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## WEEK OF MARCH 22, 2020 - FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT

### DAILY MASS

During these difficult times, when attending Mass in person is not possible, we offer three different resources to hear and watch daily Mass.

- Vision TV, Mass is on Mon-Sat at 8 am and noon; on Sundays at 9 am – please check your local listing.
- Via internet, Bishop Robert Barron will celebrate Mass every day in his private chapel. <https://www.wordonfire.org/daily-mass>
- <https://dailytvmass.com/>

### LENTEN PROJECT

For Lent, we will publish the readings for this Sunday to give you opportunity to read/reflect on the Word of God.

March 22, 2020 – 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Lent

*Faith, What an Adventure! To believe in Christ is to embark on a demanding journey, but one that leads to God's dwelling.*

1 Samuel 16:1b, 6-7, 10-13 – Against all odds, God chooses David as King of Israel. He “looks not as men do: [...] the Lord looks at the heart”.

Ephesians 5:8-14 – Christians are called to express in the concreteness of their live, the adherence to the Risen Christ that is realized through baptism.

John 9:1-41 – Christ came into the world to bring light to those who accept to receive it.



## **LENTEN REFLECTION for MARCH 22**

**A phrase from a song is repeating soothingly in my head “Be not afraid I go before you always, come follow me and I will give you rest...” I can even hear the choir singing it. This year during Lent we are being challenged as a faith Community in a deep way. Our Churches are closed, it feels like our community is fractured. We are fearful for the health of our loved ones. Where is God in all this uncertainty? The God we follow sent His Son Jesus the Christ to lead us into His arms. He goes before us. He knows what it is to be anxious and afraid, He was in the Garden the night before He died. He suffered on the cross. But He rose again and went before us. Do not be afraid... We are loved constantly, and lovingly we will be led out of this darkness. Maybe, during this time of uneasiness we can reflect with gratitude on the times we received the Sacraments of the Church so easily. Maybe, we can reflect with sorrow on how we received the Sacraments as a right rather than a privilege. Maybe, this year we can really enter into the penitential sorrow of Lent and look forward with anticipation to the joy of Easter. Remember God loves us unconditionally with arms outstretched on the cross.**

## **-Deacon Nicolas Hulse**

### Pope Francis' Prayer For These Times:

*O Mary, you shine continuously on our journey as a sign of salvation and hope.*

*We entrust ourselves to you, Health of the Sick.*

*At the foot of the Cross you participated in Jesus' pain,  
with steadfast faith.*

*You, Salvation of the Roman People, know what we need.*

*We are certain that you will provide, so that,  
as you did at Cana of Galilee,*

*joy and feasting might return after this moment of trial.*

*Help us, Mother of Divine Love,  
to conform ourselves to the Father's will  
and to do what Jesus tells us:*

*He who took our sufferings upon Himself, and bore our sorrows to bring us,  
through the Cross, to the joy of the Resurrection. Amen.*

*We seek refuge under your protection, O Holy Mother of God.*

*Do not despise our pleas – we who are put to the test – and deliver us from every  
danger, O glorious and blessed Virgin.*

### LET US CONTINUE TO PRAY FOR THOSE WHO ARE SICK:

Edward Bertrand, Maria Linck, Jacques R., Bob Forest, Tom Law, Heather Coulter, Anthony Hulse, Paule, Theresa Hannan, Noah & Bailey Santos, Jean Clifford, Gordon Hincks, Kayla Cordeiro, Helen Lalonde, Helene Larose Pullin, Allison Latham, Caron Rothwell, Caiti Dore, Andria MacDonald, Karen Descoeurs, Mary & Marian Lapchak, Betty, Gerry & Mary Guy, Elaine Kerr, Claude Bourbonnais, Catherine Shea, John Battaglia, Frank McCluskey, Virginia Camus, Antanas, Nadia Lombardi, Cathy Good, Molly Gillette, Michel Leclerc, Ralph Jenkins, Kathleen Guy. Anyone affected by the virus.