

Have No Fear but Trust in God and Offer Our Prayers

4th Sunday of Lent (1 Sam 6:1-13; Eph 5:8-14; Jn 9:1-41)

In a Catholic school cafeteria, a teacher places a note in front of a basket of apples, "Only take one. God is watching." On the other counter there was a box of cookies. A little boy makes his own note, "Take all you want. God is watching the apples."

In today's Gospel Jesus healed a blind man, but He is "watched" by many, I mean, by his disciples. 'Light' is the theme that runs through today's readings. We hear today that Jesus healed a blind man who was born blind. The blind man had never seen a human being. He never saw any beautiful colors. He had no idea of what seeing is all about. In a way, he never knew what he was missing until he met Jesus. But when he met Jesus, Jesus healed the blind man and restored his sight. It tells us something beautiful about the nature of our God. He is a wonderful loving God. He loves us always. He cares about us. I know we have lots of tensions, problems, disappointments, job insecurities and anxieties at this time because of the fast spread of COVID 19.

The blind man's story in today's gospel is giving us hope that our God is bigger than any disease, that our God is bigger than any pandemic. Therefore, dear brothers and sisters let us not have any fear but trust in God and bring all our worries and anxieties to our God. He is the light of the world and He will bring light to our lives and to our world. St. Paul in today's second reading says that we are the children of the light. As children of the light let us have no fear in our hearts but continue to offer our prayers to God for the end of this Pandemic COVID 19. May God Bless us all! Amen!