

Sunday 4th (A) of Lent

Gospel text (Jn 9,1-41): As Jesus walked along, He saw a man who had been blind from birth. His disciples asked him, «Master, was he born blind because of a sin of his, or of his parents?». Jesus answered, «Neither was it for his own sin nor for his parents. He was born blind so that God's power might be shown in him (...)». As Jesus said this, he made paste with spittle and clay and rubbed it on the eyes of the blind man. Then he said, «Go and wash in the Pool of Siloam» (This name means sent). So he went and washed and came back able to see (...). Jesus (...) found him and said, «Do you believe in the Son of Man?». He answered, «Who is he, that I may believe in him?». Jesus said, «You have seen him and he is speaking to you. He said, «Lord, I believe»; and he worshiped him (...).

The light of faith: “Lord, I believe!”

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Today, Jesus heals a man blind from birth tells us. The question which the Lord Jesus asks the blind man is the high point of the story: “Do you believe in the Son of Man?”. The man recognizes the sign worked by Jesus and he passes from the light of his eyes to the light of faith: “Lord, I believe!”.

It should be noted that as a simple and sincere person he gradually completes the journey of faith. In the beginning he thinks of Jesus as a “man” among others, then he considers him a “prophet” and finally his eyes are opened and he proclaims him “Lord”. In opposition to the faith of the healed blind man is the hardening of the hearts of the Pharisees who do not want to accept the miracle because they refuse to receive Jesus as the Messiah.

—Because of Adam’s sin we too are born “blind” but in the baptismal font we are illumined by the grace of Christ. Sin wounded humanity, but the newness of life

shines out in Christ, as well as the destination to which we are called.