

Sermon

◆ **First Reading:** *1 Samuel 16:1, 6-7, 10-13a*

◆ **Second Reading:** *Ephesians 5: 8-14*

◆ **Gospel:** *John 9: 1-41*

1. ...we just listened to the story of the man born blind, an interesting story!! ... Jesus is the Healer....it's interesting to observe all that happened AFTER this man's sight was restored ; his parents were afraid of the Pharisees ; and the Pharisees were angry with the man because Jesus granted him not only physical sight, but also he was granted spiritual insight, he was granted the gift of Faith, ; Jesus asked him **DO U BELIEVE IN THE SON OF MAN?**, to which he replied **SIR, TELL ME WHO HE IS SO THAT I MAY BELIEVE IN HIM,**

Jesus said "U ARE LOOKING AT HIM, HE IS SPEAKING TO U, THE MAN SAID "LORD, I BELIEVE....."

..... the Pharisees remained blind to the testimony and identity of Jesus ;

So How is your own sight these days??, do u still enjoy good vision? being able to cross roads and get on with your daily routine??!! ... look out for blind people during these days of the VIRUS.....

2. Then there's that other type of blindness, those who refuse to see with eyes of Faith, let's just refer to them as the spiritually blind, then there's another category, I usually refer to them as the spiritually bankrupt, as in, people who once had Faith, they practiced their faith, then for some unknown reason they abandoned the effort...not bothered anymore with the Faith "BECAUSE I HAD MORE IMPORTANT THINGS ON MY MIND", and so the Faith slips into oblivion : may God bless what I can see and perceive with eyes of Faith :

With all that's going on outside presently in the midst of a PANDEMIC, we need to SEE the lesser-able-bodied among us, those who can't manage, those who are anxious, elderly or housebound, SEE where we can extend a helping hand..... we also need to SEE with eyes of Faith, and to pray for a way thru' this present pandemic crisis that is affecting all of us, especially parents, and the many workers who now live in fear of dismissal from the job, along with the many who live in rented accommodation, and small businesses etc....how will the regular or unskilled worker be treated??

3. Haven't u noticed?, haven't u SEEN over this last week just how much we RELY on each other to survive and get by??....don't give in to despair, we have each other, UNITED we will stand, and as a people of Faith we have the Lord-of-life on our side, so let us stick together thru' these very uncertain times, may our Faith grant us NOT ONLY perseverance in prayer, but also the courage to reach out to the weak, vulnerable and less-abled in the midst of the consequences of this VIRUS....

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