

# St. Paul Catholic Newman Center



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## Fourth Sunday of Lent, Year C

March 27, 2022

**Readings: 1 Sm 16:1b, 6-7, 10-13a; Eph 5:8-14; Jn 9:1-41**

*Dear Sisters and Brothers,*

*We are continuing our series of progress reports on the Synodal Listening Sessions. This vital synodal process was requested of the world's parishes by Pope Francis. I am hoping that you will be able to participate if you have not already done so. If you know of someone who would like to take part in these sessions, and has not been able to, please ask them to contact the office.*

*Peace and Love,  
Deacon John*

Dear Newman Community,

So far seventy-one parishioners have shared their personal responses to the first six questions proposed for the worldwide Church to reflect on in small listening groups as our part of "The Synod"... It has been inspiring and community enriching, to say the least!

On Tuesday evening, March 29, Faith Family & Friends will gather in the Chapel and then form small groups to reflect on questions 7, 8, 9 and 10. To join a different group at 7:00pm please call the Church Office (559-436-3434) so we can count on you joining us!

These are the four questions we'll respond to in small groups on March 29:

### 7. WITH THE OTHER CHRISTIAN CONFESSIONS

The dialogue between Christians of different confessions, united by one Baptism, has a special place in the synodal journey.

- What relations does your parish have with the other Christian denominations?
- What areas do they concern?
- What fruits have we drawn from this "journeying together"?
- What are the difficulties?

### 8. AUTHORITY AND PARTICIPATION

A synodal Church is a listening Church that provides opportunities to listen to the Holy Spirit and People of God to discern together and walk forward on a common path.

- How does your parish identify the goals to be pursued, the way to achieve them and the steps to be taken?
- How are the practices of teamwork, co-responsibility, and lay ministries promoted in your parish?

### 9. DISCERNING AND DECIDING

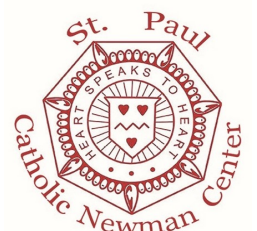
In a synodal style, decisions are made through discernment, based on a consensus that flows from the common obedience to the Holy Spirit.

- By what procedures and methods do we discern together and make decisions?
- How can they be improved?

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### Mission Statement

Gifted by God, called by Christ, empowered by the Holy Spirit, St. Paul Catholic Newman Center is a parish committed to serving the academic community and all those who choose to be part of our parish family. We dedicate ourselves to bringing the transformative power of Christ to the world through word and action.



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## 10. FORMING OURSELVES IN SYNODALITY

Journeying together calls us to lifelong formation and growth in our Christian faith.

- a. How does your parish provide the tools you need to be a disciple of Jesus Christ?
- b. How does your parish provide opportunities for praying together, listening to one another, and engaging in dialogue as a community of believers to further the mission of the Gospel?

If unable to attend, responses can be written by individuals and mailed to the Parish Office to be included in our parish "Listening Sessions" responses.

If you'd like a Zoom session set up for future "Listening Sessions", please contact the Parish Office (559-436-3434). Proposed dates are Sundays, April 24, May 1, and May 8 at 5:00pm and Mondays, April 25, May 2, and May 9 at 7:00pm.

Possible "Listening Sessions" the first week of April:

Tuesday, April 5 in the Cafeteria  
1:00pm to 2:30pm      Questions 1,2,3

Wednesday, April 6 in the Community Room  
8:45am to 10:15am      Questions 1,2,3

Thursday, April 7 in the Library  
6:00pm to 7:00pm      Questions 1,2,3

7:00pm to 8:00pm      Questions 4,5,6

Please call the parish office (559-436-3434) and let them know which session you are hoping to attend. Please share your email address so we can be in touch with you with Synod updates and resources.

For more information on the Synod, and other ways to participate in it, please contact me 24/7:  
Jim Grant, Synod Engagement Coordinator  
[jimgrantbc@gmail.com](mailto:jimgrantbc@gmail.com), 559-708-3530

## Lenten Reconciliation Service

You are invited to an evening of prayer, reflection, and music on Tuesday, April 5 at 6:00pm in the Chapel. There will be several priests on hand to hear private confessions, and an activity will be provided for younger children. We hope to see you there for this special Annual Lenten Service.

