



***Raquette Lake Chapel Sunday Blast!
March 22, 2020, The 4th Sunday in Lent***

From the Gospel for this Sunday (John 9:1-41: The Blind Man Receives Sight)

John 9:1-5 *As Jesus walked along, he saw a man blind from birth. His disciples asked him, "Rabbi, who sinned, this man or his parents, that he was born blind?" Jesus answered, "Neither this man nor his parents sinned; he was born blind so that God's works might be revealed in him. We must work the works of him who sent me while it is day; night is coming when no one can work. As long as I am in the world, I am the light of the world."*

Not a Sermon . . .

I wish I could say that I'm thankful that I have not heard too much blame being assigned about COVID-19. But I can't. The very first verses of this Gospel reading remind us that when there was illness or something was going wrong, it must be someone's fault. The man was blind: it must have been something he did wrong...or his parents did wrong. Somebody somewhere must have done something wrong. How did Jesus react? He denied that someone was to blame, and He did something to help the blind man. Is there a message there for us today? I think so.



If you feel uneasy about quarantining and self-quarantining, there is a good reason to feel that way. Our religious teachings tell us that the most important law is: love and serve God and love and serve our neighbors. That's hard to do when we are supposed to keep our distance from each other. But we are gifted with intelligence and creativity. In every community in our country people are finding ways to take care of themselves and each other, while maintain healthy habits. We are the light of the world: let us not hide our light from each other.

May it be so. Amen.

This Week Prayers for . . .

- Joe in mourning.
 - healing and comfort for Debbie (out-of-state friend) and her husband John.
 - all who are suffering from illness or fear of illness and uncertainty.
 - all who are in danger of losing their livelihoods.
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New YouTube Videos . . .

Bearing in mind I'm an amateur at this, I'll be putting a short Sunday evening prayer service on YouTube starting immediately. I'll send a link via email. Technical problems today with email on home computer...so I'm using my phone, which thankfully still supports email!
Blessings....Vance