

ST. ISIDORE IN YOUR HEART

FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT (3/22/20)

Sisters and brothers of St. Isidore's parish, let us take a moment to pray together and to look, listen, and hear the Lord from the sanctuary of our parish church, this Sunday morning.

May the Lord have mercy on us, forgive our sins, and bring us to everlasting life, Amen.

Let us pray

O God, who through your Word reconcile the human race to yourself in a wonderful way, grant, we pray, that with prompt devotion and eager faith the Christian people may hasten toward the solemn celebrations to come. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever.

Liturgy of the word:

God is good, all the time; all the time, God is good.

First Reading: 1 SM 16:1B, 6-7, 10-13A

The LORD said to Samuel, "There—anooint him, for this is the one!" (verse 12). Lucky David, we may say. And honestly, David was fortunate because the Lord just chose him to be anointed a king when everyone least expected it. Remember that we are also a part of lucky people in the world today. God has chosen you to have faith in his son, Jesus Christ. We are a chosen people, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, God's special possession (1 Peter 2:9), thanks to our common baptism.

Second Reading: EPH 5:8-14

Paul's voice resounds in these words, "Awake, O sleeper, and arise from the dead, and Christ will give you light" (Verse 14). No doubt, COVIC-19 is keeping all of us at home when we should be out there doing what we enjoy doing. But, be of good cheer. Stay alive! Ask the Lord for his light. For, soon the Lord will bring us together again to celebrate in the church.

Gospel: JN 9:1-41

"I do believe, Lord," and he worshiped him. (verse 38). Faith overcomes darkness. The blind man whose sight Jesus restored confessed and worshipped the Lord. That's what we also do. Let's keep our confession on our lips and worship him in our hearts today and always.

Prayer:

For the Church, that it will continue to be strong to renew the hearts of people in purity and holiness for the lord; for Pope Francis, bishops, priests, and all religious and church leaders; for the leaders of nations and communities, for all members of St. Isidore's Parish, that we receive the wisdom and the support needed to combat the Corona virus and COVIC-19 pandemic. We pray to the Lord.

Closing:

O God, who enlighten everyone who comes into this world, illuminate our hearts, we pray, with the splendor of your grace, that we may always ponder what is worthy and pleasing to your majesty and love you in all sincerity. Through Christ our Lord. Amen. The Lord be with you. May Almighty God bless you, the Father, and the Son, and the Holy Spirit. Amen.

