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March 19, 2023 ▪ The Fourth Sunday of Lent

How Jesus looks at us every time we look at a crucifix

By Philip Kosloski



Whenever we look at a crucifix, we should remember that Jesus is also looking at us with great love.

Often when we look at a crucifix, we envision ourselves at the foot of the cross, gazing upon the lifeless body of our Savior.

However, the depiction of Jesus on the crucifix should also recall to our hearts the reality that **Jesus is looking back at us.**

Benedict XVI highlighted this reality in an Angelus message from 2007.

Contemplating the Crucified One with the eyes of faith we can understand in depth what sin is, how tragic is its gravity, and at the same time, how immense is the Lord's power of forgiveness and mercy.

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Weekend Masses

Saturday Vigil at 4:00 PM

Sunday

8:00 AM, 9:30 AM & 11:30 AM

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During these days of Lent, let us not distance our hearts from this mystery of profound humanity and lofty spirituality. **Looking at Christ, we feel at the same time looked at by him.** He whom we have pierced with our faults never tires of pouring out upon the world an **inexhaustible torrent of merciful love.**

Sometimes it can be tempting to forget that Jesus is alive and is present not only in the world, but in our own personal life. He is there, with us, by our side.

Jesus looks at us with great tenderness and love, no matter how many times we have failed.

The next time you look at a crucifix, let yourself feel the love of Jesus flow down from the cross and into your heart.

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An Act of Contrition

Forgive me my sins, O Lord, forgive me my sins; the sins of my youth, the sins of my age, the sins of my soul, the sins of my body, my idle sins, my serious voluntary sins, the sins I know, the sins I do not know; the sins I have concealed so long, and which are now hidden from my memory.

I am truly sorry for every sin, mortal and venial, for all the sins of my childhood up to the present hour.

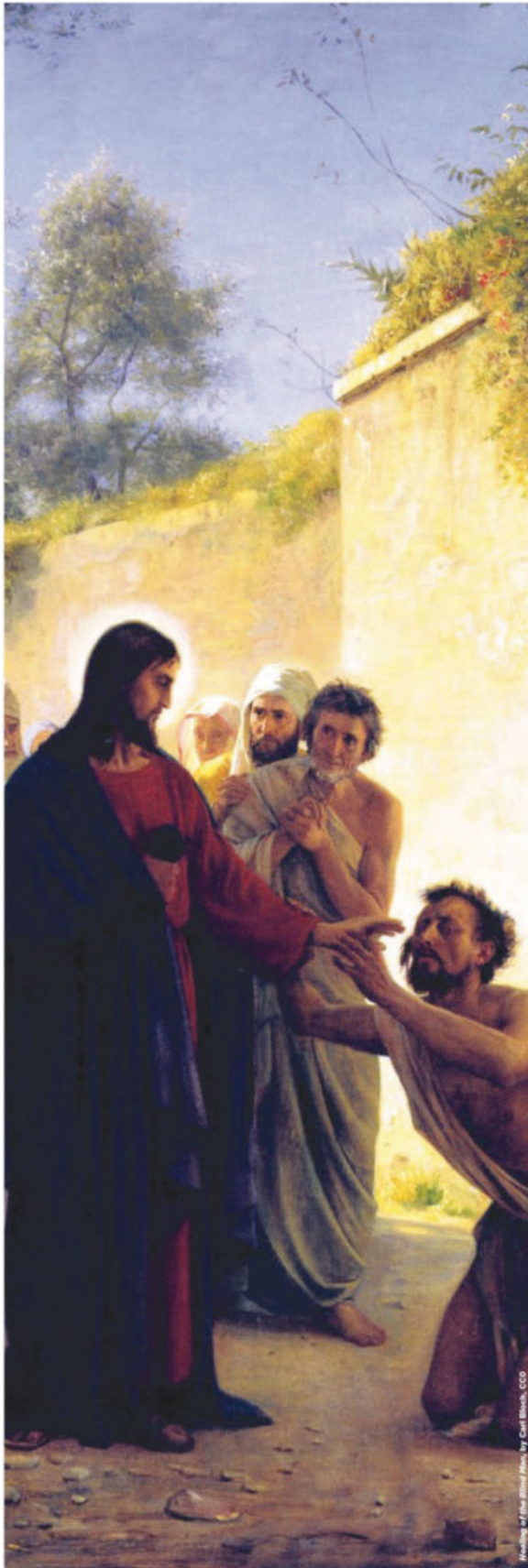
I know my sins have wounded Thy Tender Heart, O my Saviour, let me be freed from the bonds of evil through the most bitter passion of my Redeemer. Amen.

