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FOURTH SUNDAY OF

Lent

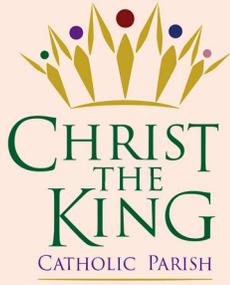
MARCH 22, 2020

*I was blind
and now I see.*

John 9:25

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March 16, 2020

Greetings to my Amazing Parish Family Members!

Little did I know Friday morning that I was celebrating my last Mass with an Assembly until further notice. I was notified about our closures 4 hours after greeting people. I support the Bishop's decision. This Coronavirus sounds very dangerous for our population over 60 years old, and that's a lot of us, including me.

I miss our fellowship and I'm sure you do, too. We have so many hearts of gold here! It is a blessing to have such wonderful friends in our lives. I believe being deprived of the Eucharist now is also a difficult time for all of you. We will certainly appreciate the Eucharist and our fellowship more when we can gather again. I look forward to celebrating the liturgy with you again at the first opportunity.

While I am not allowed to celebrate Mass in public for now, I continue to celebrate Mass in private daily. It is eerie having only an altar server present.

Please forgive me if I sound crass now, but I have to address this. All of us Pastors are concerned about paying the expenses of our parishes without a weekly Collection, because the bills obviously continue to arrive. Your support is so important! During this difficult time, I ask you to consider contributing online. Online Giving under the present circumstances is a much more convenient way to make your gifts than mailing in envelopes. If I can sweet-talk you into this, here are the steps:

Go to our parish website at ctkpueblo.org

Click on the "About Us" tab on the top of the screen.

Click on the Online Giving tab at the bottom of the drop-down menu.

Click on the Online Giving box in the upper right corner.

Click on Sign In.

Click on the bottom where it says "New? Register for an account", and follow the instructions. Enter a figure for your parish contribution and then reenter a figure for your Diocesan Ministry Fund contribution. Remember that I've asked you to designate a fourth of your usual contribution to our parish to DMF. I'm not asking you to increase your contribution; just to apportion it differently.

If you have any questions, call Mary Meissner at 719/542-9248 ext. 111. Remember, she knows everything!

You are in my prayers; please pray for me. Let's continue to grow closer to Christ.

Thanks for your help!

Your temporarily "virtual" Pastor,

Fr. John O.

Gospel Reflection by Fr. John —

In this weekend's Gospel, the man born blind rejoiced when Jesus healed him. He rejoiced because now he had the fullness of vision. Jesus made it possible for him to see as God sees. But before this healing, the blind man actually learned a lot about seeing as God sees – through his blindness, he could “see” with his heart. God doesn't see as humans see. God says so himself to Samuel in our First Reading. God doesn't pick Jesse's oldest and strongest son to be King of Israel; he picks the runt of the litter, the one who looks least prepared for the job, but who is perfect for the job. Because God sees deeper, into the heart, he sees the fullness of potential, the unique beauty of each person's soul he has created. He doesn't get distracted by appearances, as we so often do.

Today's Gospel is not saying: Try to see Jesus in everyone. It's saying step back from that: instead, see people and the world with Jesus's eyes, through God's eyes. If we could put “God glasses” like that, how different our encounters with other people would be. People who don't look, act or think the way we do, would no longer make us feel insecure, they would stimulate us. And we would deal so much better with our own failures and weaknesses, because we wouldn't see them as reasons to condemn ourselves, but as opportunities to love ourselves with an even greater love – because God does. When we see each other as God sees us, we rejoice.

Well, we can put on “God glasses.” They're in our pockets. Take 'em out! We got them at our Baptism. Baptism changes us, changes our identities. The power of Baptism enables us to be imitators of Christ and to see as God sees. Baptism lights up the dark places of our lives and strengthens each of us. That is why we reflect on Baptism so much during Lent. Remember your Baptism and rejoice!



Staff Directory

If you forget the extension, you will be able to go to the staff directory by hitting 5. If further assistance is needed hit 7 for Mary Meissner.

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TEMPORARILY CLOSED

All Masses in the Pueblo Diocese are cancelled effective immediately. This includes all activities at Christ the King Parish in Pueblo until further notice. Please watch our Facebook page and our Webpage for updates. Mass Intentions will be re-scheduled once we know when we will be back to our regular schedule.