## Central California Catholic Life Magazine

During this liturgical season of Lent, the Lenten Edition of our digital *Central California Catholic Life Magazine* is now available at [dioceseoffresno.org/magazine](http://dioceseoffresno.org/magazine).

## Relief Fund for Ukraine

Due to your generous contributions, we mailed a check to Catholic Relief Services for \$7,324.68. This money will go toward their Ukrainian Relief Fund.

## Second Collection This Weekend

This collection provides funding for Catholic Relief Services, the USCCB Offices of International Justice and Peace, Migration and Refugee Services, and Pastoral Care for Migrants and Refugees, relief work of the Holy Father, and the Catholic Legal Immigration Network.

## Homebound Eucharistic Ministry

We are looking for Eucharistic Ministers to visit and take communion to the sick and homebound. This is a rewarding and grace-filled ministry. We will train you and you can visit the sick and homebound during the week or on the weekend. You can put in as much or as little time as you have available. If this sounds like a ministry for you please contact Deacon Bill at [bill@csufnewman.com](mailto:bill@csufnewman.com) or 436-3434.

## Easter Altar Flowers

Each Easter season, we fill our sanctuary with lilies and other seasonal plants and flowers provided by parishioners' generous donations. Please consider participating in this longtime Newman Center tradition by donating in the name of a departed loved one. Their names will appear in the Easter Weekend bulletin. Signups will be in the foyer after Masses the weekend of April 2-3.

## EKG Podcast

Sister Kathleen and Edgar Guzmán dialogue all things about faith. You're invited to dive into their clumsy conversations and journey together. Look up EKG or St. Paul Catholic Newman Center anywhere you listen to podcasts. If the previous sentence left you confused, head to our website, scroll to the bottom of our page and you can find the play button there. Happy listening!



## Sing for Peace

In response to the Ukrainian crisis and unrest around the world Bishop Brennan, Anna Betancourt, Fr. Greg Zubacz of the Ukrainian Catholic Church and the Diocese of Fresno invite you for an evening of song and prayer. All are welcomed to join us on Sunday, April 3, 2022 at 5:00pm at Holy Spirit in Fresno. Students from Our Lady of Perpetual Help School in Clovis will also share their prayer in form of Ukrainian music.

# Weekly Calendar

**Sunday, March 27** 1 Sm 16:1b, 6-7, 10-13a; Eph 5:8-14; Jn 9:1-41

## Second Collection - International Needs

7:30am	Mass for Col. George Ishikata	Chapel
9:30am	Mass for Johnny Deniz	Chapel
10:00am	HS Confirmation Class	CNH 101-103
11:30am	Mass for May Ya Vang	Chapel
11:30am	RCIA Second Scrutiny	Chapel
3:00pm	Igbo Mass	Chapel
7:00pm	Young Adult Mass	Chapel

## Monday, March 28

**Is 65:17-21; Jn 4:43-54**

8:00am	Mass for Gene Fitzgerald	Chapel
8:30am	Men's Morning Scripture Study	Library
6:00pm	Grief Support	Community Room
6:00pm	Young Adult Bible Study	St. John XXIII

## Tuesday, March 29

**Ez 47:1-9, 12; Jn 5:1-16**

8:00am	Communion Service	Chapel
12:00pm	Christian Meditation	Community Room
5:00pm	Finance Council Meeting (via Zoom)	
6:00pm	Faith, Family & Friends	CNH & Chapel
7:00pm	Synod Listening Session	Chapel

## Wednesday, March 30

**Is 49:8-15; Jn 5:17-30**

8:00am	Mass Int. of Sara Terogouchi	Chapel
6:00pm	Scriptural Rosary	Community Room
6:00pm	College Night	CNH 101
6:30pm	PAIN	Cafeteria

## Thursday, March 31

**Ex 32:7-14; Jn 5:31-47**

8:00am	Communion Service	Chapel
4:00pm	Confessions	Chapel
6:00pm	Mass for Denis O'Looney	Chapel
6:30pm	Choir Rehearsal	Chapel
6:30pm	Tacos and Theology	St. John XXIII

## Friday, April 1

**Wis 2:1a, 12-22; Jn 7:1-2, 10, 25-30**

8:00am	Mass for Jack and Naomi Patrick	Chapel
8:30am	Sacred Heart Devotion for Families	Chapel
6:00pm	Stations of the Cross	Chapel

