Jesus said to him, “You have seen him and the one speaking with you is he.”

He said, “I do believe, Lord,” and he worshiped him.

—Jn 9:37-38

Mass Schedule
Saturday: 5:00 pm
Sunday: 8:30 am and 10:30 am
Mon-Thurs: 8:00 am, Fri: 8:45 am

Adoration
Perpetual Adoration 24/7 (DMC)

Confessions
Saturday: 3:30 pm—4:30 pm
Tues-Thurs: 7:30 am—7:50 am or by appointment

Morning Prayer/Rosary
Mon-Thurs: 7:30 am
Rejoice in the Lord always.

As we reach the half-way point of Lent, it is time to slow down and evaluate our Lenten journey and make sure that we are not blindfolded with the feeling of self-righteousness. The fourth Sunday of Lent is known as “Laetare (Rejoice) Sunday,” expressing the Church’s joy in anticipation of the Resurrection of our Lord. Today’s readings remind us that it is God who gives us proper vision in body as well as in soul and instruct us that we should be constantly on our guard against spiritual blindness.

By describing the anointing of David as the second king of Israel, the first reading, taken from the First Book of Samuel, illustrates how blind we are in our judgments and how much we need God’s help to have a clear vision. In the second reading, St. Paul reminds the Ephesians of their new responsibility “to live as children of the light, producing every kind of goodness and righteousness and truth.” Presenting the miracle of Jesus’ giving of sight to a man born blind, today’s Gospel teaches us the necessity of opening the eyes of the mind by faith, and warns us that those who assume they see the truth are often blind, while those who acknowledge their blindness are given clear vision. Our Lenten prayers and sacrifices should serve to heal our spiritual blindness so that we can look at others, see them as children of God, and love them as our own brothers and sisters saved by the death and Resurrection of Jesus.

We all may have blind spots in our relationships, marriages, parenting, work habits, and personalities. We often wish to remain in the dark, preferring darkness to light. Let us remember, however, that Jesus wants to heal our blindness. We need to ask Him to remove from us the root causes of our blindness, namely: self-centeredness, greed, anger, hatred, prejudice, jealousy, addiction to evil habits, and hardness of heart.

I hope you still remember our Lenten mission for the parish: to invite two persons to join us at Presentation! If you haven’t done so yet, please make use of the remaining days of Lent to do so. This will enable us to see a more dynamic and growing parish community here at Presentation, and that will be your gift to Jesus on His resurrection day. Remember, everyone is a missionary.

- Fr. Benny Mekkatt

Infant Baptism:
Contact the Parish Office.
A preparation session is required. Session may be taken prior to the birth of the child.

Marriage:
Begin arrangements with the priest or deacon at least 6 months in advance.

Anointing of the Sick:
This sacrament is available to anyone who is seriously ill or suffering from a prolonged illness. Please call the Parish Office for arrangements.

First Communion,
First Confessions,
Confirmation, Adult Baptism:
Please call the Parish Office at 651-777-8116.

New Parishioners:
Anyone wishing to register as a member of the parish may call the Parish Office at 651-777-8116. If you move, or change your phone number, please call the Parish Office and let us know your new address.

Prayer Line:
Maureen Tansey 651-777-2466

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Mass Intentions

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HOLY LAND PILGRIMAGE
Hosted by Fr. Benny Mekkatt, CFIC, Presentation of the BVM, and Fr. Antony Skaria, CFIC, St. John Vianney, South St. Paul, MN

10 DAYS: NOVEMBER 28 – DECEMBER 7, 2017
FOR ONLY $3399 PER PERSON INCLUDING AIR!

INCLUDES: taxes & surcharges, roundtrip air from Minneapolis, first-class hotels, breakfast and dinner daily, comprehensive sightseeing

Walk where Jesus walked…cruise the Sea of Galilee…visit Nazareth…climb the Mt. of Olives and view the Old City of Jerusalem, and more!

