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FOURTH SUNDAY OF
Lent

MARCH 19, 2023

I was blind
and now I see.

John 9:25

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Aloha! Welcome!

We are the Catholic Center and Campus Ministry at the University of Hawai'i, and under the Catholic Diocese of Honolulu, serving parishioners, staff, faculty, and students alike that stimulates critical thinking and dialogue about issues that challenge Christian living and commits to a living faith that practices and promotes justice.

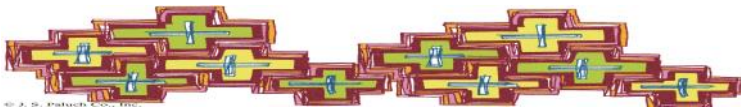
We are a spirit-filled and welcoming community that proclaims and celebrates the Good News through liturgy, the sacraments, faith sharing, outreach, and social action. As the Roman Catholic Community of the University of Hawai'i, we offer opportunities for life-long faith development to all who choose to join us. We invite the contribution of gifts in stewardship and evangelism, and challenge one another in the same manner that Jesus challenges us: to love the Lord, your God, with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your mind and to love your neighbor as yourself.

Come journey with us!

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We welcome your call and are here to serve you! Contact the Parish Office to speak with us or make an appointment. We look forward to hearing from you!



Office Hours:

Monday - Friday: 9:00am to 5:00pm
(except Diocesan Holidays)
Newman Center may remain open till evening programs conclude

Saturday and Sunday:
Open during Mass times and for activities as needed.

From the Desk of the Pastor

"The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want."

The following reflection is from young-catholics.com: "The first reading for the 4th Sunday of Lent Year A emphasizes the idea that God sees beyond outward appearances and judges people based on their hearts and faithfulness to Him. This is reflected in verse 7, where God tells Samuel, "Do not consider his appearance or his height, for I have rejected him. The Lord does not look at the things people look at. People look at the outward appearance, but the Lord looks at the heart."

The idea of God seeing beyond outward appearances is similar to the concept of spiritual sight or perception, which involves seeing things from God's perspective rather than solely relying on our physical senses. In this sense, the passage encourages us to cultivate spiritual sight, which involves discerning God's will and seeing beyond surface-level appearances to recognize the true nature of things. It also encourages us to trust in God's selection and choosing, even when it may not align with our expectations or perceptions. Therefore, while the passage does not directly relate to physical sight, it does relate to the theme of spiritual sight and perception.

The themes in the second reading also relate to sight in a metaphorical sense, as the passage emphasizes the contrast between light and darkness. The passage encourages us to live as children of the light, which involves walking in goodness, righteousness, and truth, rather than in the darkness of sin and ignorance. The use of light and darkness as metaphors suggests the idea of spiritual sight or perception, as seeing things from God's perspective rather than being blinded by our own desires or selfishness.

The passage also highlights the transformative power of Christ, who enables us to live as children of the light by bringing us out of darkness and into his marvelous light. This suggests the idea of spiritual awakening or illumination, as we are enabled to see and understand things in a new way through our relationship with Christ."

In these final weeks of Lent, may we ask the Lord to open our eyes from any blindness, physical or spiritual.

Have a blessed week,

Fr. Alfred Omar
(@fralfred808)



Important Notices

- 2nd Collection TODAY for Catholic Relief Services
- Lenten Reconciliation Service on Wednesday, March 22 at 6:00PM

Liturgical Schedule

Daily Mass (<i>Tuesday-Friday</i>)	12:10PM
Sunday Mass	
(<i>Saturday Evening Anticipated</i>)	5:00PM
	9:00AM
	11:00AM
(<i>Student-led Mass</i>)	5:00PM

Sacramental Information

Reconciliation By Appointment

Please contact the Parish Office to schedule.

Baptism By Request

Please contact Fr. Alfred Omar at least one month before the date desired for the Baptism.

Funerals At Need

Funerals and the Rite of Christian Burial are made in conjunction with the Mortuary of your choosing. Please contact the Parish Office prior to finalizing a date with the mortuary.

Holy Matrimony By Request

Couples need to contact Fr. Alfred Omar at least eight months prior to your desired wedding date to begin the marriage preparation required by the Diocese of Honolulu.

