

Fr. Romeo Evangelista Homily
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Cycle A

SEEING WITH THE HEART

Antoine, in *The Little Prince*, says, “It is only with the heart that one can see rightly; what is essential is invisible to the eye.” This line reminds us that the deepest realities – love, faith, grace – cannot be measured by appearances. In other words, the eyes can see many things, but they cannot always see what truly matters. The heart must be open for us to recognize what is real, what is good, and what is from God. When the heart is open, we begin to perceive God’s presence even in the simplest moments of life.

And this is exactly what today’s gospel wants to teach us. It talks about the darkness in the human heart and the light that Christ brings. It reminds us that the deepest blindness in life is not the inability to see with our eyes, but the failure to recognize the truth, goodness, and the presence of God in our lives.

In the gospel story, Jesus encounters a man who has been blind since birth. Jesus then heals the man and makes him see again. The miracle that happened is not only physical; the real transformation is spiritual. He now regained his sight not only in his eyes but also in his heart.

Meanwhile, the Pharisees who can see clearly were always blinded by their prejudices by questioning the miracle. Ironically, the one who was

physically blind begins to see clearly, while those who claim to see become spiritually blind.

The Gospel is teaching us something profound: blindness is not only about the eyes. It is about the heart. We see clearly only when our hearts are open to truth, humility, and faith –when we allow Christ, the true light, to illumine our lives.

If we are honest, we will admit that we also experience spiritual blindness. We become blind when we refuse to see our own weaknesses. Oftentimes it is easier to notice the faults of others than to face the truth about ourselves. We also become blind when fear, pride, or selfishness clouds our judgment. Yet even in our blindness, God does not abandon us.

That is the beautiful message of today's gospel: Jesus heals our blindness. He declared in today's gospel passage, "I am the light of the world." And when His light enters our hearts, something beautiful happens: we begin to see differently. We see God working even in difficult moments. We see the dignity in every person. We see hope where others see despair. And slowly, quietly, we also become light for others.

As we continue our Lenten journey, let us open our hearts to Christ's light, so we may see with love, act with compassion, and become a living witness to God's truth and goodness. When we allow Jesus to open our eyes, we not only see the light –we become light for others.