

March 22, 2020
Fourth Sunday of Lent

Activity for today:

- Read the daily readings
- Watch Sunday Mass on a Facebook Live event or on EWTN TV Channel
- Call a friend or family member who you haven't spoken with in awhile.
- Check this website after NOON today. Fr. Brian's homily will be available and other activities will be added.

JOHN 9:1-41
Healing a blind man

GOSPEL REFLECTION:
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Friends, today in the strange and strikingly beautiful account of the healing of the man born blind in John's Gospel, we find an iconic representation of Christianity as a way of seeing. Jesus spits on the ground and makes a mud paste, which he then rubs onto the man's eyes. When the man washes his eyes in the pool of Siloam as Jesus had instructed him, his sight is restored.

The crowds are amazed, but the Pharisees—consternated and skeptical—accuse him of being naïve and the one who healed him of being a sinner. With disarming simplicity the visionary responds: "If he is a sinner, I do not know. One thing I do know is that I was blind and now I see."

This is precisely what all Christians say when they have encountered the light of Christ. It was St. Augustine who saw in the making of the mud paste a metaphor for the Incarnation: the divine power mixing with the earth, resulting in the formation of a healing balm. When this salve of God made flesh is rubbed onto our eyes blinded by sin, we come again to see.

Reflect: How is the Christian way of seeing different from the culture's way of seeing?