

Fourth Sunday of Lent

March 26, 2017

The Story and You™



Sacred Conversation

Fourth Sunday in Lent

One of the things we know for sure about Jesus is that he tried to divest people of the things they knew for sure. It's our sureties that need to be dismantled before we can clearly see God's work in our lives. The disciples knew for sure that blindness (and all misfortune) was the result of sin somewhere in the family tree. In an uneasy world of sky-high infant mortality and the ever-present violence of the Roman occupiers, it was comforting to assign some kind of sin to those who had huge challenges. We can picture the disciples thinking, as they encountered the man blind from birth, "How horrible to have to navigate the world without sight. I must find a reason why he is blind and I'm not. I've got it! He must have sinned somewhere along the line. Thank God I'm not a sinner." Some contemporary ways in which we assure ourselves that bad things don't happen to virtuous people might be: I wear my seat belt, so I'll never have a catastrophic injury in a car crash. I've never smoked, so I'll never get lung cancer. I made every sacrifice raising my kids in the faith, so of course they will love it and raise their kids in the faith too. Except, of course, people with their seat belts firmly fastened die in car crashes, and non-smokers get lung cancer every day. And we're all watching the culture lure this generation into a worldview that dismisses religious faith. We can't distance ourselves from pain and hope it never finds us. But this we know for sure: Jesus is *with us* in blindness and in sight. *How do you walk in faith in a scary world?*

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Una de las cosas que sabemos con seguridad acerca de Jesús es que él trataba de despojar a la gente de las cosas que ellos pensaban saber con certeza. Son nuestras certezas las que necesitan ser desmanteladas antes de que podamos ver claramente el trabajo de Dios en nuestras vidas. Los discípulos sabían con certeza que la ceguera (y toda la mala fortuna) era el resultado de algún pecado en

algún lugar del árbol genealógico de la víctima. En un mundo difícil donde había una alta mortalidad infantil y donde la violencia de los ocupantes romanos era incesante, siempre era consolador asignarle algún tipo de pecado a aquellos que enfrentaban grandes retos. Podemos imaginarnos a los discípulos pensando, al encontrarse con el hombre ciego de nacimiento, "que tan horrible será tener que navegar por el mundo sin vista. Debo encontrar una razón por la cual él es ciego y yo no. ¡Ya lo tengo! Él debe haber pecado o debe haber pecado alguien de sus antepasados. Gracias a Dios que yo no soy pecador." Algunas maneras contemporáneas en las que nos convencemos a nosotros mismos que las cosas malas no les suceden a la gente buena son: Yo uso cinturón de seguridad, así que nunca sufriré daños catastróficos en un choque de autos. Nunca he fumado, así que nunca sufriré de cáncer del pulmón. Hice todos los sacrificios al criar a mis hijos en la fe, así que por supuesto ellos crecerán amándola y también criarán a sus propios hijos en la misma fe. Excepto, por supuesto, que hay gente que muere en los choques de autos aunque tengan bien puestos sus cinturones de seguridad, y a la gente que no fuma también le da cáncer del pulmón. Y todos estamos viendo como la cultura incita a esta generación a adoptar una manera de pensar que rechaza la fe religiosa. No podemos distanciarnos del dolor y esperar que nunca nos encuentre. Pero esto sí lo sabemos con certeza: Jesús *está con nosotros* en la ceguera y en la vista. *¿Cómo le haces para caminar en la fe dentro de un mundo aterradorante?*

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Please Pray for the Sick of our Parish—

Mary Anderson, Paul Maas, Yulissa Ayala, Ed Tomsic, LeRoy Kress, Guadalupe Garcia, Bud Lang, Sarah Salazar, Phillip Gallegos, Angela Gallegos, Ron Peterson, Tate Hallahan, Dolores Esquibel, Jenny Martinez, Clarita Rubio, Jana Purdy

Community Ministry needs—**Canned and Dry Beans** for the month of March. You can place your donation in the basket in the entrance of the church. Thank you for your generosity!

Around the Parish and the Community

FAITH FORMATION INFORMATION

Mar 26 10:15 am

*Children's Faith Formation

*Secrets of Scripture

1:00 pm

*OPEN OUR EYES LORD,

Kathy McGovern

Mar 28 6:30 pm

*Confirmation Class

Mar 29 7:00 pm

* RCIA Adults

Mar 31 6:30 pm

*Lenten Series – Week 5

7:30 pm

**Stations of the Cross/Adoration/
Confessions**

Apr 02 10:15 am

*Children's Faith Formation

*Secrets of Scripture

2017 Lenten Schedule

March 26—1:00 pm Adult Workshop

-*OPEN OUR EYES, LORD, PART 3*

—Kathy McGovern

March 31-6:30 pm Lenten Series-*FROM THE*

DESERT TO THE CROSS

7:30 pm Adoration/Confessions/
Benediction

April 7—6:30 pm Lenten Series-*FROM THE*

DESERT TO THE CROSS

7:30 pm Adoration/Confessions/
Benediction

April 9—Palm Sunday—Holy Week begins

April 13—Holy Thursday (no morning Mass)

7:00 pm *MASS OF THE LORD'S SUPPER*

April 14—Good Friday (no morning Mass)

Noon *SEVEN LAST WORDS OF CHRIST*

3:00 pm *TENEBRAE*

7:00 pm *PASSION OF THE LORD*

April 15—Holy Saturday—

8:00 pm *EASTER VIGIL*

April 16—Easter Sunday—

9:00 am & 11:30 am Masses

SUNDAY AFTERNOON MINI LENTEN RETREAT

Join us for Part 3 of *Open Our Eyes*, a workshop offered by Kathy McGovern, author of our parish scripture column *The Story and You*. Our series will continue this Sunday, March 19 and conclude on Sunday, March 26. The time is 1:00 pm in the church. We will have light refreshments. Even if you were unable to come to the first two sessions, you can still participate!

