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Fourth Sunday of Lent  March 22, 2020

MASS SCHEDULE
Sunday Masses
9:00 a.m. and 11:00 a.m.

Weekday Mass
Monday - Friday: 12:10 p.m.

Holy Days of Obligation
12:10 p.m. and 6:00 p.m.

SACRAMENT OF PENANCE
Tues., Wed. & Fri.: 11:00 a.m. - 11:45 a.m.
Fridays of Lent: 6:00 p.m. - 6:45 p.m.

EUCHARISTIC ADORATION
Monday - Friday, 11:00 a.m. - Noon
3rd Friday of the Month, 6:30-8:30 p.m.

OFFICE HOURS
Monday - Thursday
9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.

Friday
9:00 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.

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The Diocese of Pensacola-Tallahassee is committed to healing the hurting hearts of sexual abuse victims and has established Victims Assistance Coordinators who are experienced and trained counselors and are available to help persons who have been sexually abused by a priest, deacon, or other church personnel in Northwest Florida. The Coordinator for the program in Pensacola/Ft. Walton Beach area is Dr. Louis Makarowski; he may be reached at 850-477-7181.

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An icon of the healing of the man born blind from our gospel today.
Continuing my sharing of these ancient meditations on the scriptures for the Sundays of Lent, I present a “treatise on John by St. Augustine.” This one references our Gospel for this Sunday.

“The Lord tells us: *I am the light of the world; he who follows me will not walk in darkness, but will have the light of life.* In these few words he gives a command and makes a promise. Let us do what he commands so that we may not blush to covet what he promises to hear him say on the day of judgment: ‘I laid down certain conditions for obtaining my promises. Have you fulfilled them?’ If you say: ‘What did you command, Lord our God?’ he will tell you: ‘I commanded you to follow me. You asked for advice on how to enter into life. What life, if not the life about which it is written: *With you is the fountain of life?*”

“Let us do now what he commands. Let us follow in the footsteps of the Lord. Let us throw off the chains that prevent us from following him. Who can throw off these shackles without the aid of the one addressed in these words: *You have broken my chains?* Another psalm says of him: *The Lord frees those in chains, the Lord raises up the downtread.*

“Those who have been freed and raised up follow the light. The light they follow speaks to them: *I am the light of the world; he who follows me will not walk in darkness.* The Lord gives light to the blind. Brethren, that light shines on us now, for we have had our eyes anointed with the eye-salve of faith. His salvia was mixed with earth to anoint the man born blind. We are of Adam’s stock, blind from our birth; we need him to give us light. He mixed salvia with earth, and so it was prophesied: *Truth has sprung up from the earth.* He himself has said: *I am the way, the truth and the life.*

“We shall be in possession of the truth when we see face to face. This is his promise to us. Who would dare to hope for something that God in his goodness did not choose to promise or bestow?

“We shall see face to face. The Apostle says: *Now I know in part, now obscurely through a mirror, but then face to face.* John the apostle says in one of his letters: *Dear children of God, and it has not yet been revealed what we shall be. We know that when he is revealed we shall be like him, for we shall see him as he is.* This is a great promise.

“If you love me, follow me. *I do love you,* you protest, ‘but how do I follow you?’ If the Lord your God said to you: ‘I am the truth and the life,’ in your desire for truth, in your love for life, you would certainly ask him to show you the way to reach them. You say to yourself: ‘Truth is a great reality, life is a great reality; if only it were possible for my soul to find them!’”

Any changes to our parish programs or Mass schedule will be communicated via email, our parish app as well as our website and Facebook pages.

Please know of my prayers for you and our entire parish: for our safety, protection from COVID-19 and our collective ability to remain calm. I ask the intercession of Our Lady, St Joseph & St Michael the Archangel to watch over us.

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**Good Sunday to all,**

*Father Joe Callipare*
In today’s Gospel, Jesus gives sight to the blind man. Through grace we are also transformed from not seeing to seeing and then Jesus sends us to help others see and to believe. Your gift to the Society of St. Vincent de Paul brings joy, peace, forgiveness, mercy, and kindness to the hurting hearts of the poor.

PARISH LENTEN SOCK DRIVE
We have collected 446 pairs of socks thus far. We are collecting new white socks through to Palm Sunday. Place them in the plastic bin the vestibule of the Church. This project is to support the clients of the Alfred-Washburn day homeless shelter. Last year, we collected over 800 pairs of socks. Thank you to all our past, present, and future donors!

CONFERENCE IN CATHOLIC PARENTING
Enkindling the Flame of Faith
Sat., April 25, 2020, 9:00 am – 4:00 pm
St Paul Parish, Pensacola
- What does it take to raise kids who love the Lord and embrace the Catholic faith?
- What are the fundamental values for parents who take up this sacred task?
- How can the Church effectively support families striving toward this goal?
Cost is $25 for individuals and $40 for couples. Childcare, food/beverage, and materials are all included in those registration fees. Register online at https://ptdiocese.org/eventregistration by Monday April 20.

Home Visits- Fr. Joe would like to visit the following families this week:
* Ms. Ann Albino
* Mrs. Kay Andrews
* Mr. & Mrs. Jim Andrews
Please call the Parish Office at (850) 438-4985 or email Fr. Joe rector@stmichael.ptdiocese.org to schedule a visit.

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