O my Jesus, forget and forgive what I have been.

Apostles' Creed

At Mass today we are using the Apostles' Creed instead of the Nicene Creed. The origins of the Apostles' Creed are believed to predate the Nicene Creed. It is universally recognized by many Christians as a shared statement of our faith in God the Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

The Apostles' Creed may be used at any Sunday Mass, but the church particularly recommends its use during Lent and Easter time. Why? Because the words of this ancient Creed have been used for centuries as the basis of our baptismal promises, and the seasons of Lent and Easter put a strong focus on baptism. During Lent we prepare those who will be baptized at Easter while readying ourselves to renew our own baptismal promises. As we recite the Apostles' Creed, it will stir up in our hearts our commitment to Christ which was first made at our own baptisms and prepare us to renew our promises this Easter.



March 19, 2023

Fourth Sunday of Lent

1 Sm 16:1b, 6-7, 10-13a | Eph 5:8-14 | Jn 9:1-41

Written by
THE
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GROW AS A DISCIPLE | PRAY, STUDY, ENGAGE, SERVE

Five days, five minutes of sunshine: That's how the city where I live greeted 2023. As the month wore on, the gloom seemed unrelenting with only momentary breaks in the clouds. When the sun did return, people posted photos on social media with a combination of joy and relief. That experience hints at the effect Jesus had on St. Paul and the early Christians. As he writes, "You were once darkness, but now you are light in the Lord." Today, just as then, Jesus brings light and healing to the darkness within us and within our world. Unlike the elusive sun, we can see the light of Jesus every day - in the people we love, the kindness of strangers, moments of prayer, unexpected joys. In turn, St. Paul encourages us to "live as children of light" by being the face of Jesus to others.

GO EVANGELIZE

PRAYER, INVITATION, WITNESS, ACCOMPANIMENT

Even in the midst of Lent as a penitential season, the Sunday readings offer us much hope. Consider today's familiar story of Jesus healing the blind man. He doesn't just tell the man to open his eyes. Instead, Jesus smears clay on the man's eyes and has him wash in the Pool of Siloam; only then does the blind man see. He was transformed through Christ. Through our baptism we, too, have been transformed and "enlightened," becoming sons and daughters of light (CCC 1216). As we continue to observe Lent, perhaps we're working on areas in our life where we have been spiritually blind - or at least not seeing 20/20. Through our baptism and the sacraments, we can be healed and transformed by Jesus, the "light of the world." In turn we can share that light with others, as we continue to grow in the virtues of "goodness and righteousness and truth" of which St. Paul speaks.

PRAY Psalm 23 is a favorite of many and for good reason. Read or listen to it this week as encouragement on your Lenten journey:

*The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not want.
In verdant pastures he gives me repose;
beside restful waters he leads me;
he refreshes my soul.*



Are You Hoping to Receive One of the Seven Sacraments With Us?

Matrimony

Congratulations on your engagement! Every Diocese in Florida requires at least six months preparation before marriage. Please call our Pastor, Fr. Wayne Genereux, at the Parish Office for an appointment before setting a date.

Baptism

We are honored that you would like to choose Blessed Trinity Catholic Church for the baptism of your child! We ask that you please call our Pastor, Fr. Wayne Genereux, at the Parish Office for information regarding the pre-baptism class before scheduling a baptism.

