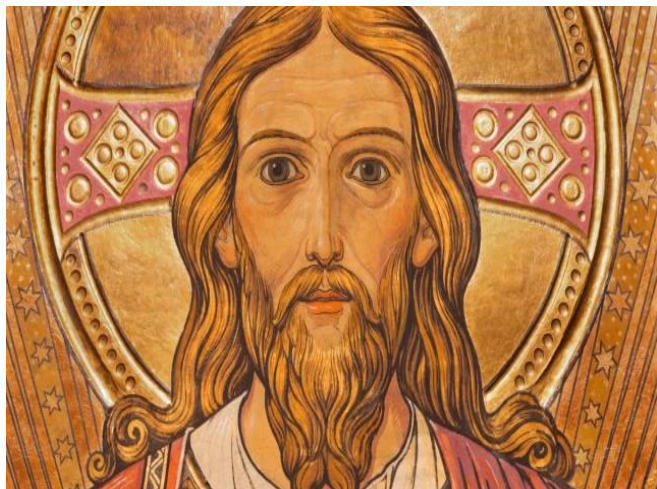


Lent...Path of conversión... "It is a time of compassion and solidarity" Pope Francis

- 1 Samuel 16, 6-7, 10-13.; Psalm 23:1-6, Ephesians 5:8-14; Gospel John 9:1-41.

«The Lord does not see as man does. For man sees the outward appearance, but the Lord sees the Heart»



"Then, Jesus, said: «For judgement I have come into this world, so that the blind may see and those who see may become blind»"

It is said that the eyes are the mirror of the soul. The way people look often expresses what is going on inside them. Looks that are sometimes empty, uncaring; looks of hardness or sadness. Profound looks that express experiences of pain or suffering; looks of hope and joy. Evasive looks, which express feelings of guilt.

There is a kind of look that when you feel it within you, is unforgettable: the divine look. It is the gaze of God's unconditional love that looks at us, regardless of what we have done or our merits.

It is the gratuitous look of love, which touches our hearts and transforms them forever. In God we discover an unconditional love, where each person rediscovers his or her dignity and identity. It is that interior look, which is neither vain nor superfluous; that simple and penetrating look that questions and challenges, that is like a whisper that becomes a comforting breeze for those seeking peace, or a word as sharp as a sword, that penetrates to the depths of the soul

Dear friends of the ACI family, dear Sisters:

"When I'm upset I throw myself into God's arms; I abandon myself to Him and I try to serve Him with greater faithfulness", Saint Raphaela

"In the Gospel," says Pope Francis, "Jesus manifests himself to us as the light of the world; the blind man from birth represents each of us, created to know God, but because of sin we are like blind men, we need a new light; we all need a light."

*Christ's actions in restoring sight to this blind man are full of symbolism. First, he mixes mud with saliva and anoints the man's eyes with mud. This gesture recalls the passage from the book of Genesis where the creation of man is narrated as a figure of clay to which the breath of God gives life (Gen 2:7). **By healing this man, Jesus is bringing about a new creation.** This man, blind from birth, will be born again, he will start a new life as soon as he can see.*

As Ací Family, we are called to let ourselves be touched by Jesus, to let ourselves be recreated, to wake up from our blindness and look at the world with the eyes of the Master.



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