

Dear Parish Family,

As we reach the Fourth Sunday of Lent, the Church offers us a moment of encouragement in the middle of our Lenten journey. Traditionally called Laetare Sunday—a word that means “Rejoice”—this day reminds us that even in a season of repentance and conversion, the joy of Easter is already drawing near.

In today’s Gospel, we hear the story of the man born blind (John 9). Jesus restores his sight, but the miracle is about much more than physical vision. It is about learning to see with the eyes of faith. While the man who was blind gradually comes to recognize who Jesus truly is, others—who believe they can see perfectly—remain spiritually blind.

This Gospel invites each of us to ask an important question during Lent: What might be preventing me from seeing clearly? Sometimes pride, resentment, indifference, or routine can cloud our vision. Lent is a grace-filled time when the Lord gently opens our eyes again—through prayer, the Sacrament of Reconciliation, acts of charity, and reflection on His Word.

Just as Jesus brought light into the life of the man born blind, He wants to bring His light into our lives as well. When we allow Christ to touch our hearts, we begin to see differently: we see others with compassion, we recognize God’s presence in daily life, and we rediscover hope even in difficult moments.

As we continue our Lenten journey together as a parish family, let us ask the Lord to open our eyes more fully to His love and truth. May His light guide us so that, when Easter arrives, we may rejoice with hearts renewed and faith strengthened.

May the Lord bless you and your families throughout this Lenten season.

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