

## ***St. Matthew Parish Family***

***Fourth Sunday in Lent—March 22, 2020***

### ***Introductory Rite***

***P:*** In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. ***R: Amen.***

***P:*** The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

***R :*** And with your spirit.

### ***Penitential Act***

***P:*** Brothers and Sisters, let us acknowledge our sins, and so prepare ourselves to celebrate the sacred mysteries

***R:*** I confess to almighty God, and to you, my brothers and sisters, that I have greatly sinned, in my thoughts and in my words, in what I have done and in what I have failed to do, *(Striking their breast, they say)* through my fault, through my fault through my most grievous fault; therefore I ask blessed Mary, ever-Virgin, all the Angels and Saints, and you, my brothers and sisters, to pray for me to the Lord our God.

***P:*** May almighty God have mercy on us, forgive us our sins, and bring us to everlasting life. ***R: Amen.***

### ***Liturgy of the Word***

#### ***First Reading***

**1 Samuel 16:1B, 6-7, 10-13A**

The LORD said to Samuel:

“Fill your horn with oil, and be on your way.

I am sending you to Jesse of Bethlehem,  
for I have chosen my king from among his sons.”

As Jesse and his sons came to the sacrifice,  
Samuel looked at Eliab and thought,

“Surely the LORD’s anointed is here before him.”

But the LORD said to Samuel:

“Do not judge from his appearance or from his lofty stature,

because I have rejected him.  
Not as man sees does God see,  
because man sees the appearance  
but the LORD looks into the heart.”  
In the same way Jesse presented seven sons before Samuel,  
but Samuel said to Jesse,  
“The LORD has not chosen any one of these.”  
Then Samuel asked Jesse,  
“Are these all the sons you have?”  
Jesse replied,  
“There is still the youngest, who is tending the sheep.”  
Samuel said to Jesse,  
“Send for him;  
we will not begin the sacrificial banquet until he arrives here.”  
Jesse sent and had the young man brought to them.  
He was ruddy, a youth handsome to behold  
and making a splendid appearance.  
The LORD said,  
“There—anoint him, for this is the one!”  
Then Samuel, with the horn of oil in hand,  
anointed David in the presence of his brothers;  
and from that day on, the spirit of the LORD rushed upon David.

### **Responsorial Psalm 23**

R. (1) The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want.  
The LORD is my shepherd; I shall not want.

### **Second Reading**

Brothers and sisters:  
You were once darkness,  
but now you are light in the Lord.  
Live as children of light,  
for light produces every kind of goodness  
and righteousness and truth.  
Try to learn what is pleasing to the Lord.  
Take no part in the fruitless works of darkness;  
rather expose them, for it is shameful even to mention

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### **Ephesians 5:8-14**

the things done by them in secret;  
for everything that becomes visible is light.  
Therefore, it says:

“Awake, O sleeper,  
and arise from the dead,  
and Christ will give you light.”

**Gospel Acclamation**

**John 8:12**

I am the light of the world, says the Lord;  
whoever follows me will have the light of life.

**Gospel Reading**

**John 9:1**

As Jesus passed by he saw a man blind from birth.  
He spat on the ground and made clay with the saliva,  
and smeared the clay on his eyes,  
and said to him,  
“Go wash in the Pool of Siloam” — which means Sent —.  
So he went and washed, and came back able to see.

His neighbors and those who had seen him earlier as a beggar said,  
“Isn’t this the one who used to sit and beg?”  
Some said, “It is, “  
but others said, “No, he just looks like him.”  
He said, “I am.”

They brought the one who was once blind to the Pharisees.  
Now Jesus had made clay and opened his eyes on a sabbath.  
So then the Pharisees also asked him how he was able to see.  
He said to them,  
“He put clay on my eyes, and I washed, and now I can see.”  
So some of the Pharisees said,  
“This man is not from God,  
because he does not keep the sabbath.”  
But others said,  
“How can a sinful man do such signs?”  
And there was a division among them.  
So they said to the blind man again,  
“What do you have to say about him,  
since he opened your eyes?”  
He said, “He is a prophet.”

They answered and said to him,  
“You were born totally in sin,  
and are you trying to teach us?”  
Then they threw him out.

When Jesus heard that they had thrown him out,  
he found him and said, “Do you believe in the Son of Man?”  
He answered and said,  
“Who is he, sir, that I may believe in him?”  
Jesus said to him,  
“You have seen him, and  
the one speaking with you is he.”  
He said,  
“I do believe, Lord,” and he worshiped him.

**The Word of the Lord.**

**Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ.**

## **Homily**

### ***Profession of Faith – Nicene Creed***

I believe in one God, the Father almighty, maker of heaven and earth,  
of all things visible and invisible.  
I believe in one Lord Jesus Christ, the Only Begotten Son of God, born of the  
Father before all ages. God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not  
made, consubstantial with the Father; through him all things were made. For us men and for  
our salvation he came down from heaven,  
and by the Holy Spirit was incarnate of the Virgin Mary, and became man.  
For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate,  
he suffered death and was buried, and rose again on the third day  
in accordance with the Scriptures.  
He ascended into heaven  
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.  
He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,  
and his kingdom will have no end.  
I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the  
Father and the Son, who With the Father and the Son is adored and glorified, who has spoken  
through the Prophets.  
I believe in one holy, Catholic and apostolic Church.  
I confess one Baptism for the forgiveness of sins  
and I look forward to the resurrection of the dead  
and the life of the world to come. Amen.

### ***Prayer of the Faithful:***

Let us pray to the Lord.

