

## KEEPING FAITH FIRST- FAMILY FUN

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BELIEVE	NEIGHBORS	SILOAM
BIRTH	PHARISEE	SIN
BLIND	POOL	WASH
CLAY	PROPHET	WORSHIPED
DIVISION	SABBATH	
EYES	SALIVA	
GOD	SENT	
JESUS	SIGNS	

## Catechizing Corner!

The man born blind left Jesus to wash in the pool of Siloam, and came back a disciple of the Lord. The man's neighbors are incredulous and can hardly believe this is the blind man they have always known. The blind man confesses Jesus' identity and answers their queries by responding what Jesus had done. Then the Pharisees ask for the details once again. Not happy with his answers the Pharisees go to the blind man's parents. The parents, afraid of the consequences, send them back to their son. The Pharisees challenge the man, and state that Jesus is a sinner. The man says that he does not know whether Jesus is a sinner or not, but perhaps they should go and ask Jesus themselves; *perhaps they too, would like to be his disciples.* This lets us know that the newly sighted man is now a disciple. His healing has caused conversion. The man confesses his Christology *as result of his experience of Jesus:* Jesus is prophet, the Master; he comes from God; he does God's will and God hears his prayers in ways that no one has ever before experienced. The man is thrown out of the synagogue. Jesus learns of his plight and seeks him out. Some scholars believe that the next section of this Gospel is an ancient liturgical text used at baptism. The man professes belief in Jesus and worships him. "With this, the process of conversion is complete. For him, light means salvation."

Mary Birmingham, *Word and Worship Workbook, Cycle A*  
Paulist Press, 1998



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## Disciple's Reflection

for the  
*Question*  
*of the Week*

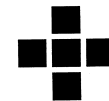
**Fourth Sunday of Lent**  
**3/19/2023**

**A Call to Prayer**

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**John 9:1-41**

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## Call to Prayer

**Begin by calling upon God: In the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit, Amen.**

Let us pause for a moment and listen attentively to this week's passage.

## The Word of God John 9:1-41

### A reading from the holy Gospel according to John

Jesus passed by he saw a man blind from birth. He spat on the ground and made clay with the saliva, and smeared the clay on his eyes, and said to him, "Go wash in the Pool of Siloam" which means Sent. So he went and washed, and came back able to see.

His neighbors and those who had seen him earlier as a beggar said, "Isn't this the one who used to sit and beg?" Some said, "It is," but others said, "No, he just looks like him." He said, "I am."

They brought the one who was once blind to the Pharisees. Now Jesus had made clay and opened his eyes on a sabbath. So then the Pharisees also asked him how he was able to see. He said to them, "He put clay on my eyes, and I washed, and now I can see." So some of the *Pharisees* said, "This man is not from God, because he does not keep the *sabbath*." But others said, "How can a sinful man do such *signs*?"

### Gospel Glossary

The **Pharisees** were snobby Jews who were very picky and critical of those who didn't keep their laws. In the Jewish religion, the **sabbath** is the seventh day of the week, or Saturday. No work was allowed on that Sabbath.

**Signs** are miracles.

The **Son of Man** is another name for the Messiah, Jesus.

And there was a division among them. So they said to the blind man again, "What do you have to say about him, since he opened your eyes?" He said, "He is a prophet."

They answered and said to him, "You were born totally in sin, and are you trying to teach us?" Then they threw him out.

When Jesus heard that they had thrown him out, he found him and said, "Do you believe in *the Son of Man*?" He answered and said, "Who is he, sir, that I may believe in him?" Jesus said to him, "You have seen him, and the one speaking with you is he." He said, "I do believe, Lord," and he worshiped him.

### The Gospel of the Lord

## Faith Sharing

Questions of the Week:

Adults:

Teens:

Children:

Families:

## Closing Prayer

Lord, You have called us to be your disciples, to live in faith, walking always in your footsteps. By your suffering, death, and resurrection, you have made us children of God. As you have loved us and asked us to love one another, help us to love and embrace everyone in our lives.

Fill us with love, compassion, forgiveness, patience, understanding, and tolerance, even when we face the pain of hatred, rejection, and failure.

Guide us to be good disciples. May we seek always the praise and glory of God and the good of all people. We make this prayer through Christ our Lord. Amen.

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