



SAINT PAUL CATHOLIC CENTER

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Sunday, March 19, 2023
FOURTH SUNDAY of LENT

Thoughts for the 4th Sunday of Lent

The Significance of the Miracle

Jesus uses saliva and dirt to heal the man, very ordinary things. By healing the blind man with a simple gesture, Jesus shows His divine power and authority over creation. The use of spit and dirt, which were considered unclean in Jewish culture, further emphasizes Jesus' ability to transform and sanctify all things. Some scholars suggest that the use of water and mud in this healing story may symbolize baptism. In early Christianity, baptism was seen as a symbolic washing away of sin and a new birth into a life of faith. Just as the blind man's eyes were opened, so too is baptism seen as a spiritual awakening and renewal.

The story of the man born blind is also significant in terms of theological debates around sin and suffering. In Jewish culture, it was believed that physical disabilities were the result of sin, either of the individual or their parents. However, Jesus challenges this view by stating that the man's blindness was not caused by sin, but rather was an opportunity for God's power to be displayed.

Similarities and Differences Between This Encounter and the Encounter with the Woman at the Well
Hearing these gospels one after another brings to light parallels, but also significant differences.

Both were outcasts in their society and both encounters involve a transformation. Jesus brings about a significant change in the person's life. For the woman at the well, she becomes a believer and a witness to her community, while the man born blind receives physical healing and spiritual insight.

Both reveal Jesus' true identity: In both encounters, Jesus reveals more about His true identity as the Messiah. To the woman at the well, he declares Himself as the "living water" that can quench all thirst, while to the man born blind, He reveals Himself as the Son of Man, a title that points to His divinity.

The response of the community is very different though. After the woman at the well encounters Jesus, she goes and tells her community about him, and many come to believe in Him. In contrast, after the man born blind is healed, the religious leaders question him and his parents about the healing, and ultimately reject Jesus and his message.

We welcome you to join our congregation of Saint Paul! Registration forms are available at the back of the church, near the entrance or contact Rae Crozier for more information.

LECTORS SCHEDULE

Sat, March 18 *Suzie Bledsoe*
Sun, March 19 *Sylvia Borowiak*
Sat, March 25 *Mary LeBaron*
Sun, March 26 *Toni Foran*

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTER SCHEDULE

Sat, March 18 *Rae Crozier*
Sun, March 19 *Lynn Spencer*
Sat, March 25 *Patty Simmerman*
Sun, March 26 *Charlotte Green*

Prayer Requests

Let us pray for our Armed Forces and their families

Bob Carter *Kyle Hanson*
Charlie Barr *Mark Borowiak*
David Staples (RIP) *Richard McAfee*
Debbie Price *Robyn Schaefer*
Jim Scarth *Suzie Bledsoe*
John Hanson

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- Deacon Dan Weber

BIBLE STUDY: Mondays at 12:30 p.m.

ROSARY: Mondays at 2:00 p.m.

COMMUNION SERVICE: Wednesdays at 9:00 a.m.

MASS: Sundays at 12:30 p.m.

THE CHOSEN: Postponed until May

ADORATION: Wednesday, April 12th at 9:30 a.m.

STATIONS of the CROSS: Fridays, at 6:00 p.m.

VIGIL MASS: Saturdays at 6:00 p.m.

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You can give your check to Rae Crozier, mail in your donation or donate online at: www.dioslc.org/ddd

WOMEN'S GROUP MEETING

Thursday, March 30th at 6:30 p.m.
at Saint Paul

Happy Birthday!

No Birthdays Listed for This Week
Please let us know if we missed yours!



A BIBLICAL DRAMA HITTING THEATERS JUST IN TIME FOR EASTER HIS ONLY SON

A first-time ever record breaking, crowd funded movie, *"His Only Son,"* releasing March 31st, bills itself as "Biblically accurate" and "authentic" based on the story of Abraham and Isaac.

Early viewers of the film describe it as "The Passion of the Christ" meets "The Chosen."

Director, David Helling revealed that it took five years to create the film on one of the most "controversial" passages in Scripture, the one in which God asks Abraham to sacrifice his son as a burnt offering. Check local listings for times and dates!

Nicaragua To Close Vatican Embassy in Managua, Nicaraguan Embassy

Rome Newsroom, Mar 13, 2023: The president of Nicaragua, Daniel Ortega, has ordered the closing of the Vatican embassy in Managua and the Nicaraguan embassy to the Holy See in Rome, according to Reuters. The government of Nicaragua said March 12 that it had proposed "a suspension of relations" with the Holy See, the Associated Press reported.

According to the AP, Vatican sources confirmed there had been a request from Nicaragua to shut down the two embassies.

The proposal to suspend relations between the Vatican and Nicaragua follows just days after Pope Francis likened Nicaragua's Sandinista government to Nazi Germany in an interview. He also called Ortega "unstable."

CRUCIFIX

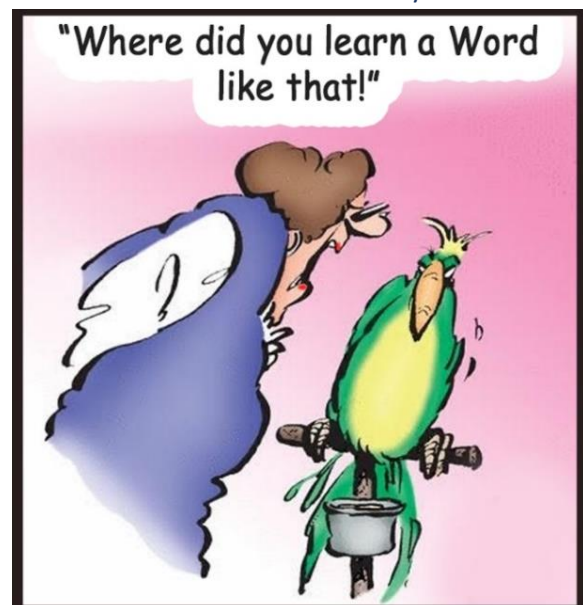


Crucifix is derived from the Latin word *crucifixus* which means "fixed to a cross." It thus refers to an image of Jesus fixed to a cross which is distinct from a plain cross. The image of Jesus on the cross is referred to as the corpus which is the Latin word for body.

For Catholics, the crucifix captures the great sacrifice that Jesus made for humanity. It is a symbol of salvation and Christ's ultimate act to atone for the sins of the world. The crucifix also represents Jesus' mission to reconcile our relationship with God. It is a very profound emblem that demonstrates God's ultimate power to overcome sin and death.

According to Catholic author Patrick Madrid, Catholics use the crucifix instead of the plain cross because the cross only has meaning because Jesus Christ died on it to save us. The crucifix is an important symbol used in many Catholic traditions. It is prominently used during Mass which is a profound celebration in the Catholic Faith.

A LITTLE SUNDAY HUMOR! Provided by: Steve



★ We owe a lot to Thomas Edison! If it weren't for him, we'd all be watching TV by candlelight!

★ Men, please remember this...a good wife always forgives her husband when she's wrong.