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Mass Intentions

Saturday, March 18, Vigil for the Fourth Sunday of Lent

4:00 p.m. Clifford Thomas (Dec)

Sunday, March 19, The Fourth Sunday of Lent

8:00 a.m. Vern Fox (Dec)

9:30 a.m. Mass for Parishioners

11:30 a.m. Philip Roach (Dec)

Monday, March 20, Solemnity of Saint Joseph, Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary

8:00 a.m. David Keefe (Dec)

Tuesday, March 21, Lenten Weekday

8:00 a.m. Virginia Alienello (Dec)

Wednesday, March 22, Lenten Weekday

8:00 a.m. Mass for Vocations

Thursday, March 23, Lenten Weekday

8:00 a.m. Rachel Dutilly (Liv)

Friday, March 24, Lenten Weekday

8:00 a.m. Dennis Dutilly (Dec)

Saturday, March 25, Solemnity of the Annunciation of the Lord

8:00 a.m. Michael John Sherlock (Dec)

Saturday, March 25, Vigil for the Fifth Sunday of Lent

4:00 p.m. Mary McCartney (Dec)

Sunday, March 26, The Fifth Sunday of Lent

8:00 a.m. Bernie Bast (Dec)

9:30 a.m. Mass for Parishioners

11:30 a.m. Aurelia Vargas Romero (Dec)

Prayer for Priests & Future Priests

Eternal Father, We lift up to you these and all the priests of the world. Sanctify them, heal and guide them. Mold them into the likeness and holiness of your Son Jesus, the Eternal High Priest. May their lives be pleasing to you. In Jesus name, we pray. Amen.

03/19 • Rev Joseph M. Paek, OSB

03/20 • Rev. Israel Hernandez

03/21 • Rev. Clement E. Rees, OSB

03/22 • For Vocations to Priesthood & Religious Life

03/23 • Rev. David DeJulio

03/24 • Rev. William J. Swengros

03/25 • For All Bishops

These are the names of the active priests and seminarians in our Diocese. Remember our Bishop has designated Wednesdays as Diocesan Day of Prayer for Vocations. Please continue to pray that more young people will hear and answer God's call to the Priesthood and Religious Life.

RECOGNIZE GOD IN YOUR ORDINARY MOMENTS

Talking about discipleship and truly being a disciple are two very different things. It is easier to know what we should do than to carry out. Many saints from our tradition have had much to say about this struggle to do what they know they must do, and not do that which they know they shouldn't. It is part of being human.

Without God, we have no chance to overcome this predicament. Without God, our actions can ring hollow, or often we are too immobilized to act at all. Without God, we suffer with blindness to the truth of what is important and eternal.

The story in John 9 of Jesus healing the blind man is about more than a physical healing and just one man. It is about how each of us can find healing of our blindness by turning to Jesus Christ. Are you someone that has been saying, "I don't understand all this talk of discipleship and stewardship; what's the big deal?" We all have a blindness that needs to be healed, and the body of Christ needs you so that God's presence in our world can be seen in a more profound manner. The reality is that God heals the blindness of those who seek him so that, in turn, they may be vehicles by which others may see as well.

This Lent, you are invited to bring your blindness to Jesus. All the written reflections in the world will not give you new eyes. Those eyes can only be found in Jesus.

Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS

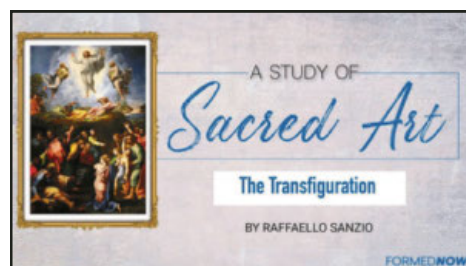
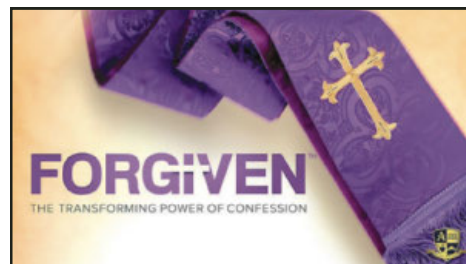
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1. Use the Easter Flowers Envelope included in your envelope packet.
2. Complete this form and return it to the office with your donation.

The names of the donors will be listed in the bulletin. **Deadline for inclusion of your name in the Easter bulletin is Sunday, April 2.** The names listed for remembrance and honor will be placed on the altar.