Holy Orders—Religious Life By Call

Is God calling you to the Priesthood, Diaconate, or Religious Life? God doesn't call the qualified. He qualifies the called. Call us today to setup a discussion with our Pastor where you can continue discerning God's call.

Holy Communion Ongoing

Programs are available for those who have not yet received their First Eucharist. Please contact our Parish Office for more information.

Confirmation Ongoing

Programs are available for those who have not yet received the Sacrament of Confirmation. Please contact our Parish Office for more information.

Anointing of the Sick By Request

If you or someone you know are in need of receiving the Sacrament of Anointing of the Sick, please call our parish office to schedule

Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults Ongoing

If you or someone you know are have not yet been baptized and are interested in becoming a member of the Catholic Faith, please call our parish office to learn more about the RCIA,



The Word of the Lord Weekly

Today's Readings

First Reading — As the prophet Samuel anointed David with oil, the spirit of the LORD rushed upon David (1 Samuel 16:1b, 6-7, 10-13a).

Psalms — My shepherd is the Lord; I shall not want (Psalm 23).

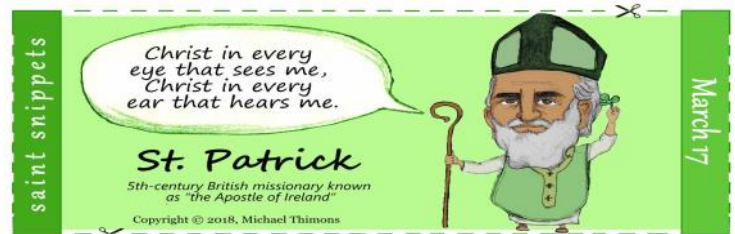
Second Reading — You who were once darkness are now light in the Lord. Live as children of light (Ephesians 5:8-14).

Gospel — The man who was blind from birth proclaimed: The one called Jesus made clay with his saliva, anointed my eyes with it, and told me to wash. When I washed, I was able to see! (John 9:1-41 [1, 6-9, 13-17, 34-38])

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READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday:	2 Sm 7:4-5a, 12-14a, 16; Ps 89:2-5, 27, 29; Rom 4:13, 16-18, 22; Mt 1:16, 18-21, 24a or Lk 2:41-51a
Tuesday:	Ez 47:1-9, 12; Ps 46:2-3, 5-6, 8-9; Jn 5:1-16
Wednesday:	Is 49:8-15; Ps 145:8-9, 13cd-14, 17-18; Jn 5:17-30
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:	Is 7:10-14, 8:10; Ps 40:7-11; Heb 10:4-10; Lk 1:26-38



SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Monday:	St. Joseph; Spring begins
Thursday:	St. Toribius of Mogrovejo
Friday:	Abstinence
Saturday:	The Annunciation of the Lord

SEEING THE LIGHT

Our Lenten journey continues this Sunday as we hear of Jesus healing a blind man in the Gospel of John. Jesus proclaims himself the light of the world, a light that overcomes darkness and enables a new capacity to see. The man, blind from birth, was able to begin his path to sight by first acknowledging his blindness. We are reminded of God's ongoing invitation to us to journey from blindness to sight. We begin by acknowledging our own capacity for "blind spots," and so open ourselves to uncomfortable truths and to God's healing. We are invited to see beyond appearances, as the reading from Samuel indicates, and to look into the heart of things. We are invited to "live as children of light" as the letter to the Ephesians teaches. Like the man healed from blindness, we may gradually learn to see fully and to follow Jesus.

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Nourishing Our Faith

Prayer On the Go

<https://pray-as-you-go.org/>
<https://www.sacredspace.ie/>

Daily Scripture and Reflections:

<https://www.dailyscripture.net/daily-meditation/>

Weekly Essays on Ignatian Spirituality by

Fr. Randy Roche, SJ:

<https://mission.lmu.edu/cis/spiritualessays>

Contemplative Prayer (via Zoom)

Monday Nights at 6:30 pm. 30 minutes of silence, followed by Scripture and Sharing. For more information, contact June Naughton (808) 524-2718.

