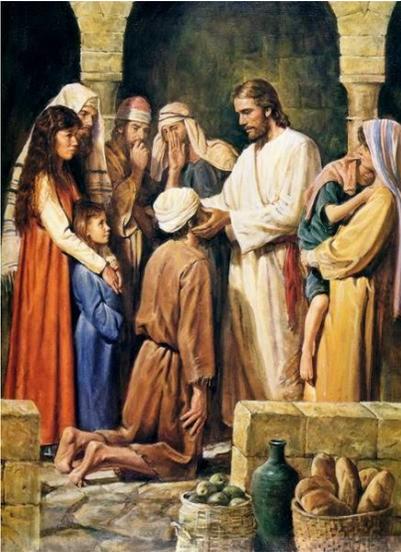


Fourth Week of Lent



Opening Prayer:

Lord Jesus, you are the light in the darkness.

Look upon those who call to you.

Sustain the weak.

Give life by your unfailing light to those who walk in the shadow of death.

Bring us confidently into Your light so that we may see you as you are,

who lives and reigns with the Father and the Holy Spirit, now and forever.

Amen.

From the Bible: Read the Gospel for this Fourth Week of Lent John 9: 1-41
<http://www.usccb.org/bible/john/9:1>

Homily Homily by Father Pat Bibby
<https://youtu.be/AscVCozEUb4>

Questions for reflection:

- ❖ All the characters in this gospel have traits found in each of us: the blind man to whom Jesus gave sight, the Pharisees who questioned Jesus' actions and were concerned about laws and rules, the parents who did not want to get too involved. What is the new sight or vision that Jesus is offering to you? Is there something in you - some excuse, belief, feeling, or rationalization that resists Jesus' offer?
- ❖ What is one way in which Jesus has been light for you?
- ❖ What would most help you to see Jesus in a new way today?
- ❖ What are some areas of darkness or blindness in our world, where the light of Jesus is needed today?

Sharing Take time to share your thoughts or feelings about this reflection time with another person or with your family.

Prayer Pray these intercessions:

- ❖ When God does something new in my life . . . *Lord, help me to see!*
- ❖ When God restores hopeless situation . . . *Lord, help me to see.*
- ❖ When Jesus reveals new ways of living and loving to me . . . *Lord, help me to see.*

Conclude with this final prayer:

- ❖ Jesus, I bring to you my blindness of _____.
Heal me and give me your true sight. Amen.