Information meeting 11:45 am Sunday, March 26, in Kenney Hall
Contact: Kay Mottaz (Pilgrimage Coordinator) at 651-842-6022 or email at: kmottaz@presentationofmary.org
The blind man was willing to let Jesus minister to him and willingly did all Jesus asked of him. The Pharisees were more resistant to his message, spending their time and energy to disprove the miracle. Which am I more like, the man born blind or the Pharisees?

Parents of our First Communicants are reminded of our LEARNING CENTERS event on Saturday, April 8th. Further information will be sent to the parents this coming week.

- S. Kathy

The Two Feet of Social Concerns

Justice: Blessings and thanks to those who participated in the Social Justice MEET-UP at St. Timothy’s Church in Blaine this past Thursday evening. The focus was POWER AND SOCIAL JUSTICE.

Charity: The family living in their car for weeks are now living in an apartment. Parishioners and friends have furnished it with a lovely living room set, coffee table, end tables and lamps, a kitchen table and 4 chairs, a twin bed, a swivel chair, pillows and bedding, and 3 sleeping bags. Towels and wash cloths, paper products, and food items plus several other basic necessities were also donated. Further needs they may have will be published. The family is deeply grateful. All the donors are, indeed, a reflection of God’s love. Thus Jesus still continues “to find people sad and leave them glad”!

Perpetual Adorers/Prayer Partners Urgently Needed

There is an urgent need for the following hours in order to keep Divine Mercy a “Perpetual Eucharistic Adoration” chapel:

- Monday 2 pm
- Tuesday 12 am, 1 am, 12 noon
- Wednesday 6 am
- Thursday 12 am, 1 am, 10 pm
- Saturday 1 am

“The time you spend with Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament is the best time you will spend on earth. Each moment you will spend with Jesus will deepen your union with Him and make your soul everlastingly more glorious and beautiful in Heaven and will help you bring about everlasting peace on earth.” ~ St. Teresa of Calcutta

Contact Barb Kleiter at 651-774-1172 or timkandbarbk@comcast.net.

Lenten Soup Suppers Are Back!

Please join us for soup suppers on the remaining Fridays during Lent (March 31, April 7) from 5:30 pm—6:45 pm in Kenney Hall (free-will offering).

Host for March 31: Presentation CCW Women’s Group

H.E.O. Update
Thank you for your donations to area food shelves.
49 lbs. went to Salvation Army, Mplwd., on March 20.
March 27—Marge Bjerkness, Merrick Comm. Serv., Mpl wd.
Thank you for your generosity! May God bless you!

Stewardship

The children enjoy the miracle stories of Jesus because “Jesus finds people sad and leaves them glad”! The true story is told of a blind man sitting day after day by the post office holding up his tin cup. He hoped people would drop in a few coins. After days of getting no coins, he had a sign created which he held up. It read, “I am blind TOO”! Today’s Gospel reminds us not to be blind too!

The Angel Program

A brochure and pledge card for the Angel Program for Tuition Assistance can be found at the end of your pew or at the Kennard Street entrance. Please give generously to this important program. Your contribution is a great way to show your support for Catholic education at Presentation!

See chart at Kennard Street entrance of church and in bulletin for contribution totals to date.

Operation Rice Bowl

We encounter Maria in Mexico, where a community of hard-working women share joys, sorrows, and fellowship while growing economic opportunity at a greenhouse. How have your communities helped you encounter Christ anew this Lent? Visit crsricebowl.org for more.

Easter Environment

If you would like to make a donation toward our Easter environment at Presentation Church, please place your contribution in an envelope marked “Easter Decorations.” Indicate if this donation is in memory of a family member or loved one and list their name(s) on the envelope.

GAMBLERS ANONYMOUS meets Thursday evenings at 7:00 pm in the Parish Center lower level. For more information, please call Colleen at 651-295-9853.
Presentation School News

- **Scrip orders** will be placed on the 1st and 15th of each month. This is a great way to help raise money for the school and your child’s tuition at the same time. Grandparents, friends, and family members near and far can all take advantage of this program. You can order cards online at [https://shop.shopwithscrip.com](https://shop.shopwithscrip.com) or stop in the office to pick up an order form.

- There will be no school on Friday, March 31st. Our teachers will be hard at work preparing for our accreditation that is happening next year.