Prayer Line:

If you have a prayer request for yourself or for someone you know, please call Sarah at 542-9248, Ext. 121 or email her at snelson@ctkpueblo.org.



Mass Intentions for the Month:

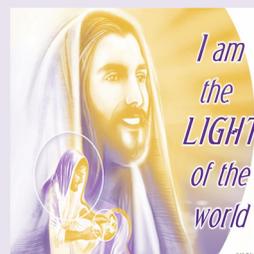
Fr. John is having a private Mass daily in the Church. The intention each day is for All Souls in Purgatory.



Due to the potential threat of coronavirus, Knights of Columbus Council 4286 has been ordered not to hold the Fish Fry Dinners for the remainder of Lent. Thank you for your support.



Stations of the Cross on Fridays has been cancelled due to health concerns.



LIGHT

“Awake, O sleeper, and arise from the dead, and Christ will give you light” (Ephesians 5:14). We are at the midpoint of our Lenten journey of conversion. As always, God never gives up on us, especially those who have “fallen asleep” along the road to conversion. The most powerful stories of conversion are proclaimed during these final weeks of Lent. They have the power to shake us out of our sleep. Today’s Gospel story of the healing of the man born blind exposes the real blindness in the time of Christ—the blindness of the self-righteous religious leaders. In a few weeks, at the Easter Vigil, the Church will proclaim “Christ our Light” as the paschal candle is carried into darkened churches throughout the world. May the darkness of sin that still pervades our lives, communities, and world, be dispelled by the Christ who comes to bring sight to the blind and light to the world.

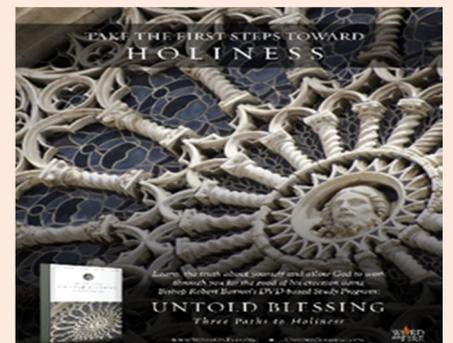
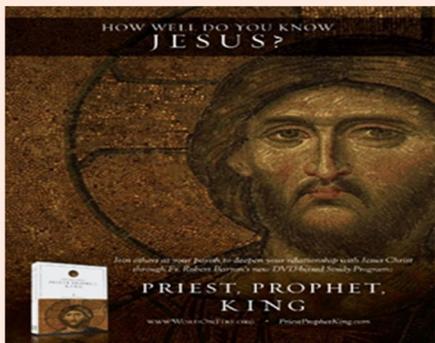
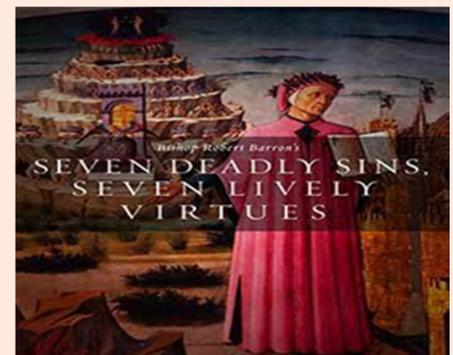
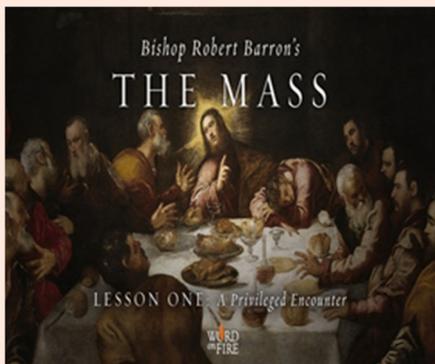
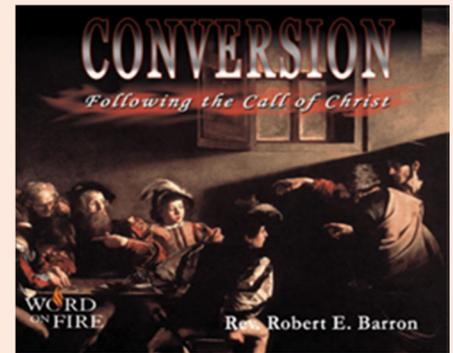
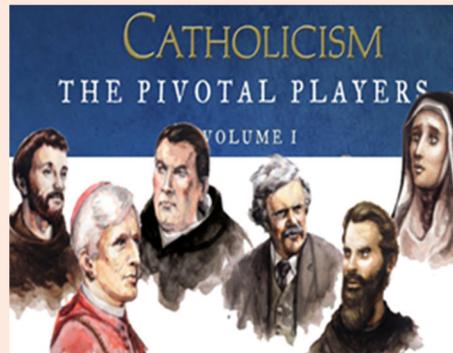
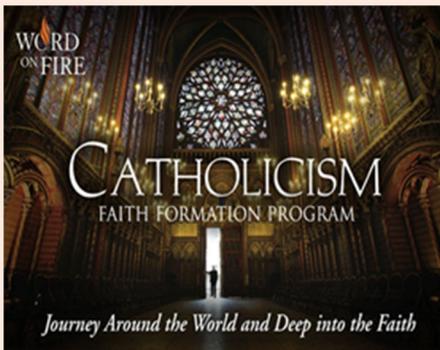
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**Fr. John says:
when your day seems like Good Friday,
remember Easter Sunday!**

