

**FR.TK.REFLECTIONS 4<sup>th</sup> SUNDAY OF LENT YEAR A 2023:**

**CHRIST THE HEALER OF THE BLIND:**

The gift of sight is indeed a very great and important gift. Seeing with our eyes is only part of being able to see. Some things, our eyes are not able to see, we can only see through **our mind and heart**.

In our first reading God reveals to this great prophet Samuel who could be the best leader of Israel not through physical eye judgment and the impression the eye can give but deeper than that.

According to Samuel all sons of Jesse presented to him looked good enough physically to be leaders but God was for the **heart and the attitude** which were all the qualities David had and that was the choice of God.

Our second reading (Ephesians 5:8-14) Paul, tells the Ephesians that **once they were in darkness but now Christ has enlightened them** hence they should live as people of light with **justice, kindness and truth**. All of us obviously are called to live like that as human being and more **in the light of Christ**.

In Baptism we were given the candle to be **the light of the world and lead others to Christ**. Our present world is **dark with hatred, pride, selfishness, corruption and lack of care** we are called to be the light. We must **witness Christ in such world we are in**.

In the gospel we see the **healing power of Jesus to this man born blind**. Imagine how this nameless person felt after being given the gift of seeing. Just imagine the excitement from the pool of **Sent (Siloam)** **He went there Blind he came back with sight, seeing the water, trees, color people**. Physical blindness can be an handicap and a big challenge. This is seen clearly in this gospel we are told this man used to **be a beggar due to that challenge, but having physical sight and not able to see is worse like the Pharisees**.

We normally take so many things for granted and we don't think of what we have until we lose them. **seeing, hearing, sense of touch, taste, feeling, good healthy good infrastructure in some**

**developed world, education systems, healthy facilities hospitals, Doctors, priests, schools running clean water!** Do you ever think of all these and say **thank you Jesus!**

The blind man is a living testimony and even he stood firm despite the threat from Pharisees. He witnessed his cure (Jn.9:9 **I am the one.**) to the Neighbour's, Pharisees and all other people he met. ***what I know is that I was blind and now am able to see.*** the man called Jesus did that for me and I **believe he is a prophet from God. (Jn.9:9) Lord I believe and he worshipped Him.**

We need only to open our eyes and **we see so many miracles and wonder happening within and around us.** we have so many **Siloams** around us **let go and wash our eyes especially this Lent and come out during Easter seeing clearly.** Let us witness Christ in our dark world which desperately need the light.

The **religious leaders had very good eye sight but couldn't see or rather refused to see.** our world suffers from so many different blindness beside physical sight like:

**Selfishness- which blinds us from seeing the needs of others.**

**Insensitivity- blinding us from seeing the hurt we cause to others.**

**Pride-blinds us from seeing our faults.**

**Hurry-blinds us from seeing the beauty and creation of God.**

**Prejudice-blinds us from the truth.**

**Materialism-blinds us spiritual values.**

We are called to be disciples and apostles of light this lent.

**LORD THAT I MAY SEE AND ACT:**