**R: Lord, hear our prayer.**

### ***Liturgy of the Eucharist***

Presentation of the Gifts and Preparation of the Altar

**P:** Blessed are you, Lord God of all creation, for through your goodness we have received the bread we offer you: fruit of the earth and work of human hands, it will become for us the bread of life. **R: *Blessed be God for ever.***

**P:** By the mystery of this water and wine may we come to share in the divinity of Christ who humbled himself to share in our humanity.

**P:** Blessed are you, Lord God of all creation, for through your goodness we have received the wine we offer you: fruit of the vine and work of human hands, it will become our spiritual drink.

**R: *Blessed be God for ever.***

**P:** Wash me, O Lord, from my iniquity and cleanse me from my sin.

**P:** Pray brethren that my sacrifice and yours may be acceptable to God, the almighty Father.

**R: *May the Lord accept the sacrifice at your hands for the praise and glory of his name, for our good and good of all his Holy Church.***

Prayer over the Offerings **R: *Amen***

Preface – **P:** The Lord be with you. **R: *And with your spirit.***

**P:** Lift up your hearts. **R: *We lift them up to the Lord.***

**P:** Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. **P: *It is right and just.***

## ***Eucharistic Prayer II***

**P:** It is truly right and just, our duty and our salvation, always and everywhere to give you thanks, Father most holy, through your beloved Son, Jesus Christ, your Word through whom you made all things, whom you sent as our Savior and Redeemer, incarnate by the Holy Spirit and born of the Virgin, Fulfilling your will and gaining for you a holy people, he stretched out his hands as he endured his Passion, so as to break the bonds of death and manifest the resurrection and so, with the Angels and All the Saints we declare your glory, as with one voice we acclaim:

**R: Holy, Holy, Holy Lord God of host. Heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the Highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the Highest.**

**P:** You are indeed Holy, O Lord,  
the fount of all holiness.  
Make holy, therefore, these gifts, we pray,  
by sending down your Spirit upon them like the dewfall,  
so that they may become for us  
the Body and Blood of our Lord Jesus Christ.  
At the time he was betrayed  
and entered willingly into his Passion,  
he took bread and, giving thanks, broke it,  
and gave it to his disciples, saying:  
TAKE THIS, ALL OF YOU, AND EAT OF IT,  
FOR THIS IS MY BODY,  
WHICH WILL BE GIVEN UP FOR YOU.  
In a similar way, when supper was ended,  
he took the chalice  
and, once more giving thanks,  
he gave it to his disciples, saying:  
TAKE THIS, ALL OF YOU, AND DRINK FROM IT,  
FOR THIS IS THE CHALICE OF MY BLOOD,  
THE BLOOD OF THE NEW AND ETERNAL COVENANT,  
WHICH WILL BE Poured OUT FOR YOU AND FOR MANY  
FOR THE FORGIVENESS OF SINS.  
DO THIS IN MEMORY OF ME.

**P: Mystery of Faith – R: We proclaim your Death, O Lord, and profess your Resurrection until you come again.**

Therefore, as we celebrate the memorial of his Death and Resurrection, we offer you, Lord, the Bread of life and the Chalice of salvation, giving thanks that you held us worthy to be in your presence and minister to you.

Humbly we pray that, partaking of the Body and Blood of Christ, we maybe gathered into one by the Holy Spirit. Remember, Lord, your Church, spread throughout the world, and bring her to the fullness of charity, together with Francis our Pope and Frank our Bishop and all the clergy.

Remember also our brothers and sisters who have fallen asleep in the hope of the resurrection, and all who have died in your mercy : welcome them into the light of your face.

Have mercy on us all, we pray, that with the Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of God, with the blessed Joseph, her Spouse, with the blessed Apostles, and all the Saints who have please you throughout the ages, may we merit to be coheirs to eternal life, and may praise and glorify you through your Son, Jesus Christ.

**P: Through him, and with him, and in him, O God Almighty Father, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all glory and honor is yours, for ever and ever.**

**R: Amen.**

### ***Communion Rite***

**P: At the Savior's command and formed by divine teaching, we dare to say:**

***R: Our Father, who art in heaven,  
hallowed be thy name;  
Thy kingdom come,  
Thy will be done  
On earth as it is in heaven.  
Give us this day our daily bread,  
And forgive us our trespasses,  
As we forgive those who trespass against us;  
And lead us not into temptation,  
but deliver us from evil.***

**P:** Deliver us, Lord, we pray, from every evil, graciously grant peace in our days, that, by the help of your mercy, we may be always free from sin and safe from all distress, as we await the blessed hope and the coming of our Savior, Jesus Christ.

**R: For the kingdom, the power and the glory are yours now and forever.**

### **Sign of Peace**

**P:** Lord Jesus Christ, who said to your Apostles: Peace I leave you, my peace I give you, look not on our sins, but on the faith of your Church, and graciously grant her peace and unity in accordance with your will. Who lives and reigns for ever and ever.

**R: Amen**

**P:** The peace of the Lord be with you always.

**R: And with your spirit.**

**P:** Let us offer each other the sign of peace.

**R: Lamb of God Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world,  
have mercy on us.**

**Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world, have mercy on us.**

**Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world, grant us peace.**

**P:** Behold the Lamb of God, behold him who takes away the sins of the world. Blessed are those called to the supper of the Lamb.

**R: Lord, I am not worthy that you should enter under my roof,  
but only say the word and my soul shall be healed.**

**P:** The Body of Christ

**R: Amen**

Prayer after Communion *Response:* **Amen**

### **Concluding Rite**

#### **Greeting and Final Blessing**

**P:** The Lord be with you.

**R: And with your spirit.**

**P:** May almighty God bless you, The Father, and the Son and the Holy Spirit.

**R: Amen**