

4th Sunday in Lent

(1 Samuel 16.1,6-7,10-13, Ephesians 5.8-14, John 9.1-41)

**THEME: With Faith and Hope, Let Us Say Lord Jesus,
We Believe In You!**

Beloved in Christ Jesus; we have gathered here again in this house of God to worship our God as a community of believers. The gospel reading today, presents to us the story of Jesus healing the boy that was born blind.

In this story, we see the compassion of God again in our lives as His children. Our God is a mighty healer. He is the greatest of all the doctors and He has the final say in our conditions and life. God's plan for us is that we shall be well and happy. But sometimes certain things may challenge our faith and hope in God. But when they arise, most of the time, it is not because of our sins or crimes. As we see the disciples of Jesus asking Jesus in our story today, "Rabbi, who sinned, this man or his parents, that he was blind?" But Jesus replied to them, "Neither this man nor his parents sinned; he was born blind so that God's works might be revealed in him." (Jn.9.1-41)

The situation we are in or our family, might be one of those situations that God wants "to use" to manifest His works of glory. Some times, God permits these situations in our lives, that others might see our faith and be strengthened in their own situation.

Let us not grow lukewarm or desperate in our faith, because of our situation now. Just like this boy who was born blind, encountered Jesus and was healed. Today, as we encounter Jesus again in this Eucharistic sacrifices and prayers, the healing blessings of God will come upon us and we shall be well again and our prayers answered. But then, it might not be immediately, like the healing of the blind boy. What remains might be a little journey of faith and hope to the river to wash off the mud of our blindness or suffering. Let us keep saying yes to Jesus, that we believe and His healing and blessings will be completed. "Do you believe in the Son of Man?..." "Lord, I believe." (Jn.9:1-41)