

4th Sunday of Lent – A

Last Sunday all our readings were about water
This Sunday focuses on light

Camping with my sons, camping as a cub scout, after ghost stories.
“It’s really dark” Yes, but we’re safe
“I’ll hold your hand so you won’t be scared, OK?”

- Light really doesn’t add anything new
- It simply makes it possible to see what’s already there

Jesus says “I am the light of the world”
Jesus doesn’t claim power to create anything or change anything –
He simply says He has the power to let us (in our darkness) see what’s already there
THE LOVE OF GOD

Listen – what cures the blind man is NOT his ability to see tables and chairs
What cures the blind man is his ability to see Jesus as Messiah
He has **NEW HOPE** & **NEW PURPOSE**

The blind man knows it is not about whether Christ made mud on the Sabbath
Legalistic Theology doesn’t matter to him
& when they throw him out of the temple it is clear that
THEY are the blind ones
Obsessed with their own interests, they cannot see God’s interests -
Where there is rejoicing that a man born blind can see

- Blind that can’t see until his eyes are covered in mud
 - o Why mud? Jesus could’ve just said the word – why all the trouble with mud?
 - o (Mud is earth, from which we’re made)
 - We need to go back to creation – to the creator
 - To truly see we need light – what was made on Day 1 – **LIGHT**
 - Our creator, the Lord God, wants us to see clearly – Jesus is **LORD!**
 - o Next he told to wash in the Pool of Siloam? Why
 - Baptism, washed clean we can see
 - From blindness – we come out of darkness into the light
 - Light that has been there all along
 - **LISTEN** – the fact that we are blind, the fact that we can’t see doesn’t mean the sun isn’t shining all around us

- **The hidden pearl in today's readings is in the 2nd reading (EPH 5)**
 - NOT – we were in darkness & now we're in light
 - WE WERE DARKNESS – *darkness itself*
 - WE ARE THE LIGHT – *light itself*

Paul says that **without Jesus**, we are – **We are darkness itself**.
My son and I were in the dark – but we weren't darkness.

Nature of Light – WHEN I AM LIGHT:

(1) All darkness gets exposed in me.

OUR SIN, OUR IMPERFECTIONS – Thus the call to REPENT

Repentance is a gift – JOYFUL Sacrament of Reconciliation - in Jesus!

(2) All around us gets exposed– we should impact Society, those around us.

It's the fruit of being Christian – IF NOT - WHY?

- As Christians we are called “Children of light”
 - NOT “ENLIGHTENED” rather – “Children of Light itself”.
- THE NATURE OF THE LIGHT BECOMES OUR NATURE
THE NATURE OF CHRIST BECOMES OUR NATURE

This is what we sign up for as Christians, AS CATHOLICS – to make God's nature ours!

This is the dramatic change of EASTER – **We choose Christ – we choose light!**

This is the choice Zara and Jervio have made

They have chosen to join the Catholic Church – to join us as we shine with light of J.