

And You?

What will you do with your one and only life?

Sisters of Notre Dame de Namur

Making known God's goodness

FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT
LAETARE SUNDAY
March 22, 2009

This Sunday is traditionally known as Laetare (or rejoice) Sunday. On this day, rose vestments may be worn in place of the penitential violet. The altar may have flowers and the music may be more festive. However, we still have three more weeks in preparation for Easter.



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the youngest of all the brothers! In David, God saw something special: a shepherd becoming a king. **Being chosen by God changes a person.**

[\(1 Sm 16:1b, 6-7, 10-13a\)](#)

The second reading from Ephesians echoes what is thought to be an early baptismal song: We have been in darkness; but in Christ, we have become "light" in the Lord. **We are called to share and be the light of Christ.** [\(Eph 5:8-14\)](#)

The gospel proclaims the story of the man born blind. Of course, there are two ways to understand this story. One is the simple healing of the physical blindness. The more profound story is the cure of spiritual blindness. This story illustrates the blind man's gradual process of conversion—from "not knowing" to "worshipping" Jesus. **This gospel challenges all listeners to identify the ways in which each one of us is blind and to welcome the light of Christ into our lives more fully.**

[\(Jn 9:1-41 or 9:1, 6-9, 13-17, 34-38\)](#)

How would you rate your spiritual vision right now?

- 20/20
- 20/2000
- Legally blind
- Nearsighted
- Farsighted
- A few blind spots
- Other: _____

In Jesus' day most people would have agreed that the man was born blind because someone in his family had sinned. In today's gospel, Jesus gives us a different answer as he heals a man who had been blind from birth.

- Who is someone you admire because they have overcome a disability?
- How did the disciples view the blind man?
- What did Jesus' reply show about how he viewed the affliction the man had?
- Why do you think Jesus healed the man in the manner he did?
- Why did some of the Pharisees take a stand against Jesus?
- What "sight" would you tell the healed blind man to go and see as soon as possible?
- The people in this story were faced with the question, "**Who is Jesus?**" **Who do you say he is?**

"My dear Sisters, you are not made for yourselves alone; the principal end of our Institute is to propagate God's glory. How happy you are, my dear Sisters, to be called to the office of the Apostles, nay, of Jesus Christ Himself." --St. Julie Billiart, Foundress of the Sisters of Notre Dame de Namur.