Family Connection

When infants are baptized, parents, with the help of the godparents, assume responsibility for raising the child as a follower of Jesus. The process of maturation in the faith is much like the example found in the story of the man born blind. The man is cured of his blindness, a symbol of his sin. Each time he meets someone after the healing, the man comes to a deeper awareness of who Jesus is. In a similar way, we who are baptized continue to mature in faith as our relationship with and knowledge about Jesus grows.

Invite each member of your family to draw a timeline of his or her life. On the timelines, ask family members to identify significant moments in their lives, especially their life of faith. Invite each person to reflect upon who Jesus was to him or her at each significant moment. How has each person's relationship with Jesus changed or matured? Then read together today's Gospel, John 9:1-41. Note how the relationship between Jesus and the man born blind changes and grows throughout the Gospel. Pray together that your relationship with Jesus will continue to grow and develop, becoming ever deeper. Conclude by praying together the Lord's Prayer.

Stewardship Moment

Saint Paul gives us a wakeup call. As stewards of the light of Christ, we are to reflect that light with the help of the Holy Spirit. If Christ's work has transformed and illuminated our lives, there should be a change. The light of Christ's active presence should be at work in us. And as the light shines within us, we take on the properties of that light and we shine too. We are used by God to shine the light of Christ in the lives of others. A challenging Lenten reflection: Is the light of Christ shining in our hearts? Is the light of Christ reflecting out from us to others?



Stewardship of Time, Talent and Treasure

Tithes and Offerings:

Collection 03/11/2023-03/12/2023: \$3,348.00

Online Collection: 03/03/2023-03/17/2023: \$5,240.00

Maintenance: \$25.00

Online Second Collection Catholic Relief Services: \$570.00

May we continue to receive God's gifts gratefully, manage them responsibly, and share them joyfully. Mahalo for your generosity!

Upcoming Second Collections:

Giving Made Easy

Giving online is safe and easy using our secured online platform, by visiting WeShare at:

newmanhawaii.weshareonline.org

Thank you, for your continued support of our parish as we strive to meet the needs of our faith community!



STEWARDSHIP PRAYER

Generous and Loving Creator, you have called us to
Malama i ka Makana (Cherish the Gift).

As disciples of your Son, we ask that your Spirit open our minds and hearts to more deeply appreciate your countless blessings. Increase your transforming spirit within us, so as to nurture our call to stewardship as a way of life marked always by faith-filled prayer, service to others and generous giving.

With the kokua of St. Marianne and St. Damien, teach us to be good stewards so we may return a hundred-fold the makana entrusted to us.

We pray this through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen



Around the Parish

CONFESS - FORGIVE - BE FORGIVEN


LENTEN RECONCILIATION SERVICE

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 22
6:00 PM

NEWMAN CENTER
HOLY SPIRIT PARISH

JOIN US FOR AN EVENING OF
PRAYER AND RECONCILIATION!

NEWMAN CENTER-HOLY SPIRIT CAMPUS MINISTRY



STATIONS OF THE CROSS

Fridays, 6pm

February 24 • March 03 • March 10

March 17 • March 24

March 31

"Then Jesus said to his disciples, 'Whoever wishes to come after me must deny himself, take up his cross, and follow me.'" - Matthew 16:24

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New to Newman Center - Holy Spirit Parish?

Aloha! E Komo Mail!

We welcome you to your new spiritual home and are delighted to have you join our parish community!

At Newman Center - Holy Spirit Parish, we know that we are all individual parts of the mystical Body of Christ. Working together, we find great joy in doing God's work here on earth. We invite and encourage you to join us as we pray, work and fellowship together.

Please contact the Parish Office to register. Welcome!