CATHOLIC RELIEF SERVICES – OPERATION RICE BOWL

This year, our Faith Formation families will be participating in Operation Rice Bowl, an annual global Lenten project offered by Catholic Relief Services. We still have a few Rice Bowls left, so if you would like to take one home and invite your family to participate, please take one of the bowls from the table in the vestibule. We are asking folks to send their donation directly to Catholic Relief Services directly in the form of a check or money order. The address is on the booklet contained in the kit, or you can go to www.crsricebowl.org for more information.

ALTAR & ROSARY news !!!

Please join the A & R Society for their April meeting on **Thursday, April 6, at 6:30pm.**

There will be a short meeting and then **apron-a-pallouza !!** Bring an apron and play the game, and take home an apron! All women of the parish are invited.

FAMILY MOVIE for April 2 !!

In 2014, the movie world was astounded by the 10-episodes on the History Channel on the life of Jesus: **The Son of God**. Join us next Sunday for a light lunch at 12:30pm and the movie, *The Son of God*. running time is two hours, and the movie is rated PG-13; so parents please be with your kids on this one.

Mass Intentions

Saturday March 25
4:00pm +Phyllis Clark by family

Sunday March 26
9:00am +Chuck Bauer by Marie Bauer
+Tony Valdez by Bean family
11:30am People of the Parish

Monday March 27
8:30am Communion Service

Tuesday March 28 (Spring Break)
8:30am +Frank Bernal by family

Wednesday March 29
8:30am +Joseph & +Thomas Nguyen by family

Thursday March 30
8:30am +John Noblitt by family

Friday March 31
8:30am +Joseph & +Thomas Nguyen by family

Saturday April 1
4:00 pm +Christine Trujillo
by Tom Trujillo
Deceased members
of the Altar & Rosary Society

Sunday April 2
9am +Chuck Bauer by Bean family
Deceased members
of Holy Name Society
11:30am People of the Parish

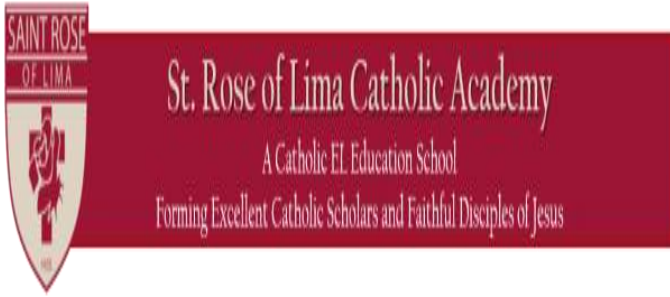
BOTTOM LINE DIAPER BANK—Looking for a Lenten Project? During Lent we are collecting DIAPERS for Catholic Charities. So buy 'em and drop 'em at the back of the church. You can't go wrong with diapers any size!

Readings for the week of March 26, 2017
Sunday 1 Sm 16: 1b, 6-7, 10-13a//Eph 5: 8-14//Jn 9: 1-41
Monday Is 65: 17-21//Jn 4: 43-54
Tuesday Ez 47: 1-9, 12//Jn 5: 1-16
Wednesday Is 49: 8-15//Jn 5: 17-30
Thursday Ex 32: 7-14//Jn 5: 31-47
Friday Wis 2: 1a, 12-22//Jn 7: 1-2, 10, 25-30
Saturday Jer 11: 18-20//Jn 7: 40-53

For all high school men open to discerning a call to the priesthood: RAD Retreat at St John Vianney Seminary. April 30, 2017, 9am—4pm. Online registration: www.DenverSeminarians.org

COMMUNITY MINISTRY FOOD BANK
Don't forget about the "Celebration of the Heart" to support our local food bank. It is on the evening of April 1, at Pinehurst Country Club. Join us for a fun evening with lots of great entertainment and the opportunity to help our own. To get tickets, call 303.935.3428.

THIS SUNDAY AFTERNOON !!
Kathy McGovern offers the third and final part of her three-Sunday series of Lenten retreat talks—*OPEN MY EYES, LORD*. Be sure to join us. Kathy's accompanying booklet is included.



School Days—Saint Rose of Lima is an amazing place to learn. We still have a few spots open for 2017-2018. Those places are for the incoming First, Second, Third, and Fifth grade classes. Give a call to the School Executive Assistant—Esther Gutierrez and schedule a tour.

Don't let the school year set sail without your child on board!

School Open House—Expeditionary Learning Night Open House—April 27, 6:00pm

Everyone is invited to see all the great learning going on at the school!

In Lent, each Friday is a day of abstinence. A day of abstinence means to refrain from eating meat.

Ash Wednesday and Good Friday are days of abstinence as well as days of fasting.

A day of fasting consists of one full meal and two smaller meals that together do not equal another full meal.

Each Catholic who has received their First Communion is expected to receive Communion at least once a year, but especially in the Easter season. Consequently, this means that every Catholic who has received their First Communion should celebrate the sacrament of Reconciliation before Pentecost Sunday. Abstinence is a requirement of each Catholic from age 14 onward. Fasting is a requirement of each Catholic from age 18 to 59.

BUTTER BRAIDS ARE BACK!

It's that time of year again! We will be selling Butter Braid pastries, just in time for your Easter dinner! We will begin our fundraiser NEXT WEEKEND, March 24/25, and continue through the weekend of April 1/2. These make wonderful treats for that special brunch or dinner. They also make great gifts! Stock up! Proceeds this year will go toward general maintenance needs for the church.

*Don't forget to do your spring shopping at **AMAZON SMILE!*** You can help the parish get 0.5 % back on each purchase. Woo Hoo!

