

RCIA Second Scrutiny on the Fourth Sunday of Lent

10 am Mass 10 March 2024

Liturgy of the Word

First Reading

Responsorial Psalm

Second Reading

Gospel Reading John 9:1. 6-9. 13-17. 34-38

As Jesus went along, he saw a man who had been blind from birth. He spat on the ground, made a paste with the spittle, put this over the eyes of the blind man and said to him, 'Go and wash in the Pool of Siloam' (a name that means 'sent'). So the blind man went off and washed himself, and came away with his sight restored.

His neighbours and people who earlier had seen him begging said, 'Isn't this the man who used to sit and beg?' Some said, 'Yes, it is the same one.' Others said, 'No, he only looks like him.' The man himself said, 'I am the man.'

They brought the man who had been blind to the Pharisees. It had been a sabbath day when Jesus made the paste and opened the man's eyes, so when the Pharisees asked him how he had come to see, he said, 'He put a paste on my eyes, and I washed, and I can see.' Then some of the Pharisees said, 'This man cannot be from God; he does not keep the sabbath.' Others said, 'How could a sinner produce signs like this?' And there was disagreement among them. So they spoke to the blind man again, 'What have you to say about him yourself, now that he has opened your eyes?' 'He is a prophet' replied the man.

'Are you trying to teach us,' they replied 'and you a sinner through and through, since you were born!' And they drove him away.

Jesus heard they had driven him away, and when he found him he said to him, 'Do you believe in the Son of Man?' 'Sir,' the man replied 'tell me who he is so that I

may believe in him.’ Jesus said, ‘You are looking at him; he is speaking to you.’ The man said, ‘Lord, I believe’, and worshipped him.

Homily

Creed

Scrutiny

Leader: Today we celebrate the second scrutiny for our Elect who will receive the Sacraments of Initiation at Easter. The scrutinies are meant to uncover and then heal all that is weak, defective or sinful in the hearts of these people who will soon be received into the Catholic Church. I call on the Elect to please come forward.

Each Elect comes forward, bows and stands in front of the Altar facing the congregation

Bryan Ngai Yan KWOK

Elizabeth YAN

Jingjing WEI

Lili Lillian LI

Yin YE

Zhengxue Li LIU

Anita LAM

WingYu WONG

Zhaoxian GONG

Yong CHEN

Priest: I ask all of you assembled here to pray in silence that these Elect of God be given a spirit of repentance, a sense of sin and true freedom of the Children of God.
And I ask you, Elect of God, as a sign of your inner spirit of repentance to bow your heads in prayer.

Silence for a few minutes

Prayer of the Faithful

Priest: Let us pray for these Elect whom God has called, that they may remain faithful to him and boldly give witness to the words of eternal life.

Leader: That trusting in the truth of Christ, they may find freedom of mind and heart and preserve it always. Lord hear us.

Leader: That preferring the folly of the Cross to the wisdom of the world, they may glory in God alone. Lord hear us.

Leader: That freed by the power of the Holy Spirit, they may put all fear behind them and press forward with confidence. Lord hear us.

Leader: That transformed in the Spirit, they may seek those things that are holy and just. Lord hear us.

Leader: That all who suffer persecution for Christ's name may find their strength in him. Lord hear us.

Leader: That those families and nations prevented from embracing the faith may be granted freedom to believe the Gospel. Lord hear us.

Leader: That we who are faced with the values of the world may remain faithful to the spirit of the Gospel. Lord hear us.

Leader: That the whole world, which the Father so loves, may attain in the Church complete spiritual freedom. Lord hear us.

Leader: Let us pray for Pope Francis, our bishop Anthony, all bishops, priests and religious. Lord hear us.

Leader: Grant patience, healing and comfort to those who are sick and suffering. Lord hear us.

Leader: Grant eternal rest to our recently departed relatives and friends. Lord hear us.

Priest: Most loving Father, through Jesus we have entered the life of Grace and your Spirit has been poured into our hearts. Receive the prayers we offer in faith, through Christ, our Lord. Amen

Exorcism

Priest invites the Elect to face the Altar

Priest: Lord God, source of unfailing light, by the death and resurrection of Christ you have cast out the darkness of hatred and lies and poured forth the light of truth and love upon the human family. Hear our prayers for these Elect whom you have called to be your adopted children. Enable them to pass from darkness to light and, delivered from the prince of darkness, to live always as children of light. We ask this through Christ our Lord.

People: Amen.

Priest stretches his hands out to the Elect

Priest: Lord Jesus, at your own baptism the heavens were opened and you received the Holy Spirit to empower you to proclaim the Good News to the poor and restore sight to the blind. Pour out the same Holy Spirit on these Elect who long for your sacraments. Guide them along the paths of right faith, safe from error, doubt and unbelief, so that with eyes unsealed they may come to see you face to face, for you live and reign forever and ever.

People: Amen.

Dismissal of the Elect

Priest: Although you cannot yet participate fully in the Lord's Eucharist, stay with us as a sign of our hope that all God's children will eat and drink with the Lord and work with his Spirit to recreate the face of the earth. Please return to your seats.