The Little Ones

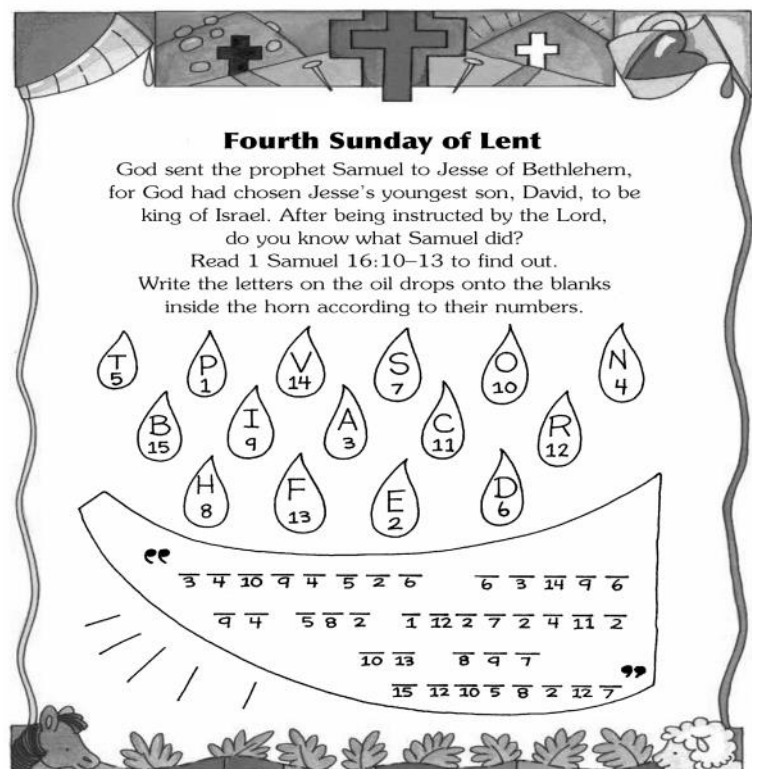
Jim Burrows



As Jesus passed by, he saw a man blind from birth. He spat on the ground, and made clay of the spittle, and applied the clay to his eyes, and said to him, "Go, wash in the pool of Siloam" (which is translated, Sent). So he went away and washed, and came back seeing. Jn 9:1, 6-7

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Fourth Sunday of Lent

God sent the prophet Samuel to Jesse of Bethlehem, for God had chosen Jesse's youngest son, David, to be king of Israel. After being instructed by the Lord, do you know what Samuel did?

Read 1 Samuel 16:10-13 to find out.

Write the letters on the oil drops onto the blanks inside the horn according to their numbers.

Oil Drop	Letter	Number
1	P	1
2	E	2
3	A	3
4	D	4
5	T	5
6	B	6
7	S	7
8	H	8
9	I	9
10	O	10
11	C	11
12	R	12
13	F	13
14	V	14
15	N	15

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10 13 8 4 7

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12 DAY PILGRIMAGE TO FATIMA & HOLY LAND

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DAY 1: SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 17 - BEGINNING OUR PILGRIMAGE
Depart Honolulu for Lisbon. Meals will be served aloft.

DAY 2: MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 18 - ARRIVE LISBON
Upon arrival at the Lisbon Airport we are met by our tour escort and transferred by private motorcoach to Fatima. Dinner and overnight at our hotel.

DAY 3: TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 19 - FATIMA
Our day starts with a Buffet Breakfast. We continue with our Tour Escort to explore Fatima, where in 1917 our Lady appeared six times to three children (Lucia, Jacinta and Francisco). We will visit the Basilica and Shrine of Our Lady of Fatima. In the evening, we participate in the Candlelight Procession. Dinner and overnight at our hotel.

DAY 4: WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 20 - FATIMA
After a Buffet Breakfast our free day is dedicated to religious activities. We can participate in the Candlelight Procession again. Dinner and overnight at our hotel.

DAY 5: THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 21 - FATIMA/LISBON/TEL AVIV
After our Buffet Breakfast we transfer by private motorcoach to Lisbon for our flight to Tel Aviv. Upon our arrival in Tel Aviv we will be met by your representative and transferred to our accommodations in Netanya where our dinner will be served.

