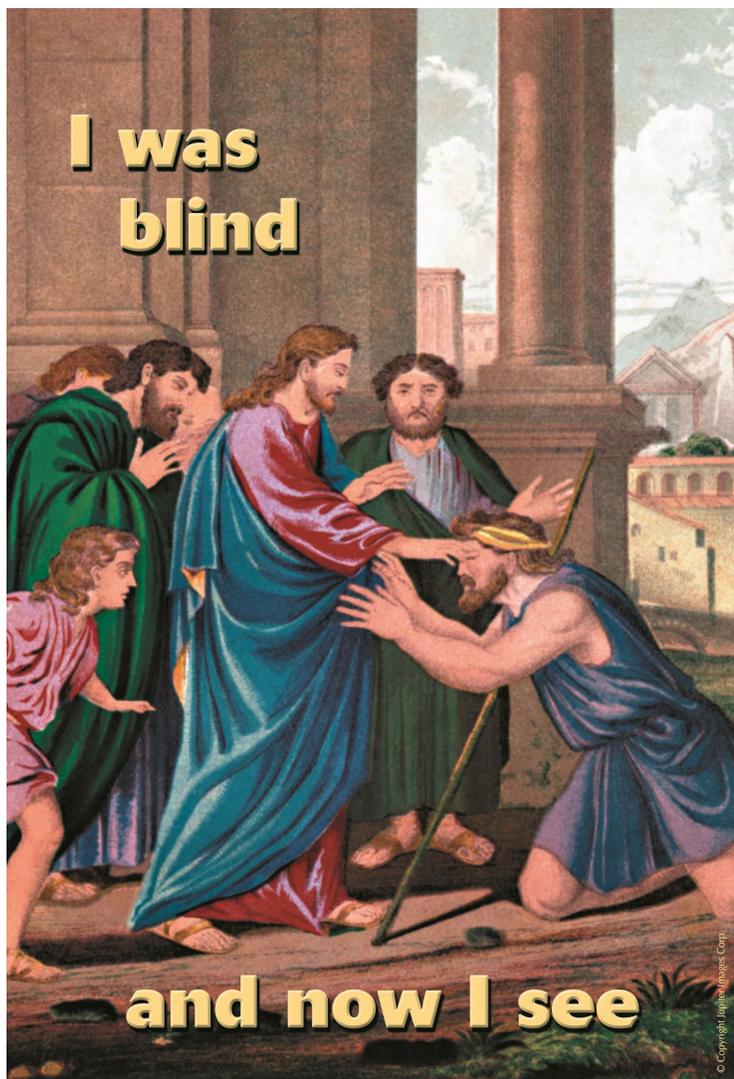


St. Mary's Mission

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**I was
blind**

and now I see

March 30, 2014

Fourth Sunday of Lent

Jesus proclaimed that he came into the world to make the sightless see and the seeing blind. A difficult saying! But surely it must mean that Jesus intended to take our ordinary ways of looking at things and turn them inside out. Jesus came to change our perspective.

When the prophet Samuel went out to select the new king, he chose a young man who had the look of royalty about him. But God told him not to judge by appearances. God told Samuel—and today tells us—to change our perspective and to look at things and people differently.

We are like the Ephesians, whom Paul urged to live as children of the light. With the light of faith, we have a new way of looking at things, and we are called to bring that new vision to the world around us. This is a great vocation, a calling to wake people up to what's really important.

Mass Schedule

Sunday 9:30 AM

Mission Staff

Sister Susana Renteria, PCI

PASTOR: Msgr. Michael Heras
PRIESTS: Msgr. Seamus McGowan
Fr. Patrick Higgins
Fr. Joseph Olikkara
DEACONS: Allen Cicora
Eluterio Farias
Richard Lewinski

Living God's Word

We pray to God as the ineffable light, calling forth from the darkness of fear and prejudice and hatred men and women who choose to live in the light of Christ. We pray to remove our attraction to the darkness, replacing it with a love for the Light.

