

# Lenten Reflection - 4th Sunday

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## **GOSPEL READING - JOHN 9:1,6-9,13-17,34-38**

As Jesus passed by he saw a man blind from birth.

He spat on the ground and made clay with the saliva,  
and smeared the clay on his eyes, and said to him,

"Go wash in the Pool of Siloam" — which means Sent —.

So he went and washed, and came back able to see.

His neighbors and those who had seen him earlier as a beggar said,  
"Isn't this the one who used to sit and beg?"

Some said, "It is", but others said, "No, he just looks like him."

He said, "I am."

They brought the one who was once blind to the Pharisees.

Now Jesus had made clay and opened his eyes on a sabbath.

So then the Pharisees also asked him how he was able to see.

He said to them, "He put clay on my eyes,  
and I washed, and now I can see."

So some of the Pharisees said, "This man is not from God,  
because he does not keep the sabbath."

But others said, "How can a sinful man do such signs?" And there was a division among them.

So they said to the blind man again, "What do you have to say about him, since he opened your eyes?"

He said, "He is a prophet." They answered and said to him,

"You were born totally in sin, and are you trying to teach us?"

Then they threw him out.

When Jesus heard that they had thrown him out,

he found him and said, "Do you believe in the Son of Man?"

He answered and said, "Who is he, sir, that I may believe in him?"

Jesus said to him, "You have seen him, and the one speaking with you is he."

He said, "I do believe, Lord," and he worshiped him.

Lord Our God, we bless you.  
As we ponder the Scriptures,  
we ask you in your kindness  
to fill us with the knowledge  
of your will so that,  
pleasing you in all things,  
we may grow  
in every good work.  
We ask this through  
Christ our Lord. Amen.

## **Reflection Questions**

- What is the "miracle of grace" in this story? Where have you experienced "miracles of grace" in your life?
- Where have you struggled with suffering in your life?
- Has there been an occasion when you have chosen blindness? How has God met you in that struggle?
- How has Christ empowered you through your acceptance of a frailty in your life?
- When has something amazing come through the adversity you have experienced? How have you seen God's goodness flow through this adversity?