## Saturday, April 2

**Jer 11:18-20; Jn 7:40-53**

### Altar Flower Tabling

7:30am	Men's Saturday Coffee Group	Cafeteria
7:30am	SoulCore	Chapel Courtyard
5:00pm	Mass for Maria Carla Alessandri-Cook	Chapel

## Sunday, April 3

**Is 43:16-21; Phil 3:8-14; Jn 8:1-11**

### Altar Flower Tabling

7:30am	Mass for Carmen Hernandez	Chapel
9:30am	Mass for John Godburn	Chapel
11:30am	Mass for Hector and Ernestine Gonzales	Chapel
7:00pm	Young Adult Mass and RCIA Third Scrutiny	Chapel

# March Contributions

2021		2022	
Mar. 7	<b>ACH</b> \$21,491.37	Mar. 6	<b>ACH</b> \$28,016.65
Mar. 14	\$13,710.00	Mar. 13	\$17,822.11
Mar. 21	<b>ACH</b> \$13,363.38	Mar. 20	<b>ACH</b> \$16,619.10
Mar. 28	\$ 9,168.00	Mar. 27	
<b>March Total</b>	<b>\$57,732.75</b>	<b>March Total</b>	<b>\$62,457.86</b>

## Prayers:

- ◆ **For those who have died this week:** Douglas A. Kennedy, Jose Murillo, Joe Morilo, Reynaldo Samson
- ◆ **Please pray for those who have requested special intentions and prayers:**  
Sr. Ana Rosa Guzman, Joan Renner, Margery Toll, Kristal Lowe Limon, Jessica H., Abigail Love, Gary Payne, Linda Alvarez, Marianne Coons, Julissa Mojarras, Estefania Medina, Laura Willers, Mary Garr, Kathy Papagni, Michael Vienna, John and Kathy Brechmann, Issac Orozco, Diana Mock, Fr. Kevin Bray, Msgr. Anthony Janelli, Sandra Barrie, Nettie Shute, Sandy Keith, Meghan Vasquez, Dan Dungy, Isabel Wiggins, Monica Becerra, Alice Schultz, Sr. Rosa Maria Branco FHIC, Dick and Jan White, Randy Trejold, Jose Murillo, Jose Guadalupe Solorio, Tommie Huettmann, Melvin Helm family, Don Dallas Family, Sr. Joanne Bauer, Deacon Steve and Angie Taylor, Deacon Jim Rooney, Jan Fusselman, Nyla Zender, Alma Alba, Deacon Rick DeLeon and Family, JoAnn Myers, Monica Baker (Lucido), Scott Alston, Daniel Xavier Huidor, Deacon Kelly Canelo and Family, Jo Carol, Debbie Ross, Tom Sommers, David Toll, Fr. Ricardo Magdaleno, Ernie Peterson, Susan Olson, Ken Barnes and Family, Mercedes Gallegos, Ramona Egan, Shannon Wong, Mary Yoakum, Jeff Ferramisco, Olivia King, Esther Gutierrez, Anthony Contino, Joe Calandri, Jeff Janzen, Maria Coronel, Christina Jacques

To better serve our Faith Family we are updating our list of prayers. Names for the sick / special intentions will remain in the bulletin for one month. If deceased, names are only published the week they died. If you have someone who is in need of prayers please contact the office at 436-3434 or go on our website and fill out the form under the "Prayer Intentions" tab.

## Follow us!



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## College Pages

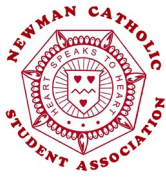


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## Campus Ministry News!

Week of March 27 - April 3

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### **Social After 7:00pm Mass**

Calling all students and young adults! We will be having a post-Mass social inside the Community Room this Sunday, March 27. Free food and an interactive activity! You don't want to miss it. :)

### **Young Adult Listening Session**

Come participate in a process of listening and engagement about the needs of our Christian community. The Church wants to hear from the young people! Join us this Monday, March 28 at 6:00pm inside the Student Lounge and Sunday, April 3 at 5:45pm inside the Cafeteria.

### **College Student Synod Listening Session**

Attention college students! We will also host a Synod on Synodality on Wednesday, March 30 at 6:00pm inside the Student Lounge. Dinner will be provided first, followed by our listening session.

### **Tacos and Theology**

Join us next Thursday, March 31 starting at 6:30pm inside the Student Lounge. Come learn about the Apocryphal Gospels with Fr. Paul and other young adults. We'll have tacos!

