

A few words from Fr. Dariusz

I would like to reassure you about my prayers for you and your loved ones. It is not an easy time for all of us. I hope you follow the directions and suggestions recommended by doctors and authority. As your pastor I miss you and I know you miss the church and the Eucharist. Also, by now you should have received the letter that was mailed out to you.

As I mentioned in my letter to you, I will try to write a few words on Sunday Readings so you can reflect privately in your free time.

In Today's First Reading, we read a story about anointing of David as the king of Israel. The Old Testament provides us with two accounts of David's association to Saul. The first account portrays David as a musician who was brought into the life of Saul to pacify him. The second account portrays David as a competent warrior who could be very useful to Saul.

What we can read from the First Reading is that God is free to elect whoever He chooses to do His work.

In the Second Reading we are reminded to live as children of the Light. Paul in his letter presents the contrast between those who live a Christian life versus the pagans. The Christians are compared to the light versus the darkness.

Paul reminds them that once, they were in the darkness, but now they are in the Light therefore they have to live as children of light. The fruit of the Light is all that is good and right and true. The children of the Light try to find out what is pleasing to the Lord.

Today's Gospel Reading also speaks of the Light. It is the story of the man who was physically blind since birth. This reading reminds us that by nature, we are all born spiritually blind. Our blindness ends when we were admitted into the Body of Christ through the Sacrament of Baptism. By remaining righteousness through the Sacraments of Confession and the Holy Eucharist, we have maintained our sight. Should we choose to neglect our blessed hope and shipwreck, surely, we will quickly find ourselves blinded by the darkness that surrounds us.

The Gospel tells us when the blind man asked the Pharisees if they wanted to become disciples of Jesus, he was reminding the Pharisees that Jesus was gathering disciples despite their efforts to stop him. This had to enrage them.

In conclusion, "We as Christians need to do the works of Christ who sent us. As the blind man confessed Christ before others, through our Baptism, we are also called to share in the Light of Christ with others.

May God bless you all,

Fr. Dariusz