

The Readings of the Sixth Week of Lent

6th Sunday 4/21 (Man Born Blind)

The grace of this Sunday leads us out of darkness and enlightens us to recognize the divine truth. We lack spiritual discernment just like the blind man lacked physical discernment but this week's grace transfers us from our vain humanity to His divinity so that we are able to know what is vain from what is truth. We receive the ability to discern the world's natural truth from His spiritual truth, just like the blind man was able to see Jesus as the Messiah and not as the Pharisees who could not comprehend Him.

Monday 4/15 (Luke 13:1-5)

Purpose: Today we receive grace to discern true righteousness from that of the world. We are enabled to look at the internal and not the external. God does not want us to judge others by their outward actions; instead He wants us to be changed inwardly. We are no better than anyone else if we ourselves have not repented.

Tuesday 4/16 (Luke 9:18-22)

Purpose: Today we receive the grace to see who Jesus is to each one of us. Which side of Him do I see and cherish the most? The grace helps us discern Christ's divinity and how He thinks just like it helped Peter proclaim Jesus as the Christ and it helped the man born blind believe in Him immediately. This type of sight, insight, is what we are seeking.

Wednesday 4/17 (Luke 11:45-52)

Purpose: Today we receive grace to have a deeper level of insight into God's true laws. What really matters to Him behind all of the commandments is our heart. No more will we be like the lawyers who only had an outward knowledge of religious matters but were ignorant of what was important on the inside. (See verse 52).

Thursday 4/18 (John 6:47-71)

Purpose: Today we gain an even deeper grace and enlightenment to know that He is the Bread of Life. This comes through taking His body and blood which give us lasting discernment. Verse 58: We are able to see that He is not like the bread of this world because He truly satisfies us.

Friday 4/19 (John 3:1-13)

Purpose: Today we receive the grace to follow Him with our spirit and not only physically. We go through this deeper rebirth during baptism, and we are responsible for bringing back the effects of our baptism through repentance and communion.

Saturday 4/20 (Mark 10:46-52)

Purpose: We are given the grace to be changed on the inside just like this blind man. He gained both sight and insight because he was able to follow Jesus right away. He wanted nothing in the world but to follow Christ.