DAY 6: FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 22 - NAZARETH: THE HOME TOWN OF JESUS
"He will be called a Nazarene." Matthew 2:23
Breakfast. We make our way to Cana, site of Jesus' first miracle at the wedding feast; here we invite couples to renew their wedding vows. Proceed to Nazareth the home town of Jesus, where we visit the Basilica of the Annunciation for Mass, then continue to the Church of St Joseph built over the carpentry workshop of St Joseph. We visit Mary's Well a spring is located in the center of downtown Nazareth. According to a tradition, this was the place where angel Gabriel announced to Virgin Mary that she will give birth to the son of God. "And she took the pitcher, and went out to fill it with water...". Our final stop is the site of the Transfiguration at Mt. Tabor. We return to our hotel in Tiberias for dinner and overnight. (B.D)

DAY 7: SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 23 - JESUS' JOURNEYS AROUND GALILEE
"Jesus left Nazareth and made his home in Capernaum by the sea" Matt 4:13.
In the morning we drive to Caesarea Philippi Jesus announced he would establish a



THE TOUR Itinerary

PILGRIMAGE FEATURES

- **Roundtrip Air Transportation**
Honolulu, HI (HNL)
- **First Class & Deluxe Hotels**
- **Land Transportation**
via deluxe, private motor coach with wi-fi
- **Taxes and Fuel Surcharge**
Included. Tips also included.
- **Professional English-Speaking Guide**
- **Entrance fees** to all sites on Itinerary.
- **Breakfast & Dinner Daily**
- **Daily Masses** are included.
A boat ride on the Sea of Galilee are included.

church and gave authority over it to the apostle Simon – whom he renamed Peter. We return to the Sea of Galilee and enjoy a boat ride on the Sea of Galilee. We pray and sing along as we sail the peaceful waters of the Sea of Galilee. At a nearby museum, we will visit a replica of a fishing boat from the time of Christ. Our visit continues to the Mt. of Beatitudes to gain a panoramic view of the Sea of Galilee. The bible teaches that Jesus climbs a hill near En Tabgha and teaches how to be blessed by God the Sermon on the Mount. From there we will visit Capernaum where Jesus began his Galilean ministry, visiting the synagogue which dates to the time of Jesus and the site of Peter's home. We will visit Tabgha where it is believed that Jesus fed the crowd of 5,000 and the nearby Church of the Primacy of Saint Peter commemorating Jesus' reinstatement of Peter as chief apostle. Here we see the altar built upon a cliff known in Latin as Mensa Christi, the Table of Christ, where the resurrected Jesus prepared bread and fishes over a fire for his disciples. We return to our hotel for dinner and overnight (B.D)

DAY 8: SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 24 - FROM GALILEE TO BETHLEHEM

"I rejoiced when I heard them say: Let us go the house of the Lord" Psalm 122
Breakfast and check out. From Galilee you travel along the fertile Jordan Valley where Jesus walked with His disciples, we stop at first at the baptismal site on the banks of the Jordan River- Qasr al-Yahud- the traditional baptism spot on the Jordan River. Here we renew our baptismal vows. Thereafter we arrive in Jericho, being the normal route from Galilee to Jerusalem, Jesus passed through it several times. We will see the traditional sycamore tree of Zachaeus & view Mt. Temptation. We stop at the Dead Sea for optional float in the Salty waters. Check in dinner and overnight in Bethlehem (B.D)

DAY 9: MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 25- BETHLEHEM

"Ye shall find the babe wrapped in swaddling clothes, lying in a manger" Luke 2:12
Breakfast and checkout. We drive to The Shepherd's Fields the location where the Shepherds sited the Star of Nativity before venturing to visit Jesus then we continue the oldest churches in the world, where it all began: The Church of The Nativity, the birthplace of Jesus. A huge church with a long history of religious significance, you will be able to see the various chapels of the Catholic, Armenian and Greek Orthodox Christians. We will visit the caves and the Grotto of the Manger. In the evening we drive to Jerusalem; check in, dinner and overnight the hotel for dinner and overnight. (B.D)

DAY 10: TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 26 - MOUNTAINS OF JERUSALEM

"Stay here and keep watch with me" (Matthew 26:36-39).

