

# Second Scrutiny

4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Lent

## Gospel Reading – Cycle A

## Homily

### Invitation to Silent Prayer

*After the homily, the celebrant invites all the Elect with their godparents to come forward.*

*They stand before the celebrant.*

*He addresses the Elect with these words:*

Elect of god, bow your heads and pray.

*The celebrant invites the faithful to pray in silence for these elect for a few minutes.*

### Intercessions for the Elect

*The celebrant says:*

Let us pray for these Elect whom God has called, that they may remain faithful to him and boldly give witness to the words of eternal life.

*The cantor may chant the Intercessions..... see RCIA # 167*

*The response of the people may be sung or said.* Lord, hear our prayer.

## **Exorcism Prayer**

*The celebrant prays over the Elect:*

Father of mercy,  
you led the man born blind to the kingdom of light  
through the gift of faith in your Son.

Free these Elect from the false values that surround and blind them.  
Set them firmly in your truth, children of light for ever.  
We ask this through Christ our Lord.  
**R.** Amen.

*The celebrant, then, lays hands on each of the Elect in silence.*

*(Laying On of Hands on each Elect – individually)*

*The celebrant, then, prays over the Elect with outstretched hands:*

Lord Jesus,  
You are the true light that enlightens the world.  
Through your Spirit of truth free those who are enslaved by the father of lies.  
Stir up the desire for good in these Elect,  
whom you have chosen for your sacraments.

Let them rejoice in your light, that they may see,  
and like the man born blind whose sight you restored,  
let them prove to be staunch and fearless witnesses to the truth,  
for you are Lord for ever and ever.  
**R.** Amen.

## **Dismissal of the Elect**

*The celebrant gives the lectionary to the catechist.*

*Then, the celebrant addresses the Elect:*

My dear friends, this community now sends you forth to reflect more deeply  
upon the word of God which you have shared with us today.  
Be assured of our loving support and prayers for you. Go in peace.

*The Elect, along with their catechist, process out of the church.*

*The Liturgy of the Eucharist begins.*