

Daily Readings For The Week

Monday March 27th

Reading 1: **ISAIAH 65: 17-21**

Responsorial Psalm: **P S. 30: 2,4-6,11-13**

Gospel: **JOHN 4: 43-54**

Tuesday March 28th

Reading 1: **EZEKIEL 47: 1-9,12**

Responsorial Psalm: **PS. 46: 2-3,5-6,8-9**

Gospel: **JOHN 5: 1-16**

Wednesday March 29th

Reading 1: **ISAIAH 49: 8-15**

Responsorial Psalm: **PS. 145: 8-9,13-14,17-18**

Gospel: **JOHN 5: 17-30**

Thursday March 30th

Reading 1: **EXODUS 32: 7-14**

Responsorial Psalm: **PS. 106: 19-23**

Gospel: **JOHN 5: 31-47**

Friday March 31th - Day of Abstinence.

Reading 1: **WISDOM 2: 1,12-22**

Responsorial Psalm: **PS. 34: 17-21,23**

Gospel: **JOHN 7: 1-2,10,25-30**

33rd Anniversary of the Dedication of St. Paul of the Cross Cathedral Mandeville

Saturday April 01st

Reading 1: **JEREMIAH 11: 18-20**

Responsorial Psalm: **PS. 7: 2-3,9-12**

Gospel: **JOHN 7: 40-53**

Announcements

1. A warm Welcome to all our visitors who are worshipping with us for the first time.
2. Happy Birthday and Anniversary to those celebrating their special day this week.
3. STATIONS OF THE CROSS - every Friday during Lent. Starting @ 6:00 p.m.
4. Please support the Archbishop's Development Fund Charity Drive.
5. 2nd collection next week is for the expenses of the Archdioceses of Kingston.
6. Please support the Church Easter Bun & Cheese Sale. Place your orders with any of the following:-
Damion Campbell, Maurice Brown, Maurice & Claudia Tyson, Hyacinth Williams & Lascelles McIntosh.
7. Our annual Church outing will be in July. Persons are asked to make suggestions as to a suitable destination for this trip. Please give suggestions to Maurice.
8. ST. E's CHURCH PRAYER MEETING - to be held on Tuesday, March 28, 2017 @ 5:00 p.m. Please support !!!!!
9. PENNANCE SERVICE - will be held on Wednesday, March 29, 2017 @ 6: 00 p.m.

**LENTEN
CRUSADE
MARCH 30 - 31, 2017
PLEASE SUPPORT!!!!**

*Welcome to the Roman Catholic
Community of St. Elizabeth's Church
"A Catholic Community in the Passionist Tradition"*



4th Sunday of Lent

SECOND SCRUTINY

March 26, 2017

Theme: Faith and Unbelief.

"One thing I do know is that I was blind and now I see." – the official people of religion are trying to convince the formerly blind man that Jesus is a fake. The formerly blind man holds on the one thing: I was blind and now I see!

Celebrating the Eucharist

Sundays: 10:30 a.m. Tue, Fri: 8:00 a.m.

Wednesdays: 5:30 p.m.

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Monday to Friday 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Office is closed on Saturdays & Sundays.

Pastor is available during office hours and by appointment.

For us today, the question really is this: "Has Jesus changed my life at all?" If Jesus has not touched my life, then it is difficult to cling to Jesus. But if Jesus has touched me in some way, then it is not so difficult to cling to Him, no matter what others tell us.

The first reading today is about the choice of David to be the King of Israel. David is not the eldest son, and yet he is chosen. David is not particularly outstanding—even though he is presented as handsome and tall—yet he is chosen. The teaching of this reading from the Book of Samuel—and it is common teaching in the Old Testament—is that God chooses freely and does not choose according to our ways of choosing. So often in the Old Testament, a younger son is chosen. So often in the Old Testament, the unexpected person is chosen. Sometimes even the "less good" of two persons seems to be chosen. God chooses and we are not always able to see why God chooses.

Why have I been chosen to follow the Lord? Has the Lord done anything for me? Do I give anything to the Lord?

The second reading is from the Letter to the Ephesians. Here we are told: "Try to learn what is pleasing to the Lord." When we hear this kind of advice, we should not think that somehow God is calling us to follow a "mysterious" rule book of what makes God happy! The only thing that is pleasing to the Lord is to seek Him personally with our heart, mind and soul. God wants us and that which pleases God is when we seek Him and try to be present to Him every day.

The Gospel today is from Saint John: the story of the man blind from birth who is given sight by Jesus. The challenge, as so often in the Gospel of John, is that Jesus performs healings on the Sabbath, the day on which no one is supposed to work. First of all, people think that someone blind from birth had to be involved in sin, either the parents or the person himself. Jesus is clear that this is not the case. Then the Pharisees enter into the picture and get upset with Jesus for this healing on the Sabbath. No one wants to cross the religious authorities!

The focal point of the Gospel, however, is when Jesus says to the formerly blind man: "You have seen the Son of Man, the one speaking with you is he." This is the same point from last Sunday when Jesus told the woman at the well: "I am the Messiah, the one speaking to you."

At some point, each of us must come to believe that Jesus is the Lord, Jesus is the Messiah, Jesus is the Son of Man. Only then will we see that, like David, we are chosen. Only then can we see what is really pleasing to God. And only then will we see.

Let us walk in the way of the Lord.

The Order of Mass

Gathering: *No. 409 "The Lord's My Shepherd, I'll Not Want"*

Lord Have Mercy

Opening Prayer

First Reading: 1 Samuel 16: 1,6-7,10-13

{Christine Pratt}

Responsorial Psalm: 22{23}: 1-6

Response: The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want.

Second Reading: Ephesians 5: 8-14

{Sherene Chin}

Gospel Acclamation: I am the light of the world, says the Lord; whoever follows me will have the light of life.

Gospel: John 9: 1-41

Homily

Universal Prayer

Greeting of Peace

Preparation of Gifts: *No. 382 "Take Up Your Cross And Follow Me"*

Presentation of Gifts: *No. 16 "All That I Am"*

Hosanna

Memorial Acclamation

Great Amen

Lord's Prayer

Lamb of God

Communion: *No. 405 "The Lord Is My Shepherd"*

Meditation: *No. "The Lord is My Shepherd" (Ray Conniff)*

Sending Forth: *"Would You Be Free From The Burden Of Sin"*

Today's Extraordinary Ministers:

Maurice Brown

Pearline Maxfield