

MARCH 6, 2016



FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT YEAR A



1 SAMUEL 16:1B, 6-7, 10-13A

PSALM 23:1-3A, 3B-4, 5, 6

EPHESIANS 5:8-14

JOHN 9:1-41 OR 9:1, 6-9, 13-17, 34-38

REFLECTION

This Sunday's First Reading tells us about the anointing of David, which was a rite involving the smearing of oil on his forehead and hands (similar to Confirmation or Holy Orders today). The Gospel is the story of the man born blind and healed when Jesus smeared mud on his eyes. If we were to read more about David's story, we'd hear how he became King of Israel and was a favorite of God for many years. In the Gospel, we hear the blind man steadfastly witnessing to Jesus even in the face of difficulty. These two men are both transformed by God through an act of anointing.

If we, too, want to live as transformed people, then we must be true to the glimpses of God we are blessed enough to see. When we are anointed, such as in Baptism and Confirmation, the Spirit refreshes us to act as children of the light. When we seek out and experience Jesus, we are given the Spirit to live with goodness and truth and to go forth and evangelize.



"SOMETHING IN
THE WATER"

CARRIE UNDERWOOD

[http://www.youtube.com/
watch?v=s_HLIOnfJNs](http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=s_HLIOnfJNs)

ACTION

This week, take action to be friendly and welcoming to people with disabilities in your life. If there are none, find a local organization, such as Special Olympics or AudioBooks for the Blind, and volunteer for an hour. Consider the different ways people need transformation in their lives.

JOURNALING QUESTIONS

- How do I feel about Jesus transforming me into a child of the light?