

THE BLIND PERSON OF BETHSAIDA (Mark 8:22-26)

They came to Bethsaida and some people brought to Jesus a blind person whom they begged him to touch. He took the blind person by the hand and led him outside the village. Then putting spittle on his eyes and laying his hands on him, he asked, 'Can you see anything?'. The person, who was beginning to see, replied, 'I can see people; they look like trees to me, but they are walking about'. Then he laid his hands on the person's eyes again and he saw clearly; he was cured, and he could see everything plainly and distinctly.

As you use the above Scripture passage for prayer, try to let yourself be the blind person. We all have "blind spots" which the Lord wants to heal. With each of us, God wants to share how God sees ourselves

the people of our parish
our staff-companions

- 1) Perhaps you feel drawn to spend this time of prayer experiencing a trust walk with the Lord, as did the blind person. If so, let yourself - a minister of Our Lady of Lourdes parish - experience your own trust walk with Jesus. It is quite possible that your ministry in this parish has indeed been a trust walk with God.
 - Notice what Jesus is like as you walk, what He seems to want to say to you about yourself and your ministry.
 - Notice how it feels to lean on your God. What is this experience like. Is this an experience you have frequently in your ministry; an experience you would like increased?
 - What do you find yourself telling the Lord concerning your ministry? How does He seem to respond?
- 2) Perhaps you feel drawn to stay with the Lord Who wants to give you new eyes, new vision; Who wants to share with you the way that He sees.
 - Notice how Jesus looks on you as His minister.
 - Notice how Jesus looks on the people to whom you minister.
 - Notice how Jesus looks on the staff members who are your companions.
What do you see?