### **Campus Ministry Contacts**

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## Stations of the Cross

It is said that Mary walked the Way of the Cross in Jerusalem and paced stones along the way to mark certain events Jesus experienced. She wanted others to remember and reflect. Down through the ages the Stations cause us to remember and reflect on those who suffer in their own lives the Way of the Cross. Please join us on a special Way of the Cross, *Search Me, in Solidarity with the LGBTQ Community* by John T. Kyler. We pray this will be a comfort to many we know and love.

Sister Kathleen Drilling, SSND

## Our Lenten Journey With Luke's Gospels

This Fourth Sunday of Lent, Luke shares the Parable of the Prodigal Son with us. Notice the large, Rembrandt painting of the Prodigal Son located in the back corner of our Chapel. God is like the father in the story who is willing to reconcile with his children. May we reconcile with someone this Lent.

## Faith, Family & Friends

**Faith, Family & Friends** is the Newman Center's Religious Education and faith formation program for EVERYONE of all ages - Children, HS Youth & Adults. All FF&F groups and class sessions meet on Tuesday evenings from 6:00pm to 7:00pm. All Children's classes meet in Cardinal Newman Hall, Claretian High School Youth Group meets in St. John XXIII, and the Adult Group Session will meet in the Chapel. No registration is required to attend the Adult Sessions.

The Adult Session for this week will be a "Listening Session" as we proceed with the Church's Synodal process of listening to members of the Church so it can respond to the needs of the people more effectively and faithfully in the future.

## Family Life Ministries

### **Adult Religious Education and Faith Formation**

Our series exploring the *Sacraments of the Church - Past & Present* will pause for one more week as we use this time to provide "Listening Sessions" as we proceed with the Church's Synodal process of listening to members of the Church so it can respond to the needs of the people more effectively and faithfully in the future. Our exploration of the Sacraments will resume on April 12, 19 & 26 on Tuesday evenings from 6:00pm to 7:00pm in the Chapel. No registration or fee is required.

**Men's Scripture Reflection and Discussion Group** meets Monday mornings after Mass from 8:30am to 9:15am in the Library.

**The Grief Support Ministry** offers spiritual and emotional support to those who are coping with the death of a loved one. The next series of Grief Support meetings will begin on Monday, March 21st through Monday, April 11th. The meetings are held from 6:00pm to 8:00pm on Monday evenings in the Community Room. If you are interested in attending, please contact John Prandini at [prandinij@csufnewman.com](mailto:prandinij@csufnewman.com).

## Prayer Ministries

**Christian Meditation** meets weekly on Tuesdays at noon in the Community Room, for 20 minutes of silent meditation followed by a brief lesson about this ancient Christian prayer tradition and discussion. Christian meditation utilizes the mantra, "Maranatha" (a word in Jesus' own Aramaic language meaning, "Come, Lord Jesus") in order to quiet the mind and come to silence, meeting Jesus in the depth of our own being, beyond words or images. The group is a member of the World Community for Christian Meditation. Meetings are facilitated by Benita Lankford. For information email John Prandini at [prandinij@csufnewman.com](mailto:prandinij@csufnewman.com).

## Job Opportunity: Parish Administrator (Parish Life Coordinator)

St. Paul Catholic Newman Center (SPCNC) seeks a Parish Life Coordinator to manage the operations of our Parish. Our mission is to reach out to and serve college students as well as to serve the faithful who have chosen to be a part of our vibrant parish community. Requires five years' experience in management including supervising others, and a bachelor's degree, preferably in management or a related area. For more information visit our website [csufnewman.com](http://csufnewman.com) or text / call Dave Meyer at (559) 269-0002.

## RCIA

### Sponsors Needed

God has blessed us with many people wanting to become Catholic. We have three candidates and eight catechumens in the catechumenate and another five in Inquiry. In two weeks these five inquirers will go through their Rite of Acceptance but have run out of sponsors. We desperately need another five sponsors. If you are a practicing Catholic and have received baptism, confirmation and Holy Eucharist, you qualify. If you are interested in serving as a sponsor and share your faith with these new candidates and catechumens, or if you have questions about sponsoring, please contact Charles Arokiasamy at [rcia@csufnewman.com](mailto:rcia@csufnewman.com) or 559-286-6372. Or leave your contact information at the front office and we will follow up with you. It is a lot of fun being a sponsor and you will find yourself learning many things you did not know about your own faith.



