



**SCRIPTURE
of the DAY**

1 Samuel 16: 1, 6-7, 10-13
Psalm 22: 1-6
Ephesians 5: 8-14
John 9: 1-41 (or 9: 1, 6-9,
13-17, 34-38)



This, is what we see in this story - Jesus performs a ritual much like the way we are baptised.

So, after undergoing this ritual, the blind man's eyes are restored. But he only sees partially. He has a journey to make in order to see perfectly. The same may be said of us. Baptism is not the end of our journey but the beginning! It renders us able to see; though we are still new born infants. We need to grow. We can see, but there is so much we haven't yet seen. We must grow in his faith to come to know who Jesus Really Is. **And in seeing who He is, we also come to see Him in others, especially in the weak and the poor.** "On the wounded faces of the poor, we see the suffering of the innocent and, therefore, the suffering of Christ Himself" (Pope Leo *Dilexi Te* #9). We can enter the most profound solidarity with the poor because we have entered into this profound communion with Christ: In the One, we are One.

This is our journey, moving in stages to more perfectly know Jesus. St Paul tells us, "For now we see in a mirror dimly, but then face to face. Now I know in part; then I shall understand fully, even as I have been fully understood." (1 Cor 13:12).

May we ever cling to the Light that banishes the darkness which is all around us. When the world, which constantly seeks to undermine, manipulate and distort the Light of the Truth, twists the meaning of the life-giving words of Christ and asks us, "Do you want to become His disciple, too?" ... let us shout, unafraid and in loving faithfulness, "We do and we are, because once we could not see, but now we see clearly!" For in the One, we are One! ✠

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"Lent is a time that makes us jointly responsible for one another; it detaches us from our selfishness, small-mindedness, meanness and pride."

- St. John Paul II

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**"In the One,
We Are One"**

As we move into the Fourth Week of Lent, our Sunday gospel gives us the story of the man born blind. According to St Augustine, the blind man represents the human race wounded by original sin. Because of Adam's sin, we are born "blind" but in the baptismal font we are illumined by the grace of Christ.