We begin this day with a ride the Mt. of Olives, a prominent site in the life of Jesus. Here Jesus taught his pupils, and where Jesus wept over Jerusalem, and where Jesus says "My soul is overwhelmed with sorrow to the point of death. Stay here and keep watch with me." (Matthew 26:36-39). We gain a panoramic view of the old City of Jerusalem from the top of the mountain and visit the place of the Ascension, Pater Noster (commemorating the "Our Father"), Dominus Flevis, (where Jesus wept over Jerusalem). At the foot of the mountain, stands the Church of All Nations in the Garden of Gethsemane. Thereafter we stop at the Wailing Wall and the Temple Mount. We enjoy lunch on our own then we visit Mt Zion, also called Sion, in Old Testament. We visit the Upper Room commemorating the Last Supper of Jesus and his disciples, and the coming of the Holy Spirit on the disciples. We continue onto the Church of the Dormition of Our Lady The location is identified in Christian tradition as the place where the Virgin Mary died – or "fell asleep." Finally, we visit the Church of St Peter in Gallicantu, (Latin for "cockcrow") back to the hotel for dinner and overnight. (B.D)

DAY 11: WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 27 - JERUSALEM OLD CITY – THE HOLY SEPULCHRE & FREE TIME

"Behold the Man!" John 19:5
Breakfast. We Enter the Old City of Jerusalem through St. Stephen's Gate to visit the Crusader Church of St. Anne, the best-preserved Crusader church in Jerusalem, marking the traditional site of the home of Jesus' maternal grandparents, Anne and Joachim, and the birthplace of the Virgin Mary. We observe the nearby The Ecco Homo ("Behold the Man") Arch, located at the beginning of the Via Dolorosa. Tradition holds that this was where Pilate pronounced judgment on Jesus. Then we gather at the Antonia Palace to walk the Via Dolorosa, the Way of the Cross or the Way of Suffering, where nearly 2000 years ago Jesus of Nazareth carried his cross to his crucifixion. We conclude the Via Dolorosa at the site of Calvary for Mass at the Crusader's Chapel in the Church of the Holy Sepulchre. We take a moment here to reflect about the sorrows of Jesus and to repent our own sins. And he said to him, "Truly, I say to you, today you will be with me in Paradise." We enjoy a guided tour of the Holy Sepulcher and the Empty Tomb. The rest of the day is free to explore on your own. Finally we enjoy dinner at local restaurant and drive to Ben Gurion Airport for our flight back home.

DAY 12: THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 28 -END OF OUR PILGRIMAGE-

Arrive early in the morning and continue home - the end of a most enjoyable journey.

Itinerary may be altered due to air schedule changes.

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Aloha Pilgrims:

IMPORTANT INFORMATION

Deposit - \$500

(upon booking)

2nd Payment Due:

April 20, 2023

Full Payment Due:

July 4, 2023

Each tour member must hold a passport that is valid until at least March 31, 2024

Application forms are available at your local Passport Office. Any required visas will be processed for US citizens only. **Except visas or requirements related to Covid-19. Non-US citizens are solely responsible for obtaining any required visas.**

Rates based on double occupancy, the airline tax and fuel surcharge and currency exchange rate (s) at the date of quotation to your host. Subject to change up to 30-days prior to departure.

We invite you to come with us and visit the places where the history of our salvation was played out, the places where Jesus taught and worked His signs, where He offered Himself in sacrifice, where He rose and ascended. To visit these places and to worship in them connects us with the history of our salvation with a special immediacy, and makes it more real. And often, since Jesus was very much aware of His physical surroundings, seeing the place where a teaching was given, or parable told can give us a new and more lively understanding of passages that had seemed obscure on paper. We will begin our pilgrimage in Fatima, Portugal, where the Blessed Mother appeared and called people to her son through prayer and conversion. We are excited at the opportunity to visit Fatima, Portugal and the Holy Land and to share with you the wonder and the power of these holy places.

Fr. Alfred & Fr. EJ

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Pray

Pray for healing with this Psalm

Philip Kosloski - published on 01/28/19

Whether physical or spiritual, this Psalm can invoke God's healing power.

Living in a fallen world, we are all in need of healing. This is one of the reasons why Jesus came into the world, to bind up our wounds and breathe life into our souls and bodies.

Jesus is even known as the "Divine Physician," especially due to his many healing miracles. He continues to bring healing to people to this very day.

Below is an excerpt from Psalm 51, a beautiful Psalm that invokes God's healing power to cleanse us from sin and sickness.

