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#3: “Ways of Seeing”.

April 3rd, Fourth Sunday in Lent (John 9:1-41)

Reflection: “I have come into this world so that those without sight may see.” John 9: 39

The medieval mystic, Hugo of St. Victor, had an axiom: Love is the eye! What we see is largely shaped by either the love or bitterness we feel at any given moment. The challenge for us is always to look at the world with love – seeing things as they are, the goodness, the indifference and the ugliness that make up reality. Jesus called this purity of heart. It’s virtually a non-negotiable for those willing enough to work for a more equitable and just social order – an order that Christians call the *Reign of God*. When we see situations of injustice, conflict and environmental destruction, love demands that we don’t turn a blind eye, but instead get involved in whatever way we can.

Fact File: How many of us realize that the chocolate we eat so much of, especially at Easter is largely produced by extremely poor farmers in West Africa. Though some progress has been made, there is still slave labour involved in chocolate production.

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