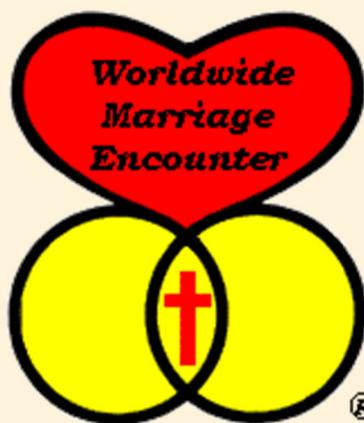


SAINT TURIBIUS OF MOGROVEJO (1538-1606)

March 23

In times of crisis, God always surprises the Church with unlikely saints, through whom Christ's light radiates beyond their local communities to illumine the universal Church. Charles Borromeo was such a saint: appointed Archbishop of Milan at twenty-one by his papal uncle, epitomizing the corruption that the reformers condemned, Charles instead inspired a revival that reinvigorated a Church devastated by the Reformation. His less well-known contemporary, Turibius of Mongrovejo, was God's "saintly surprise" in the New World. Spanish-born lawyer, professor, head of the feared Inquisition, Turibius was still a layman when a grateful king appointed him Archbishop of far-off Lima. Once in Peru, however, Turibius was appalled at the abuse of indigenous peoples by the occupying *conquistadores*—his fellow countrymen—and by the complicity of the clergy. He became the natives' devoted advocate, building churches, schools, hospitals, and the first seminary in the Americas, publishing catechisms and prayer-books in the native languages he painstakingly mastered. Four hundred years later, whenever Pope Benedict welcomed Latin American bishops to Rome, he always invoked "the shining example of San Toribio."

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This week, our parish will take up The Catholic Relief Services Collection (CRSC). Funds from this collection provide food to the hungry, support displaced refugees, and bring Christ's love and mercy to all people here and abroad.

Envelopes are in your packets or in the Narthex. Please make checks payable to Christ the King and mail to the Parish Office at 1708 Horseshoe Drive, Pueblo, CO 81001. Or you can give online at ctkpueblo.org, you then would designate National Collections for this.

Please give generously to the CRSC and **help Jesus in disguise**. Learn more about the collection at www.usccb.org/catholic-relief.



While our worship and parish activities are suspended until further notice, our office will remain open limited hours.

To limit the spread of the coronavirus, the parish staff will only be available by phone and email. We will not be accepting "walk-ins" to the parish office.

If you come by the parish office you will see the following sign. This is for your protection and ours. Please see page four for the staff listing with our phone extensions and email addresses.

We appreciate your understanding during this time.

CORONAVIRUS PREVENTION



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**We are not accepting
walk-ins at this time.
Please call or email the staff
member you need.**

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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 7:10-14, 8:10; Ps 40:7-11; Heb 10:4-10;
Lk 1:26-38

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]

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Sunday: Fourth Sunday of Lent

Monday: St. Turibius of Mogrovejo

Tuesday: World Day for Truth Concerning
Human Rights Violations

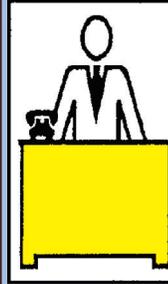
Wednesday: The Annunciation of the Lord

Friday: Abstinence



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