

## **Homily > Lent IV (A), 2nd Scrutiny, 30th March 2025.**

Today, we celebrate the 2nd Sunday of the Scrutiny. As we approach the Easter Vigil, the Church continues her special preparation for the Elect - those who will be baptized at Easter. For all of us, whether baptized or preparing for baptism, the readings today invite us to reflect on the theme of spiritual transformation, the healing of our blindness, and the deepening of our faith.

In today's Gospel from John 9:1-41, we encounter the story of the healing of the blind man. It's a story rich in meaning, and one that reflects a journey - from physical blindness to spiritual sight. Jesus heals the man who was born blind, not simply to restore his physical sight, but to reveal deeper truths about who He is and what He has come to do for each of us. We see this through the man's gradual understanding of Jesus' true identity. He moves from calling Jesus "a man" to recognizing Him as a prophet, and finally, as Lord, when he worships Him.

This journey is significant for us, especially during Lent. Like the blind man, we are invited to encounter Jesus in a way that challenges us to deepen our understanding and relationship with Him. Jesus doesn't just heal the man's eyes, He transforms his entire life. Through His healing, Jesus offers the man a new way of seeing the world - a world full of grace, truth, and the light of God.

For us, the journey of faith is not just about knowing facts about God; it's about experiencing Him in our lives. Like the blind man, we are called to open our eyes to see God's presence in our everyday experiences. This Lent, the Church invites us to examine where we are spiritually blind. Are there areas of our lives where we are refusing to see the truth about ourselves or about God? Are there places where we have hardened our hearts, choosing the darkness over the light of Christ?

The Scrutiny, which are part of the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA), are special prayers that the Church offers to help the Elect - those preparing for baptism - overcome the darkness in their lives. They are prayers of strength, healing, and deliverance. But these prayers are not just for those preparing for baptism; they are for all of us. We all need God's grace to open our eyes, to help us see the truth about ourselves, about others, and about the world around us.

In the second Scrutiny, we are reminded that Christ is the Light who came into the world to dispel the darkness of sin and death. Through the waters of baptism, we are cleansed, and our eyes are opened to the beauty of God's love. This is why the blind man's healing is so relevant for us today - it shows us that Jesus is not just interested in curing physical ailments, but in offering us the deeper healing of our souls.

As we continue our Lenten journey, let us pray for the grace to see with the eyes of faith. Just like the blind man, may we encounter Jesus in our own lives, recognize Him as our Savior, and respond with worship and gratitude. May we open our eyes to the many ways God is calling us to transformation, to healing, and to a deeper relationship with Him.

To the Elect who are preparing for baptism, we rejoice with you in your journey of faith. May this period of purification and enlightenment deepen your trust in God's grace. For the rest of us, let us

use this time to examine our hearts, confess our sins, and seek God's healing touch, so that we too may experience a new kind of vision - a vision that sees the world through the eyes of Christ.

Let us conclude with a prayer; Lord Jesus, open our eyes to see Your truth and Your light in our lives. Heal the blindness in our hearts and guide us on the path to salvation. May we always walk in Your light, and share that light with those around us. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.

May God bless you all as we continue this Lenten journey, and may you experience the joy of being healed by Christ, our Light.