**Week of March 19 – March 25, 2023** 

Lent 4A

#### A FOCUS VERSE

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<b>WEDNESDAY:</b> Matthew 9:27-34 ( <i>Jesus Heals Two Blind Men</i> Memorable:	)
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BEFORE SUNDAY READINGS: *Readings intended to help you prepare for the upcoming Sunday.	
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**Read Ahead:** March 26, 2023 – Fifth Sunday in Lent Ezekiel 37:1-14; Psalm 130; Romans 8:6-11; John 11:1-45