

Fourth Sunday of Lent



JESUS AND THE BLIND MAN

Today's Gospel is taken from St. John 9:1-41

It is a very long reading but so beautiful and profound. It is about the story of a blind man who was blind from birth and Jesus, the compassionate Lord cured him on the Sabbath. He is God and he came to this world to open our spiritual blindness. This poor beggar was sitting down waiting for some coins from generous people passing by. Jesus saw him and his disciples asked him, "Rabbi, who sinned, this man or his parents, for him to have been born blind" "Neither he nor his parents sinned," Jesus answered "he was born blind so that the works of God might be displayed in him.

Reading and meditating these passages of the Gospel it seems we are reading our own personal history. We saw ourselves blind and then recovering our sight in the font of baptism. Let us think a little bit on the original sin and then on the grace of baptism which now enables us to recognise Jesus as our Lord and saviour, the Master of the Sabbath. He did not come to this world to cure only our physical blindness but above all our spiritual blindness. We were born blind and with the grace of baptism Jesus gave us back our sight as children of light.

We invite you to read this beautiful gospel and take some minutes of silence to ponder on it and then to ask our Lord to teach us to see and love with eyes of faith.

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