- Save the date! POPS will host our annual Trivia Night on Saturday, April 22nd, so start forming your teams now! Don’t miss this FUN event! More details to follow.

- Join us for **Living Stations of the Cross** presented by our 8th graders and our Confirmation students on Friday, April 7th, at 1:45 pm and 7:00 pm, and on Sunday, April 9th, at 1:00 pm. All Living Stations will be in the church and are open to the public. Don’t miss this moving presentation by the students.

2017 Lenten Schedule

**Stations of the Cross**—Fridays during Lent
- 2:15 pm and 7:00 pm

**Living Stations of the Cross**
- Friday, April 7
  - 1:45 pm (School Children)
  - 7:00 pm (Presentation Youth)
- Palm Sunday, April 9
  - 1:00 pm (Presentation Youth)

**Additional Individual Confessions During Holy Week**
- Tuesday, April 11, 6:00-6:45 pm
- Wednesday, April 12, 5:00-5:45 pm

**No confession on Holy Saturday, April 15**

**Lenten Alms Giving Project**
- Operation Rice Bowl
- Palm Sunday—April 8/9
  - 5:00 pm Mass Saturday
  - 8:30 am and 10:30 am Masses Sunday
- Holy Thursday—April 13
  - 8:00 am Morning Prayer Service
  - 7:00 pm Mass of the Lord’s Supper (with Incense)
- Good Friday—April 14
  - 8:00 am Morning Prayer Service
  - 3:00 pm Celebration of the Lord’s Passion
  - 4:00 pm Stations of the Cross (Traditional)
  - 7:00 pm Celebration of the Lord’s Passion
- Holy Saturday—April 15
  - 8:00 am Morning Prayer Service
  - 8:00 pm Easter Vigil (with Incense)
- Easter Sunday—April 16
  - 8:30 am and 10:30 am Masses

**Shrine of Our Lady of Guadalupe**

*E-TEAM* invites you to...

**Shrine of Our Lady of Guadalupe**
- *LaCrosse, Wisconsin*
- Saturday, May 13, 2017
- 7:10am—approx. 7:00 pm
- Cost: $55 by April 6; $65 after April 6
- 18 and under: $30 by April 6 (plus permission form)

Pilgrimage includes coach bus to and from LaCrosse, Wisconsin; buffet lunch; program by Relevant Radio, including Fr. Rocky for speaker, Mass, Chaplet of Divine Mercy, and more; possible indulgence.

Registration forms are at all church entrances. Because space is limited on the bus, registrations will be taken on a first-come, first-served basis. Please contact Roger or Terry Goerke at 651-778-1081 with any questions.

Preschool News

The Extended Care program is so happy to be feeling the fresh spring air and enjoying the extra hours of daylight. We are fresh and rejuvenated from spring break, and happy to have spent some time together at school during that week. Not only were we able to enjoy each other’s company, but we also had time to go sledding, make pancakes, and turn our room into a movie theater. Our favorite day was spaghetti day where we feasted on spaghetti, garlic bread, and pineapple. We even had a visit from a leprechaun who brought us chocolate coins. Now we are ready for our April showers to bring us May flowers!

- Ms. Alison
**Mass Readings (Week of March 27)**

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**Fifth Sunday of Lent**

1-Sat: Jer 11: 18-20; Ps 7: 2-3, 9b-12; Jn 7: 40-53

2-Sun: Ez 37: 12-14; Ps 130: 1-8; Rom 8: 8-11; Jn 11: 1-45 or 11: 3-7, 17, 20-27, 33b-45

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**Homebound Communion Ministers**

- **March 26th**
  - Pat Blaskowski, Ellen LaScotte
  - Tom Bieter—MCC
  - Mike Fratto—Iowa Hi-rise

- **April 2nd**
  - Roger Goerke, Carl Ostling
  - Tim & Barb Kleiter—MCC
  - Erin Murphy—Iowa Hi-rise

