**( SECOND SCRUTINY) FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT 03/30/2025.**

Today’s readings are all about “Seeing” of course. The story of the man born blind in today’s Gospel passage from John is well - known to most, if not all, of us. It’s about that precious gift of seeing been restored. And so, there is a deep **gratitude** and **rejoicing.**

The Gospel reveals the importance of allowing our loving God to open our eyes and **rescue us from a life of darkness**. The first reading makes clear that following God involves not just seeing. But **seeing in a particular way**…seeing as God sees.

And when we are able to see as God sees, when we let God be the light through which we view the world, it will almost certainly **completely change how we experience everything in this life**, completely shape our encounters with each and every person and every circumstance.

 In this sense, a holy life is one in which we allow God to illuminate our lives **as he sees fit**….in order that we may more perfectly **imitate his son** in all that we **say** and in all that we **do.**

And so, let us pledge this day to no longer go through life in darkness. Let us let our God open our eyes and flood our hearts and minds with his light.

And when we have a to make difficult choices in life regarding others or complicated situations, let’s not simply give a quick and shallow glance and make a convenient decision…choosing what is in our best interest or what feeds our individual wants. Rather, when those situations arise, let’s pause in those moments and honestly and sincerely ask ourselves, “If God were viewing this person or this situation, what would he see, **what does he see?”**

And then, may we have the courage to **embrace the answer we** receive.