

## Study Guide for the RCIA Second Scrutiny Mass

### 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Lent – Cycle A

#### Readings:

1 Samuel 16: 1b, 6-7, 10 -13a, (31A)

Psalm 23: 1-3a, 3b-4,5,6

Ephesians 5: 8-14

John 9: 1-42 or 9:1, 6-9,13-17, 34-38

#### **Assignment: 1 Samuel**

1) Read the First Reading from the First Book of Samuel. In this passage, we learn about how David was chosen by Samuel to be anointed as king of the tribes of Israel. What were the specific instructions that Samuel was given by the Lord when he went to see Jesse and his seven sons? Write the words that God chose about how Samuel should judge.

2) What did Samuel pour on the chosen one's head? What did it mean when Samuel did that?

3) The title of the first reading is "David is anointed king of Israel." What did the Lord's Spirit (also known as the Holy Spirit) do with David after he was anointed?

4) When you are Baptized, you will be anointed with oil. What will the Lord's Spirit do with you when that happens? How will that change who you are to God and to the world? (Think about what it did for David)

## **Assignment: Psalm 23 Psalm 23: 1-3a, 3b-4,5,6**

### **Read the Psalm**

1) The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want. What is a shepherd and what is a shepherd's job? How is Jesus a shepherd?

2) According to this psalm, what can you count on Jesus, the Good Shepherd to do for you?

## **Assignment: Ephesians 5: 8-14**

### **Read the Letter of Paul to the Ephesians**

1) In this reading, St. Paul reminds us to "do as God does...let love be your guide." In this reading, what did Jesus do to show his love for you?

2) Jesus wants us to "act like people of the light." How can you make your light shine and let love be your guide? While you are at home right now, what can you do to be a person of light in your own home with your own family?

## **Assignment: Gospel Reading according to John 9:1, 6-12, 35-38**

### **Read the Gospel**

1) How did Jesus cure the man born blind?

2) What did the blind do after he was cured?

3) Are there times when you are "blind" and can't see Jesus? What do you need to do to "wash off the mud that makes you blind to Jesus so you can see him and have faith?"