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CRS Rice Bowls



Blessed Trinity is making Rice Bowls with Lenten reflection calendars available for parishioners to participate. You can pick one up in the vestibule at the back of the church. At the end of Lent, **please do not bring the Rice Bowls back to the church**, but

rather, count the money you have collected and write a check payable to Catholic Relief Services and mail to:

Catholic Relief Services
CRS Rice Bowl
PO Box 5200
Harlan, IA 51593-0700

You may also donate online at www.crsricebowl.org

5th Annual Hispanic Men's Conference "THE EUCHARIST IN YOUR LIFE"

Presented by the Diocese of St. Petersburg and Suncoast Catholic Ministries. The event (in Spanish) will be held on Saturday, April 15, 2023, from 7:30am to 3:00pm, in the Social Hall of Nativity Catholic Church, 705 E. Brandon Blvd., Brandon, FL. Guest Speakers are **Fr. Pedro Núñez**, EWTN radio and television host, and **Fr. Rafael Capó**, National Eucharistic Preacher and Dean of Theology at St. Thomas University in Miami.

Cost is \$35 per individual ticket, and \$20 per ticket for father and son attending together. Cost at the door, if tickets still available, is \$40. To buy tickets and for more information, visit:

<http://suncoastcatholicministries.com/espanol>

Ecumenical Good Friday Stations of the Cross

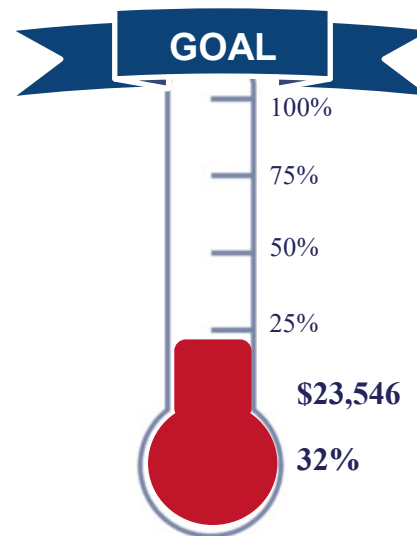
St. Matthew Episcopal Church will be hosting their long-time tradition of Ecumenical Good Friday Stations of the Cross. There will be a short service in the church at 12:00pm which will be followed by the stations out on the property. After the Dismissal of the Crowd you may leave or return into the church for the Mass of the Pre-Sanctified.

The church is located at 738 Pinellas Point Drive South, St. Petersburg, 33705. For more information call St. Matthew Episcopal Church at 727-866-2187.



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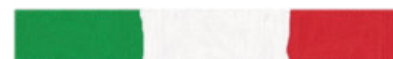


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Messa in Italiano

Our Lady's Chapel,
Cathedral of St. Jude
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March 26 at 4:00pm

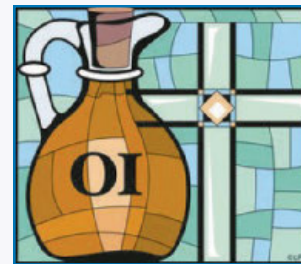
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Celebrant:

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Comeau, Teresa
Curtis, Sherlyl
Daniels, Joshua
DeZarn, Vickie
D'Azzo, Lina
Feldes, Chuck & Lauren
Ferrara, Antoinette
Fitzgerald, Dan
Forbes, Monica & Tom
Genereux, Carol
Grimberg, Carol
Hawkins, Barbara
Helbig, Len
Hoffman, Bette
Huff, Walt & Carole
Irvin, John and Marsha
Kindel, Helen
Kirchgessner, Marie
Lanigan, John
Lashley, Diana
Lawler, Matthew

LeVan, George
Lewis, Cynthia
Maharne, Cecile
Manley, Jan
Manley, Paul
Membreno, Mary & Gus
Mesick, Phil & Nancy
Newcomb, Jeff
O'Connor, Mary
Parmigiani, George
Parmigiani, Valerie
Preeper, Helen
Privitera, Sandy
Riley, Marie
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Youngman, Ruth



Anointing of the Sick

To request the Anointing of the Sick for yourself or a loved one, please contact the parish office, 727-867-3663.

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