

March 2, 2008

FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT

"Rabbi, who sinned, this man or his parents, that he was born blind?" Jesus answered, "Neither he nor his parents sinned; it is so that the works of God might be made visible through him." John 9:2-3

There is a part of us that spends time and energy wondering who to blame for misfortunes. There is also a tendency in society to blame parents, neighbors, teachers, manufacturers, lawyers, or the government... for whatever goes wrong in our lives. There is a strange satisfaction in pointing the finger of blame at someone or something.

To the question who was to blame for the tragedy of the man born blind, Jesus replies "**nobody**". He doesn't allow us to solve problems through blame. Jesus challenges us to "**see**" the light of God even when there is darkness. Rather than blame others or seek revenge he invites us to look for new life and resurrection.

RECONCILIATION SERVICES

Experience this sacrament of healing. Bring your family to celebrate our oneness with the Lord. We will gather in the Church to celebrate **Communal Penance** services on **Sunday, March 9 at 1:00 p.m.** and on **Wednesday, March 12 at 7:00 p.m.**