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SALT OF THE EARTH AND LIGHT OF THE WORLD:  
CELEBRATING, LISTENING AND WALKING TOGETHER IN A SPIRIT OF COMMUNION  
PARTICIPATION AND MISSION (MATTHEW 5: 13-16).

**“Is not Jesus pointing to children even as models for grown-ups?”**

*St. John Paul II*



Sometimes, we too can suffer from a type of “blindness” when we ridicule an honest and well-intentioned effort by another person. We only see the person’s “wrong” side and are unable to give the person a chance. In this regard, we can take “shots” at people. Sometimes we may even complain bitterly against the clergy, bishop or Pope because we don’t agree with their words or actions, no matter how well-intentioned their efforts may be.

**It is a sad thing to be blind, but perhaps it is worse when we have eyes but cannot see.** This is the unforgivable sin that Jesus talks about – when we cannot profess the truth about Jesus and all that He is doing. The scribes witnessed the multitudes come to Jesus and they saw the good that He did, but they choose not to believe. Similarly in our lives, we too know of the enormous contribution that people make in our families, parish and in the world but sometimes we simply choose not to accept or rejoice in the positive impact they are making. We find it easier to complain and finger-point and lay blame on others when things are not done the way we think they should. Oftentimes, we relay our “coloured” views to others and as a result, we “fuel” mistrust and confusion around us. In this way, our ‘blindness’ can even be contagious.

Today, Jesus gives us a yardstick on how to discern a situation happening around us so that we do not overreact “blindly”. He tells us that *‘whoever does the will of my Father is my brother, sister and mother’*. This is the measure we must practice and use to discern, that is, whether our every action and word is done in accordance to the Father’s will. The more we practice this, the more we will discard any form of blindness and walk in the light. ✦

**SCRIPTURE of the DAY**

Genesis 3: 9-15

Psalms 129: 1-8

2 Corinthians 4: 13 – 5: 1

Mark 3: 20-35

**MONTHLY FOCUS**

**LET OUR CHILDREN GROW**

## Spiritual Blindness

“How can Satan drive out Satan?”, Jesus asks the scribes who say that he is possessed by the devil. The scribes witnessed the miracles Jesus was performing but they were still determined to ascribe it to the devil. Basically, the scribes simply couldn’t take Jesus for who He is! They had a spiritual blindness that was apparent.

