, and one Baptism for the forgiveness of sins,” in the Nicene Creed. Lord, increase my faith? A faith that enlightens – Let me see what you see? During Week 4: A faith that enlightens – Let me see what you see? Baptism, Reconciliation, Grace and Mercy - What are the Social Teachings of the Catholic Church? What do you see in the Sacraments?

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St. Maria Goretti Parish Lenten Mission

All are invited to the St. Maria Goretti Parish Lenten Mission, April 6-8 2020 from 7:00-8:30pm in the church. Bring your family and friends for three evenings of praise, preaching and teaching by our presenter, Father Maurice Nutt, C.S.S.R. Let’s gather as a parish family keeping the tradition that Monsignor Gauthreaux started of making Holy Week a Holy Week.

We welcome everyone into our parish. If you have not filled out a census card, the cards can be found on the table at the entrance of the church.

Lenten Schedule

Daily Masses 8:30a.m. and 6:00p.m. The Way of the Cross will follow the 8:30a.m. and the Friday 6:00p.m. Mass.



Fasting & Abstinence

Fasting is to be observed by all Catholics who are 18 years of age until the age of 59. Only one meal should be eaten on those days and **No** meat. Those who are bound to fast may also take only one full meal. Two small meals are permitted if necessary to maintain strength according to each one’s needs, but eating solid foods between meals is not permitted. **Abstinence** from meat is to be observed by all Catholic 14 years or older on All Fridays of Lent.

The Week Ahead In Our Parish

Monday, March 23, 2020

- 6:00p.m. Zumba Class – Center Area
- 7:00p.m. Lakewood East – Rm.9

Tuesday, March 24, 2020

- 12:00p.m. AARP – Rms. 3-4
- 6:00p.m. AKA – Center
- 7:00p.m. First Place Class – Rms. 10

Wednesday, March 25, 2020

- 6:00p.m. Exercise Class – Center Area

Thursday, March 26, 2020

- 6:00p.m. Bingo – Center Area

Friday, March 27, 2020

- 12:00p.m. Fish Fry – Center, Kitchen, Rms. 3-4

Saturday, March 28, 2020

- 8:00a.m. LTMTM Men – Library
- 9:45a.m. LTMTM Ladies – Rms. 3-4

