

4th Sunday of Lent

1st Samuel 16:1b,6-7,10-13a; Psalm 23; Ephesians 5:8-14; John 9:1-41

We are to be light to this world!

As we heard proclaimed through the readings and gospel, the lives of two people were forever changed.

David, a shepherd, was called by God to be a king. Those who knew him may not have agreed, since he was a young man but God knew his heart and how David would serve him.

The eyes of the blind man, after Jesus touched them with clay and washed in the Pool of Siloam, were opened and he could see! The miracle was for the glorify of God!

How is God calling you and I?

What does God see in our heart?

Are we ready to accept healing and wholeness from God?

The blind man had to defend how his eyes were opened multiple times.

Not sure which the Pharisees thought more sinful – healing on the Sabbath or being told the healing came from Jesus which meant he was God.

We have opportunities to defend our believe in Jesus as Lord and Saviour.

How successful were we?

We have opportunities to defend the teachings of the church. Was our response received well?

It is through our baptism that we receive the Holy Spirit and given the power to be a witness to others. To share the love of Chrst with others.

What blindness are we still dealing with in our life?

What prevents us from receiving God's grace? God's love?

The Sacrament of Reconciliation restores our relationship with God. Opens our eyes to more fully see the love God has for us. We are filled with grace and the Holy Spirit is willing able to give us supernatural strength handle the challenges of each day.

We were created to be in perfection union with God. We are made to be light to the world!

I would encourage each of us, as we encounter our Lord, as we receive him in the precious Body and/or precious Blood to proclaim "Yes, Lord I believe!" "Help my unbelief!"

David brought light to the people of his kingdom.

Jesus is constantly want us to spend time with him. For the blind man, who can now see, Jesus finds him and continues to make himself known, identifying himself as the one who healed him.

We are to be light for this world, at this time, at this moment!

Deacon Ron Smith – March 26, 2017

Consider these questions from the USCCB Lectio Divina for today:

So he went and washed, and came back able to see. (John 9:7)

From what sins and failing do I need to be cleansed?

What people, things, attitudes, etc. keep me from clearly seeing God's will for me?

“What do you have to say about him, since he opened your eyes?” (John 9:17)

How has Jesus opened my eyes to his actions in the world and to the needs of others?

How do my words and actions speak to what I believe about Jesus?

When Jesus heard that they had thrown him out, he found him and said, “Do you believe in the Son of Man?” (John 9:35)

How does my faith in Christ sustain me through trials and difficulties?

What actions can I take in the coming days to offer spiritual or material assistance to Christians facing persecution?