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**Altar Servers Schedule**

- **Saturday, April 1**—5:00 pm
  - Macie and Maddie Weinmann, Grace St. Sauver

- **Sunday, April 2**—8:30 am
  - Ellie, Bridget, and Jacob Luczak

- **Sunday, April 2**—10:30 am
  - Gabe, Luke, and Sean Honerman

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**Pancake Breakfast**

- **Boy Scout Troop 461**
- **Annual Palm Sunday Pancake Breakfast**
- **April 9, 2017**, 8:00 am—noon
  - In Kenney Hall

- **Cost:** $7.50 for tickets, $8 at the door (children 5 and under—are free)

  Meal includes pancakes, sausage, eggs, milk, juice, and coffee. Bring your appetite—it’s all the pancakes you can eat for one small price! Proceeds will go to buy camping equipment and to help pay for Summer Camp. For tickets or for more information, contact any Boy Scout in Troop 461, or Ron Glasow (651-336-5041) or Mike Krogman (651-772-0674).

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**Presentation Summer Program**

Presentation School is excited to announce that we will be offering our fabulous Summer Program again this year! We are happy to have children from all over our community; students do not have to be enrolled at Presentation of Mary school to attend. Students ages 33 months through 6th grade are welcome for a summer filled with fieldtrips, weekly themes, friends, learning, and fun! Please visit our website for more information. You can also call Michelle Hoemann at 651-770-3093.

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**Stewardship of Treasure**

**Mass Attendance Mar 18/19:** 584

- **Mar**
  - Total (past week).......................... $16,744
  - Sunday Envelopes (past week)............. $9,331
  - Automatic Deposits (past week)............ $7,131
  - Plate Collection (past week).............. $277
  - Children’s Envelopes (past week)........ $4,50

  **Fiscal Year to Date (Jul 1 - Mar 21)**........ $582,856

  **RENEW Fund Receipts (Jul 1 - Mar 21)**........ $48,614

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**Parish Calendar**

- **26-Sun:** COFFEE SUNDAY
  - 9:40 am Faith Formation INCLUDES RECONCILIATION (S)
  - 11:45 am Holy Land Info. Meeting (KH)

- **27-Mon:** 6:30 pm Spring Fest. Core Team (KH)
  - 7:00 pm Boy Scout Troop 461 (G)
  - 7:00 pm Women’s 500 Card Club (KH)

- **28-Tues:** 11:45 am 55 Club Lunch (Off Site)
  - 6:30 pm K of C Officers Meeting (CR)
  - 7:00 pm Baptism Class (AR)

- **29-Wed:** 5:30 pm Auction Steering Committee (CR)

- **30-Thurs:** 2:30 pm Rosary Ramsey Care Center
  - 7:00 pm GA (MR/KR/FR)

- **31-Fri:** 8:45 am Mass (C)

  - 10:30 am Ramsey CC Communion Service
  - 2:15 pm Stations of Cross (C)
  - 3:00 pm Craft Sale SET-UP (G)
  - 5:30 pm Soup Supper (KH)
  - 7:00 pm Stations of the Cross (C)

- **1-Sat:** 9:00 am 55 Club Craft Sale (G)

  - 9:00 am Mass (1st Saturday)
  - 6:00 pm Ham Bingo (G)

- **2-Sun:** 9:40 am Faith Formation (S)
  - 11:30 am Baptisms (C)

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**Key to Meeting Places:**

- **Other Areas:** C-Church, BR-Band Room, FCC-Faith Formation Center, FL-Faculty Lounge, G-Gym, KH-Kenney Hall, KRS-Kindergarten Rooms in School, MRS-Mary's Room in School, P-Parish Rooms, R-Rectory, RR-Raymond Field, S-School, SR-Wold Resource

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**55 Club Lunch**

**When:** Tuesday, March 28, 2017

**Where:** American Legion Post #39 2678 7th Ave. E., North St. Paul, MN

**Time:** 11:45-12:00 check-in; 12:05 lunch

Followed by entertainment and socializing

**Cost:** $8 per person (served buffet style)

**Menu:** Corned beef and cabbage, peach cobbler

**Entertainment:** Irish music and stories

**RSVP:** Please call for a reservation! 651-484-6837