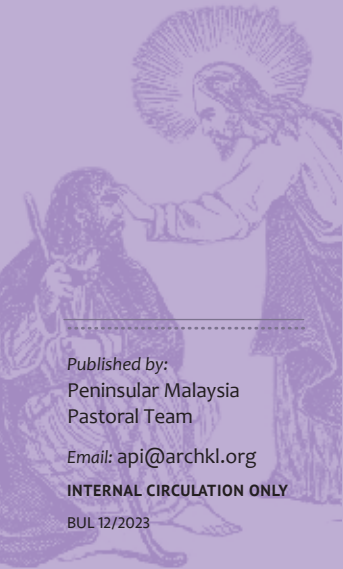


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“Lord let me see,”

SCRIPTURE  
of the DAY

Gospel of  
St John 9:1-41  
The Blind Man



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The only difference between him and all the others in the gospel of St John is that he knows he is blind. Until we know we are blind we can never see with new eyes. “Surely we are not blind, are we?”

Blindness is not about the quality of our vision or the condition of our eyes. It is not about the darkness around us but, rather, the darkness within us. How we see others, what we see in the world, the way we see life is less about the objects of our seeing and more about ourselves. We do not see God, people, things, or circumstances as they are but as we are. Until our eyes are opened by Christ our seeing is really just a projection of ourselves onto the world. What we see and how we see manifest our inner world. They describe and point to the fears, attachments, and beliefs within us.

If we wish to see God, life, and others as they really are then we must attend to what is going on within us. True seeing begins in the heart, not the eyes. We must begin to acknowledge the fears, attachments, and beliefs that live within us and how they have impaired our vision.

Read the daily readings together before a meal and share with each other, on how we can encourage each other in prayer. **To keep crying out, “Lord let me see,”** Prayer as a family, agree on fasting together, even if it means for a few hours. Bring together the fruits of your fasting as a family. Use it for some act of almsgiving, for someone or a family in need. ✚

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4th Sunday of Lent

SALT OF THE EARTH AND LIGHT OF THE WORLD: COMMUNION (INCLUSIVE), PARTICIPATION (CREATIVE) & MISSION (BRIDGE BUILDING)

MONTHLY FOCUS: **FAMILY AND PRAYER**

FOCUS EVENT: **WORLD DAY OF PRAYER - LENTEN SEASON**

## Let Me See!

They all looked but none saw him. If they saw him they would have to confront their own blindness. This man blind from birth is not just a single individual, he is every man, every woman.

