

4th Sunday of Lent -A

On the first day of creation – what did God create? LIGHT – the 1st thing.

NOT DARKNESS – God didn't create darkness

We are children of light – we are called to focus on the light

Today is the feast of St. Patrick – when Patrick evangelized Ireland he had problems

Druid priests had used superstition and fear to control the people

Patrick brought the light of Christ – he brought the truth

And with the light, darkness fled

We tend to spend all our time focusing on the darkness – all the problems of life.

We need to spend time with the light

- Each of us has, at some point has felt rejection, hurt, broken, cast off.
- Yet each of us is beloved – IN OUR BROKENESS, Jesus calls us home
- **Jesus calls us out of darkness, into the light – like the blind man.**

The blind man was physically challenged – but he's not handicapped

HE IS ABLE TO RECOGNIZE JESUS –

He's living in the Light of Christ.

Each of us received the light of Christ – what are we doing with it?

During this season of Lent we are called to embrace the light

We are called to look at our lives and see where the light has not shone yet

To open ourselves to receive the light of Christ

Within our parish – every Tuesday night since last September we have people preparing to become Catholics. Some were baptized in other faiths, some are not –

They're all seeking the Light of Christ

Today, Richard Grycz takes another step in this journey –

During the Easter Vigil Rich will be baptized, then 1st communion, & confirmation.

He will join us as keepers of the light – and accept the responsibility to bring the light to the world.

–Rich, will you come up here.