



FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT

March 26, 2017

St. Elizabeth Catholic Church

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Under the gaze of Christ, the light of the world, people choose either for or against him. Some pretend to see and know him. But they keep to their limited views, and it is by the measure of their narrow wisdom that they gauge the works of the divine envoy. If they refuse to believe in him, they can base their case only upon the blindness of their hearts: “We have no idea where this man comes from” (John 9:29).

The healed blind man knows only one thing: the man who opened his eyes must come from God. For him and for us, all of life depends upon this humble certitude. In spite of opposition, the newly sighted must look beyond the man and the prophet to the Son of God and to the Lord. Only the totally free initiative of Jesus will allow this personal vision of faith: “You have seen him; he is speaking to you now” (John 9:37).

Through baptism the sinner is reborn from native darkness to the light of Christ. But the sinner must learn to see all things anew through the eyes of faith. Thus the whole Christian life is catechumenal: a slow climb through the shifting visions of this world, from the light received and imperfectly seen up to the total clarity of the day of Christ.



Welcome Spring



LITURGICAL READINGS

Today: *Fourth Sunday of Lent.* 1 Samuel 16: 1b, 6-7, 10-13a/ Psalm 23/ Ephesians 5:8-14/ John 9:1-41.
Monday: Isaiah 65:17-21/ Psalm 30/ John 4:43-54.
Tuesday: Ezekiel 47:1-9, 12/ Psalm 46/ John 5:1-16.
Wednesday: Isaiah 49:8-15/ Psalm 145/ John 5:17-30.
Thursday: Exodus 32:7-14, Psalm 106/John 5:31-47.
Friday: Wisdom 2:1a, 12-22/ Psalm 34/ John 7:1-2, 10, 25-30.
Saturday: Jeremiah 11:18-20/ Psalm 7/ John 7:40-53.
Next Sunday: *Fifth Sunday of Lent.* Ezekiel 37:12-14/ Psalm 130/ Romans 8:8-11/ John 11:1-45.

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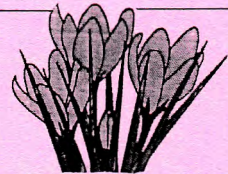
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