

Fourth Sunday of Lent | Year A

March 19th, 2023 (1 Sam 16:1b, 6-7, 10-13a | Eph 5:8-14 | John 9:1-41)

God chose David among his brothers, and blessed him with the oil of authority. David eventually became the king who led God's people. Let us ask God to bless us.

1/ The Lord is our shepherd; there is nothing we shall want. For God's faithful peoples. We pray that the faithful, led by Pope Francis, may always walk on green and verdant pastures that God has blessed through the work of Jesus. Let us pray.

2/ Speaking in metaphor, Paul states that the Ephesians were once darkness, but now are light in God. Their spiritual status changed because they followed Jesus and became Christians. For people who have no faith in Jesus. We pray that when they see the fruits and good works done by Christians, they may awaken their souls to God and Jesus. Let us pray.

3/ The Man Born Blind was given sight. He was journeying from physical blindness to true vision about God and Jesus. For people who are not physically blind, but are walking in their spiritual darkness. We pray that the truth about God, Jesus, and Christianity, may open their hearts of spiritual blindness and awaken them to the senses of common truths. Let us pray.

4/ At the end of the story of Jesus's encounter with the Man Born Blind, the man gained not only his physical sight, but true vision in the glory of God accomplished through Jesus. He confessed, "I do believe, Lord," and he worshiped Jesus. For our sisters and brothers who believed Jesus to be their Savior and have now gone before us. We pray that, through Jesus's intercession, God may grant eternal glory to our deceased sisters and brothers. Today we remember [at 4:30 Mass] Hattie and Wallace Frakes and Deceased Family Members, Robert and Hazel Hardesty and Deceased Family Members, and Charles Thompson [at 10:00 Mass] Nick Ford, Jennifer Hager, and Charles Thompson. Let us pray.

God our Father, your Word, Jesus Christ, spoke peace and restoration to a sinful world and brought humanity the gift of reconciliation by the suffering and death he endured. Teach us, the people who bear his name, to follow the example he gave us, and grant us the wisdom to come to true vision in you. We ask this in the name of Jesus our Lord.