

Lent 2017 Week #4: March 26, 2017
From Darkness to Light Weekly Guide
Blindness
(To be used within a group or independently)

Read the Sunday Gospel from Mass: **John 9:1-41** with a small group or individually
Reflection Questions Over the Gospel:

- What are some ways that you can use this Gospel in your life right now?
- What is your greatest blind spot in your life? In what ways are you blind?
- What is causing your blindness?
- When (if ever) have you ever moved from blindness to sight?
- In what way are we as a church or society collectively blind?

Fr. Mark's Weekly Lenten Message:

- Watch the Lenten Message for the particular week found on the parish website
 - <https://vimeo.com/207051295>
- Review the challenge Fr. Mark gave during the homily:

"I came into this world so that those who do not see might see, and those who do see might become blind." John 9:39

- The Pharisees- They were religious, but were blind to Jesus.
- The Blind man- He had no faith life and saw Jesus.
- What is causing your blindness?

Catholics can't be blind to issues and needs around us. Our Tradition has a wealth of wisdom to share on these issues enabling us to move from darkness to light.

*The video discussed: **The Consistent Ethic of Life***

- 1) *Life is Sacred-everyone is made in the image and likeness of God, created with*
- 2) *Life is Social-meant to interact with one another, we can't do it alone*
 - What perspective do you bring to life issues?
 - Is your perspective informed by the Catholic Tradition?

How will you live differently this week based on what you have learned?

Closing Prayer (5 minutes):

Listen and reflect on the words to the following song "Amazing Grace: My Chains Are Gone":

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Jbe7OruLk8I>

For Further Reflection: Prayerful Reading of Scripture
View Fr. James Martin's Description of Lectio Divina:
<https://vimeo.com/146390943>

Recap the key questions of each phase:

- ***Read: What does the text say?***
- ***Reflect: What does the text say to me?***
- ***Respond: What do I want to say to God about the text?***
- ***Resolve: What difference will this text make in my life?***
- ***Rest: Rest in God's presence for a moment of silence.***

➤ Reread the Gospel Reading Using the Lectio Divina Process