If you are in need of healing right now, pray this Psalm with faith and trust in God, confident that he will hear your prayer and bring healing into your life. It may not be the healing we expect, but being the Divine Physician, he knows what type of medicine will cure us and bring us closer to him.

Have mercy on me, God,
in accord with your merciful love;
in your abundant compassion
blot out my transgressions.
Thoroughly wash away my guilt;
and from my sin cleanse me.
For I know my transgressions;
my sin is always before me.
Against you, you alone have I sinned;
I have done what is evil in your eyes
So that you are just in your word,
and without reproach in your judgment.
Behold, I was born in guilt,
in sin my mother conceived me.
Behold, you desire true sincerity;
and secretly you teach me wisdom.
Cleanse me with hyssop, that I may be pure;
wash me, and I will be whiter than snow.
You will let me hear gladness and joy;
the bones you have crushed will rejoice.
Turn away your face from my sins;
blot out all my iniquities.
A clean heart create for me, God;
renew within me a steadfast spirit.
Do not drive me from before your face,
nor take from me your holy spirit.
Restore to me the gladness of your salvation;
uphold me with a willing spirit.
Lord, you will open my lips;
and my mouth will proclaim your praise.
For you do not desire sacrifice or I would give it;
a burnt offering you would not accept.
My sacrifice, O God, is a contrite spirit;
a contrite, humbled heart, O God, you will not scorn.

Grow

A priest's bag of chips hack can help save your Lent

Cerith Gardiner - published on 03/11/23

Fr. David Michael is back in the kitchen to bring a little boost to your spiritual life this Lent.

We recently shared some advice from Fr. David Michael Moses on how to pray more effectively thanks to an egg. Well, he's using food once more to help us make sense of the Lenten period, and how we can make the most of it.

Thanks to a bag of chips, Fr. David Michael explains in a simple manner the importance of filling our free time with meaningful activities.

First, he shares the biggest issue of eating chips at a party when people are all shoving their hands in the bag — not so hygienic. (He also insists that he's not invited to any parties, but somehow we're not convinced!)

So, Fr. David Michael demonstrates the perfect solution to the problem. He makes a chip bowl out of the bag itself by getting rid of all that air inside. He then likens that air to the "empty space" we have in our lives, and the importance of getting rid of all that time we might find to laze around, achieve nothing, and perhaps be led to temptation.

The popular priest suggests that during Lent we should fill our empty space with activities that help others, or can benefit ourselves, such as praying more or taking care of our health.

And the best bit about the hack is that every time we see a bag of chips, we'll be thinking of all that empty space inside, and be reminded to make the most of all our spare time!

Here is the link to his video: <https://www.facebook.com/watch/?v=774333357391239>

Resource: <https://aleteia.org/2023/03/11/a-priests-bag-of-chips-hack-can-help-save-your-lent/>





Reflect

"Look with your eyes, not with your mouth." My father was notorious for using this phrase with me and my brothers growing up, as we would often lose many of our things at home. There would be days where one child would be looking for their homework, while another would be looking for socks and for me, I would be always looking for my hair ties. To this day, I still find myself looking with my mouth and not with my eyes. Go figure! :)

Do we find ourselves in this same situation where we continue to get mixed up with the functions of our human senses? We tend to get so preoccupied with our own lives that there are times when we miss the signs and signals from God. In today's Gospel, we hear of another encounter that Jesus has, this time with a man born blind. He again reveals himself not as the "living water," but as the "Son of Man." There are all these hints that Jesus is giving us, and yet we still blinded by disbelief and sin. What will it take for us to open our eyes and see what God really wants for us? No matter what we go through, in the trials and tribulations of our lives, God is love, He loves us, and He shares that love through His beloved Son, Jesus Christ. May we look towards the light of Christ and allow Him to rid of the darkness of sin in our hearts and minds. Let us not lose courage this Lenten season, and strive for God to strengthen us in faith, hope, and love. We're halfway there, and God's got us!

"The man born blind and healed, represents us, when we do not realise that Jesus is the light, He is 'the Light of the World,' when we are looking elsewhere, when we prefer to entrust ourselves to little lights, when are groping in the dark." – Pope Francis

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St. John Henry Newman, pray for us!

Blessings to you and your 'ohana!
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