

I AM THE LIGHT OF THE WORLD...

We have reached the fourth Sunday of Lent, and this Sunday is known as the Sunday of Joy; because the moments in Jesus' life are drawing near when he will face his Passion, which will give way to the Easter joy of our salvation.

It is not that we rejoice in Christ's suffering, but rather that we understand that his painful Passion is the path that leads us to Easter, the victory of his Resurrection. There, everyone is clothed in new life, with the light of the risen Christ.

And today, the readings speak to us precisely of the importance of light, the light that comes from encountering Christ.

Perhaps the most beautiful passages in the Gospel are those in which Jesus goes out to meet the needy, the sick, those who live without hope.

This is the case of the man born blind, whom Saint John presents to us in the Gospel.

A first point to consider is that illness, suffering, or hardship are no one's fault. In most cases, they are a consequence of our limited human condition.

Jesus approaches this suffering man, and in that encounter, He communicates healing to him. This man can now see and recognize Jesus as the Son of God.

And here, too, it is worth reflecting and asking ourselves who is truly blind?

It is not the one who physically cannot see, but the one who refuses to see with their heart, and this prevents them from encountering Jesus, as was the case with the Pharisees.

The encounter with Christ fills our lives with light and gives them new meaning. It's not that problems disappear, but rather that, through the light of Christ in our lives, we can overcome all darkness.

Therefore, it is so important that during this Lent we ask Jesus for this gift: to be able to encounter Him and for His light to flood our hearts and our lives. A true encounter with Christ humbles us because we recognize our need and we don't believe in ourselves. Possessing the truth, but with the freedom of the children of God, we stand up and boldly proclaim that Jesus Christ is the true Son of God.

Let us ask the Blessed Virgin Mary to continue accompanying us and to guide us to her Son Jesus, so that in him we may have the light of life. Amen.