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March 22, 2020

Fourth Sunday of Lent

Handicap or Opportunity?

During the uncertain reality caused by Covid-19, canceling of Parish gatherings, school, sports events, concerts, and even our sacred masses has become an unprecedented handicap that is taking some adjustment. This new reality has elicited all kinds of emotions. People are saying and doing things they would have never been caught doing before. I believe that as we turn to the gospel reading this 4th Sunday of Lent, Jesus healing of the man born blind (Jn. 9:1-38), we quickly are reminded that when we accept Jesus as the light of the world+ (Jn 8:12) handicaps can be transformed into opportunities. St. John the Evangelist tells us about a man born blind that everyone discounted because his blindness (handicap) must have been the result of some sin. Jesus took this unprecedented handicap (blindness) and turned it into an opportunity. Not only was the blind man physically healed, but Jesus helped him to spiritually see. The good news is that handicaps should not be an evil that binds us—they should be seen as opportunities. A disability, although humbling, can lead some to become more dependent on God. A mental illness can become an opportunity to surrender. A shortcoming in one's personality can lead one to be more upright. Social distancing can remind us of how we have miscalculated the importance of a simple handshake. Whatever our handicap, especially the isolation that Covid-19 brings, I believe that Jesus, as the light of the world+, is constantly yearning to heal us, to give us new opportunities to grow and to help us to see. Let us continue to look at creative ways that we and our families can be open to allowing God to take our handicaps and turn them into opportunities. Opportunities in which we can say like the man born blind, do believe, Lord+ (Jn 9:38).

*Christ's Blessings,
Fr. Jeffrey Waldrep*

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STEWARDSHIP IN ACTION

March 22, 2020

Weekly Offering 03/08 & 15/2020 \$ 14,378.00
On-Line Giving: 03/08 & 15/2020 \$ 7,806.50

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Historic Chapel Debt Balance: \$ 358,002.30

(Our goal is to collect a minimum of \$10,000 per month in order to fund our monthly payment.)

Generous Donations:

March 1, 2020 \$ 210.00
March 8, 2020 \$ 4,211.00
March 15, 2020 \$ 100.00
March 22, 2020 \$
March 29, 2020 \$

STEWARDSHIP REFLECTION

When Jesus heard about the illness of His friend, Lazarus, He responded, "This illness is not to end in death—rather it is for God's glory, that through it the Son of God be glorified." Every aspect of our lives—our gifts as well as our sufferings—can, if surrounding to Christ, lead to blessing for others and ourselves.

"Continuing the Mission" Capital Campaign

	3/04/20	3/1820
Total amount pledged (fulfilled & unfulfilled):	\$ 1,833,672.64	\$ 1,834,672.64
Number of new pledges:	0	0
Amount of new pledges:	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00

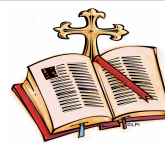
Receipts this week (pledge payments + one-time gifts):	\$ 5,374.50	\$ 8,943.80
Number of new one-time gifts:	1	1
Amount of new one-time gifts:	\$ 1,500.00	\$ 1,500.00

Pledge balances (unfulfilled):	\$ 694,534.57	\$ 687,590.44
Receipts-to-date (pledge payments + one-time gifts):	\$ 1,361,616.36	\$ 1,370,660.49
TOTAL (Pledge balances + Receipts-to-date):	\$ 2,056,150.93	\$ 2,058,250.93



Mass Intentions

Tuesday	3/24/2020	. Carmela Corrado	CF (RIP)
Wednesday	3/25/2020	. Kelly Kantack	PK (RIP)
Thursday	3/26/2020	Dr. Hiroji	JF (RIP)
Friday	3/27/2020	. Alyce Fort	JF (RIP)
Sunday	3/29/2020	. People of the Parish	(SI)
Sunday	3/29/2020	. Paul Kantack	PK (RIP)



READINGS FOR THE WEEK

March 23- Monday

IS 65:17-21, JN 4:43-54

March 24-Tuesday

EZ 47:1-9, 12, JN 5:1-16

March 25- Wednesday

IS 7:10-14; 8:10, LK 1:26-38

March 26-Thursday

EX 32:7-14, JN 5:31-47

March 27- Friday

WIS 2:1A, 12-22, JN 7:1-2, 10, 25-30

March 28- Saturday

JER 11:18-20, JN 7:40-53

March 29- Fifth Sunday of Lent

EZ 37:12-14, PS 130:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 7-8

ROM 8:8-11, JN 11:1-45

COVID-19 Parish

Cancellations

Until further notice:

Annunciation Catholic Church

Masses

Religious Education

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Bible Studies

Stations of the Cross

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Saint Vincent D' Paul

and all other parish activities.

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Stay up to date with our parish Website or our Parish App.

Fourth Sunday of Lent

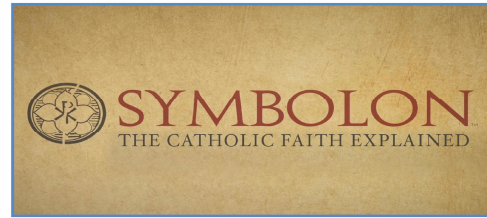
Loving Father of mine,
I feel the pace quicken, the time
draws near. I am filled with joy as
I move toward Easter and the
promised reconciliation with you.

Teach me to follow the example
of your Son,
to be worthy of being called one
of his people: a Christian.

Help me to live each day as he
did turning hatred to love and
conflict to peace.

I await the new life with
eagerness, faith and a deep
gratitude.

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Prayers for Families and Friends of Parishioners

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