Fourth Sunday of Lent

Jesus said, “I came into this world for judgment, so that those who do not see might see, and those who do see might become blind.”

John 9:39
A Message from our Pastor

What an odd weekend being here without all of you! Both Father Joseph and I celebrated Mass yesterday for our parish family, our community of Laguna Niguel, and for the specific intentions already scheduled. He and I will continue to offer Mass each day and we are saddened we can’t have you join us in person at this time. We encourage you to read the daily Mass readings (see www.usccb.org) and make a Spiritual Communion each day (see prayer from St. Alphonsus Ligouri below).

My Jesus, I believe that you are present in the most Blessed Sacrament.  
I love You above all things and I desire to receive You into my soul. 
Since I cannot now receive You sacramentally, Come at least spiritually into my heart. 
I embrace You as if You were already there, and unite myself wholly to You. 
Never permit me to be separated from You. Amen

We have a team of folks working to get our Masses livestreamed as soon as possible. When that is able to happen, I will get back in touch with you. Many people have told me they are enjoying the livestreamed Masses from our Cathedral and from other places as well.....however, they miss being in our own parish home! We are working on that.

If you wish any reading materials (missalettes, prayer cards, Stations of the Cross, etc.), you will find them on a table outside of the Blessed Sacrament Chapel. Also, if you would like a parish directory (from 2016), there are copies outside of the office doors.

Father Joseph and I are available to you for prayer, conversation, or just a hello! Our contact is:
Msgr. John  949 249 4097  jurell@st-timsr.org
Father Joseph  949 249 4098  jtruong@st-timsr.org

I would like to encourage you to call your family, friends, neighbors and chat with each other and, if you are so inclined, to do random calls from the parish directory to other parishioners letting them know of your thoughts and prayers as fellow members of St. Timothy’s.

If you are able to send in your weekly donation, it will be greatly appreciated. Also, please see the article by Bev Fisher, parish Business Manager, with instructions on how to begin to donate electronically if you don’t do so now. Our Parish Finance Council is meeting to discuss our financial condition now, and to make plans for the future.

The Gospel yesterday was about a man born blind who was given sight by Jesus. He could then see what he had never seen before! I pray that in these Lenten days, Jesus will give each of us the “eyes of faith” to see beauty that perhaps we have either grown accustomed to or missed completely. Open our eyes, Lord. Let us pray for one another.

Msgr. John
Saint Turibius of Mogrovejo
(1538-1606)
March 23
In times of crisis, God always surprises the Church with unlikely saints, through whom Christ’s light radiates beyond their local communities to illumine the universal Church. Charles Borromeo was such a saint: appointed Archbishop of Milan at twenty-one by his papal uncle, epitomizing the corruption that the reformers condemned, Charles instead inspired a revival that reinvigorated a Church devastated by the Reformation. His less well-known contemporary, Turibius of Mongrovejo, was God’s “saintly surprise” in the New World. Spanish-born lawyer, professor, head of the feared Inquisition, Turibius was still a layman when a grateful king appointed him Archbishop of far-off Lima. Once in Peru, however, Turibius was appalled at the abuse of indigenous peoples by the occupying conquistadores—his fellow countrymen—and by the complicity of the clergy. He became the natives’ devoted advocate, building churches, schools, hospitals, and the first seminary in the Americas, publishing catechisms and prayerbooks in the native languages he painstakingly mastered. Four hundred years later, whenever Pope Benedict welcomed Latin American bishops to Rome, he always invoked “the shining example of San Toribio.”
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Charity
If you truly want to help the soul of your neighbor, you should approach God first with all your heart. Ask him simply to fill you with charity, the greatest of all virtues; with it you can accomplish what you desire.
—St. Vincent Ferrer

Readings for the Week

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Light

“Awake, O sleeper, and arise from the dead, and Christ will give you light” (Ephesians 5:14). We are at the midpoint of our Lenten journey of conversion. As always, God never gives up on us, especially those who have “fallen asleep” along the road to conversion. The most powerful stories of conversion are proclaimed during these final weeks of Lent. They have the power to shake us out of our sleep. Today’s Gospel story of the healing of the man born blind exposes the real blindness in the time of Christ—the blindness of the self-righteous religious leaders. In a few weeks, at the Easter Vigil, the Church will proclaim “Christ our Light” as the paschal candle is carried into darkened churches throughout the world. May the darkness of sin that still pervades our lives, communities, and world, be dispelled by the Christ who comes to bring sight to the blind and light to the world.
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Saints and Special Observances

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Those who have a voice must speak for those who are voiceless.

St. Oscar Romero
Outspoken Archbishop of San Salvador martyred while celebrating Mass. He was canonized in October of 2018.
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