

Pastoral Reflection: 30th Sunday of Ordinary Time
Mark 10,46-52

Good Vision

More often than not, seeing was the one we were all most afraid of losing and for some very interesting reasons. If you could not hear, then you would not have to listen to your mom tell you to clean up your room. And if you could not speak, how can you talk to people. But if you could not see, well then, what would Christmas be like or not being able to play hockey.

And so it was with Bartimaeus. Blind, possibly from birth, he had but one fervent desire, "Master I want to see." Because of Bartimaeus' unwavering faith, Jesus answered his prayer with the words we all know so very well, "Go your way; your faith has saved you." And in that instant the eyes of Bartimaeus were opened, and all the wonderful sights of the world around him were made real.

So how good is our vision? Are we using this wonderful gift of sight to its potential? Sure, we all see the image-filled screens on our iPhones, movies on Netflix or the words in a Reflection, but are we missing something? If you are like me, the something we are missing is Jesus. Jesus is present in all we encounter, from the moment we open our eyes in the morning, to closing them at night.

As we go about our affairs today, we should all try and focus a little more closely on what we are really seeing and who is in our field of view. Maybe if we look a little closer at the entire picture, or try and peer around the corner, we will see Jesus standing there showing us his guiding hand, his unfailing willingness to be with us.

Hopefully, with our new and improved 20-20 vision, we will also see how to love like Jesus loves. That is the type of sight that is truly worth praying for.