

4th Sunday of Lent, A
John 9:1-14

Ultimately, these Lenten spiritual exercises of prayer, penance and acts of mercy, direct your sight and the vision of the world to the Kingdom of God where God is our communion, our hope fulfilled, our ultimate love whom we encounter encountering each other.

The man born blind, his parents, his neighbors, the disciples, the Pharisees and now you, encounter each other encountering Mary's Son.

The disciples while **walking together with Jesus** collide with this man born blind. "Who sinned" they ask?

From this encounter the **fruit of faith will bear new life** – sight to the man born blind. Sight is not just to see with the eyes but more importantly to see with the eyes of faith.

- A faith that sees your wife as a person equal to yourself.
- A faith that sees your body as temple of the Holy Spirit.
- A faith that sees peace flowing from the cross of your life.

But this encounter can also bring blindness to those who have eyes but refuse to see.

- The blindness of racism
- The blindness that values profit over people
- The blindness of violence with pen, with mouth and with gun.

In this encounter with Jesus, there is confusion and argument, disbelief, joy and rejoicing; pride, fear and anger, sight, belief and healing. We wrestle and box with God! We fall down, yet are raised up.

Look around your world and you will see all of this as people encounter each other.

So, "Do you believe in the Son of Man? Who is he" you ask?
"You have seen Him!"

Prayer, penance, and acts of mercy opens your eyes, opens your ears and opens your nose to encounter God encountering each other.

Since God is our communion and our hope fulfilled and since God is our ultimate love whom we encounter encountering each other

Then Who made you?

Why did God make you?

Where is God?

Let those who have eyes to see, see!