

## Reflection for October 24, 2021

### The Thirtieth Sunday on Ordinary Time

from Jon Metz

Today's Gospel is a familiar one. Jesus helps the blind man to see. When we think of the miracles of Jesus this ranks towards the top of the list. We know this story well, and it comforts us to think that Jesus can make the blind see, because we have faith that Jesus will give us what we need when we need it. It is a profound story of faith. In this passage it is clear what the man wants and needs. He desires sight. Jesus says to the man, "your faith has saved you." Then the man can see.

It is not always that straight forward in our lives. Sometimes we don't know what we need, or sometimes we want something but really need something else. We all have blindness in our life, and it is not always a physical blindness. Sometimes we are blind with greed or envy or ignorance or anger. It is this blindness that separates us from others and from God. It takes intentional self-reflection and discernment to understand our blind spots. This week, find some time to meditate on your own blindness. Once we have done that preliminary work to know ourselves more fully, only then can we ask God to help us see more clearly.

- What are your blind spots?
- What do you need to ask Jesus' help in seeing?
- How can you be helpful to others who have blind spots?