MASS INTENTIONS

Mar. 31-April 6, 2014



Monday

8:00 am †David Najvar - Frank & Elaine Cain
 6:30 pm †William Hoelscher - Norbert & Barbara Hoelscher

Tuesday

8:00 am †Eva Suarez & Espiridino Suarez - M/M Joe Alaniz
 6:30 pm †August Bluntzer - James & Jennifer Byerly

Wednesday

6:30 pm Dominican Sisters of St. Thomas Aquinas

Thursday

8:00 am †Tommy Najvar - Elaine Najvar
 6:30 pm †Catherine Parker - Frances Carter, Fam

Friday

8:00 am †Joyce Brand - Delia Valle
 6:30 pm †Sophia Zapletal - Charles & Mildred Kosarek

Saturday

8:00 am †Harold & Louise McCown - Harold & James McCown & Families
 6:00 pm 25th Wed. Anniv. Luis & Alicia Sepulveda (Renew Vows)

COLLECTIVE MASSES

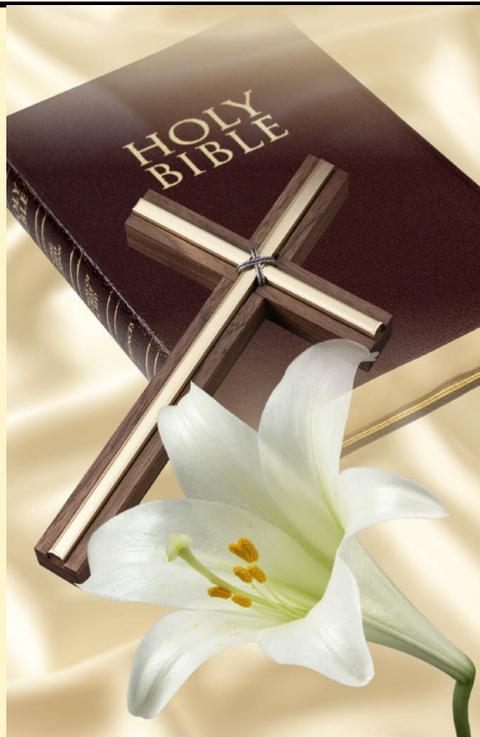
Sunday

8:00 am †Rita Salinas - Deacon Teo & Rose Farias
 9:30 am †Allen Michael Lopez - Thelma Lopez
 10:00 am †Maria F. Morin - Family
 12:00 pm Esperanza Cano B-day - Family
 †Antonio Ysaguirre - Rosie Aguirre
 †Melvin Arnold - Donna Arnold, sons, & Grandson
 †Sandra Sykora - Jerry & Martha A. Majek
 †Joe Sherman - Clay & Alicia Sherman People of the Parish
 6:00 pm †Levina & Gilberto Cantu - Noemi & Joe Reynolds

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Is 65:17-21; Ps 30:2, 4-6, 11-13b; Jn 4:43-54
Tuesday: Ez 47:1-9, 12; Ps 46:2-3, 5-6, 8-9; Jn 5:1-16
Wednesday: Is 49:8-15; Ps 145:8-9, 13cd-14, 17-18; Jn 5:17-30
Thursday: Ex 32:7-14; Ps 106:19-23; Jn 5:31-47
Friday: Wis 2:1a, 12-22; Ps 34:17-21, 23; Jn 7:1-2, 10, 25-30
Saturday: Jer 11:18-20; Ps 7:2-3, 9bc-12; Jn 7:40-53
Sunday: Ez 37:12-14; Ps 130:1-8; Rom 8:8-11; Jn 11:1-45 [3-7, 17, 20-27, 33b-45]

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TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

If there is such a thing as a Catholic “trademark” it is the sign of the cross, first traced on the senses of catechumens as they begin the journey to baptism, or on the forehead of an infant who is brought to the doors of the church at baptism.

As early as the third century, Christians were tracing the sign of the cross on their bodies. At first, the cross was traced on the forehead during times of prayer and daily occupations. We use a similar small cross today as we trace the cross over on the forehead, lips, and heart at the Gospel during Mass. Much later, the full-body sign traced from forehead to heart to shoulders took shape, perhaps copying the priest’s gesture of blessing with the consecrated host during Mass. Today, this superb baptismal gift is a sign of belonging to Christ and the community, a way of focusing our attention, of asking for God’s blessing, of tracing on our shoulders a willingness to find meaning in life’s burdens. In the sign of the cross, we have an ever-available means of expressing gratitude for our baptism.

