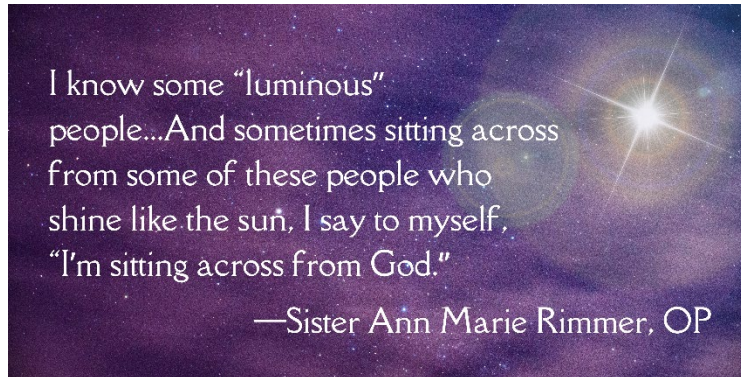


THIS WEEK'S SCRIPTURES

March 19, 2023

Fourth Sunday of Lent

1 Samuel 16: 1b, 6–7, 10–13a † Ephesians 5:8–14 † John 9:1–41



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The Luminous Ones

All three readings today talk about seeing. Not just physical seeing but seeing with the heart. Once we are committed to Christ, we are invited to walk in the light and be people who bring the light to wherever we are. Humans see and judge by appearances, but God looks into the heart and sees the real person.

In the first reading, in the search for a king, God chooses, through the Prophet, from the family of Jesse which son of Jesse he will anoint as king. While Eliab is the strongest and most comely son, Samuel chooses the most unlikely youngest son, David. God was pleased with David's heart.

John spends a lot of time telling the story of the man born blind. Jesus performed a miracle and gave the man sight. It was a "sign" for those who were open that Christ came to bring all of us new light, new sight, new insight. Put on the mind of Christ, we are told. See things differently. They are luminous.

We may be invited to stop judging people by the way they look or what they have.

We may see people in their own uniqueness and begin to love and appreciate their differences.

We may be invited to stop judging ourselves and live as a loving people enthusiastic about "proclaiming the Word." Not necessarily with words but with our very being.

I know some "luminous" people. I live with them. Some of them are in my family. They melt my heart when I see the goodness they share. Their values and light shine. And sometimes sitting across from some of these people who shine like the sun I say to myself, "I'm sitting across from God."