### Interested in becoming Catholic?

If you have never been baptized or if you are baptized in another denomination but would like to become Catholic, please contact Charles Arokiasamy at [rcia@csufnewman.com](mailto:rcia@csufnewman.com) or 559-286-6372.

The RCIA process at the Newman Center is designed to be a safe and welcoming place to personally experience Christ and develop your personal relationship with Jesus in a supportive community. We don't throw a bunch of doctrines and rules at you. Instead we provide a place for you to explore and develop your faith journey with Jesus as a Catholic Christian.

## No Confessions at St. Anthony of Padua

St. Anthony of Padua will not have confessions on the following dates: Saturday, April 2, Tuesday, April 12, Saturday, April 16.

## 25th Annual Jo Ann Stephens Memorial Golf for Life Tournament

Right to Life of Central California's 25th Annual Golf Tournament is Monday, April 25 at Fort Washington Golf and Country Club. The tournament entry fee is \$175.00. Entry fee includes lunch, dinner, green fees, golf cart and tee prizes. There will be a prize drawing. Call 229-2229 or visit our website [www.RightToLifeCA.org](http://www.RightToLifeCA.org) for invitations, to advertise, or for more information.

## St. Joseph's Table

In this Year of St. Joseph, Bishop Joseph V. Brennan invites the parishes of the Diocese of Fresno to join him in celebrating St. Joseph's Table with each parish community bringing non-perishable foods to a 'table' honoring St. Joseph, which will be delivered to Catholic Charities. We are still collecting food this weekend and our table is located in the hallway.



## Creation Care Tips

"On the day after the Passover, on that very day, they ate the produce of the land, unleavened cakes and parched grain. The manna ceased on the day they ate the produce of the land, and the Israelites no longer had manna; they ate the crops of the land of Canaan that year." — Joshua 5:11-12 Once the ancient Israelites were a free people in their own land, they could feed themselves from what they grew. This week, like the Israelites, consider where your food comes from. Do you buy produce shipped from thousands of miles away when there are farmer's markets within a few miles of you? Has it traveled long distances to be processed and packaged? Make a commitment to switch your buying power to more local, in-season foods so as to support the farmers in your region, even if you start small, like giving up bananas shipped from South America if you can get other locally grown fruit now.

## Weekly Justice Challenge

Justice Challenge: Sometime we become so enamored with the Parable of the Prodigal Son that we forget the interaction that prompted its telling. Jesus told the iconic parable in response to being criticized by the Pharisees and scribes for welcoming and eating with sinners. Who is welcome in your home? With whom are you willing to dine? The challenge this week is to spend some leisure time with someone who has made some serious mistakes and may even have a bad reputation. Can you offer the compassionate presence of Christ to this person and discern the goodness that lies beneath the surface of this person's life?

## Hope Blooms: A VIRTUAL Retreat for Catholic Women Healing from Betrayal Trauma April 22-23, 2022

This virtual retreat is for women seeking healing from betrayal trauma (discovering a spouse's or significant other's pornography use, infidelity, and/or sex addiction). Gather with others on Divine Mercy weekend as we lay our pain, our sorrow, and betrayals at the Lord's feet. With expectant faith, let us open our hands and our hearts to receive His merciful outpouring. Join us for this powerful virtual retreat experience. Talk topics include: Uprooting Shame and Guilt, Understanding Trauma and its impacts on body, mind, and spirit, Freedom through Forgiveness, and more. The retreat also includes small group healing prayer and Adoration of Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament. Retreat leaders are Father Allen Hoffa of Integrity Restored, Laura Ercolino of Hope's Garden, De Yarrison of You Are Made New Ministry, Bonnie West, and Marian West Veilleux. Find the full schedule and register at <https://hopesgarden.com/hope-blooms-virtual-healing-retreats/> or email De at: [de@youaremadenew.com](mailto:de@youaremadenew.com).