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| ST. MARY’S MISSION Envelopes | \$540.00 |
| Loose | \$131.00 |
| Total | \$671.00 |

C.C.D Classes on Wednesday,
5:30 to 6:30 pm.
Confirmation Class - Wednesday,
7:00 - 8:00 pm.
Call Sr. Susana at 947-4601
for more information.



STATIONS OF THE CROSS ARE HELD EACH FRIDAY DURING LENT AT 6:30 PM. We encourage all families to make

time for extra Masses during the week and attend the stations of the cross on Fridays. This is an excellent way to help us to meditate on the suffering and passion of Jesus Christ and prepare for Holy Week and Easter.

REFLECTING ON GOD'S WORD

Most of us can recognize times when we are “in the dark” and occasions when we carry darkness in our hearts, just as there are moments when we feel enlightened and find that our vision is clear. It is quite another thing to become identified with darkness or with light. The first words of today’s reading from the Letter to the Ephesians stand out for their boldness: “You were once darkness, but now you are light in the Lord” (Ephesians 5:8).

We get a glimpse of what it means to be light in the Lord both from Samuel, who finally sees as God sees, and in the courageous behavior of the man born blind after Jesus has healed him. Samuel anoints Israel’s greatest king, David, and the man born blind comes to faith in Jesus as Lord.

The man born blind is one of those strong figures found in John’s Gospel. Like the woman at the well, we never learn his name but we come to know his heart. His speech is straightforward, whether speaking to his neighbors, the Pharisees, or Jesus. You can hear the gradual dawning of faith as he responds to those around him, from the simple “He put clay on my eyes, and I washed, and now I can see” to “He is a prophet,” to his answer to Jesus’ question about having faith in the Son of man standing before him, “I do believe, Lord” (John 9:15, 17, 38).

In the beginning God spoke. Those first words have never stopped bringing about what they said:

Everyone is invited to attend all the different things at St. Peter’s Parish.

BIBLE STUDY: (St. Peter’s) Tuesdays in Lent. March: 11; 18; 25. April: 1; 8 at 7 pm in the Parish Hall.

DREAM CLASS: (St. Peter’s) Thursdays in Lent. March 13; 20; 27 at 7 pm. In the Parish Hall.

CATHOLICS RETURNING HOME: (St. Peter’s) Every Tuesday at 7 pm in the CCD Building. Child care provided. FMI: Call Deacon Al at 241-2784 or 563-7943 or the parish office at 241-3249. or the parish office 241-3249.

PENANCE SERVICE for Adults will be at 7 pm on Monday, March 31. (St. Peter’s)

PENANCE SERVICE for Youth will be on Wednesday, April 9 at 7 pm. (St. Peter’s).

ST. THOMAS THE APOSTLE YOUTH GROUP RUMMAGE SALE

St. Thomas Youth Group will be holding a rummage sale on April 4 & 5 from 8:30 am until 4:00 pm Friday & Saturday. The rummage sale will be held in the Parish Hall. The sale will feature quality furniture, house wares, appliances, toys, sporting foods, hardware, and much more. Contact John Harris at 946-9104 for pickup or more information.

OUR LADY OF THE ROSARY, 1123 Main Drive, 241-2004 is having a Lenten Fish Fry on March 14, March 28 & April 11 (11 am - 2 pm only).

Menu: Seasoned, breaded Tilapia, Hot Hush Puppies, Crispy French Fries and Fresh Creamy Homemade Cole Slaw. Donation \$7 per plate. Dine in or take out

Stewardship by the Book

The blind man was willing to let Jesus Minister to him and willingly did all Jesus asked Of him. The Pharisees were more resistant to His message, spending their time and energy to disprove the miracle. Which am I more like, the man born blind or the Pharisees?

Vocation View

If we can't see where we're going, we'll never get there. The Good Shepherd leads us to green pastures, refreshes our souls and brings light to a darkened world.