

Darkness can only be scattered by light.
Hatred can only be conquered by love.

- St. John Paul II



Scripture of the Day:

1 Sam 16: 1b, 6-7,
10-13a.

Ps 23: 1-3a, 3b-4,
5, 6 (1)

Eph 5: 8-14

Jn 9: 1-41

**Weekly
WORD**

**Do we choose
not to see?**

undertook the evaluation of the candidates by appearance. Samuel was annoyed and distressed. Eliab and Jesse's six sons who were initially presented to him were not suitable in God's eyes. As God chose David, we are reminded that man sees the appearance, but God sees the heart.

This blindness continues today. We fail to see the emotional poverty behind the shimmering clothes and fancy cars. We fail to see the suffering behind the stoic exterior of the single mother. We fail to see the pain behind the eyes of a depressed teenager who has lost all hope of connecting with his/her busy parents.

Do we want to see? **Do we choose not to see?** When will we see?

In the Gospel today, Jesus heals a man born blind by directing him to wash himself in the Pool of Siloam, with the clay and spittle mix Jesus had put on the blind man's eyes. Immediately, the man was able to see. What joy!

Despite this joyous outcome, there were those who were ready to mock and question the authenticity of the healing. We expect that to happen. But we continue, nevertheless, with the Lord as our Shepherd. Even if we walk in the valley of darkness, we fear no evil. He is there with His crook and his staff, and He gives us courage.

David had absolute faith in God and did everything God wanted him to do. David's faith pleased God and God rewarded David for his faithfulness. When we live as children of the light, able and willing to see, our lives produce every kind of goodness, righteousness and truth. ✠

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NEW WAY OF BEING CHURCH

4th Sunday of Lent

SENT WITH JOY TO HEAL

**MONTHLY THEME:
GOD HAS FOUND FAVOUR IN YOU**

Living as Children of the Light

God's ways are different from man's. God sees in persons, qualities which we humble mortals would ordinarily not perceive. The story of God choosing David, "a man after God's own heart" [Acts 13:22] is such an instance. Samuel, who was given the task to anoint the one chosen by God to be the future king,