# They Don't Get It

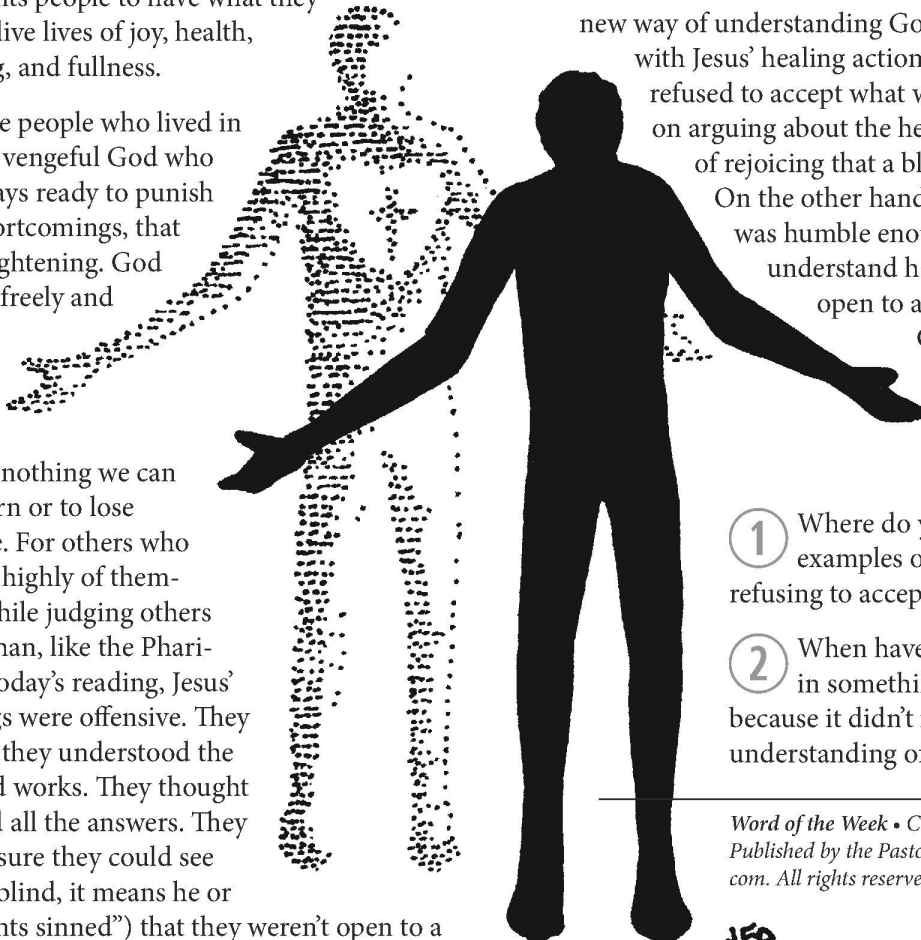
*This Week's Readings at Mass*

- ▶ 1 Samuel 16:1b, 6-7, 10-13a - Samuel anoints David
- ▶ Ephesians 5:8-14 - Duty to live in the light
- ▶ John 9:1-41 - The man born blind

In some ways, Jesus' entire ministry was about bringing light into darkness and opening the eyes of the blind. He brought good news to the poor ("God knows your every need and will provide for you"). He proclaimed release to captives ("You did nothing to deserve your illness, leprosy, or disability and I am not afraid to touch you. I want you to be welcomed back into the community.") He let the oppressed go free ("As a foreigner, a member of a different religion, a woman, or a widow I am on your side - I don't condone how others exploit you or treat you unfairly.") In his teaching and his preaching, he conveyed that God wants people to have what they need to live lives of joy, health, meaning, and fullness.

For some people who lived in fear of a vengeful God who was always ready to punish their shortcomings, that was enlightening. God loves us freely and beyond our imagining.

There is nothing we can do to earn or to lose that love. For others who thought highly of themselves while judging others as less-than, like the Pharisees in today's reading, Jesus' teachings were offensive. They thought they understood the way God works. They thought they had all the answers. They were so sure they could see ("If he's blind, it means he or his parents sinned") that they weren't open to a



“Live as children of the light, for light produces every kind of good and righteousness and truth.”

**Sheepish Question:**  
Who have I run into this week who needs my attention?

new way of understanding God. When confronted with Jesus' healing actions, they shut down and refused to accept what was good. (Why insist on arguing about the healer's identity instead of rejoicing that a blind man can now see?) On the other hand, the man born blind was humble enough to admit he didn't understand how God works, but was open to accepting Jesus as the God-sent healer he was.

## Questions of the Week

- 1 Where do you experience examples of people stubbornly refusing to accept God's good works?
- 2 When have you resisted believing in something wonderful because it didn't fit into your previous understanding of how God works?

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