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# THE WORD

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"Become who you are." - St. JP2

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## Confirmation

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October 2nd - No Class

Classes will be held on Oct. 9, 16, 23, and 30.

## Religious Education

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October 19th - No Class

Classes will be held on Oct. 5, 12, and 26.

## Youth Group

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Upcoming Events:

October 1st: Net Lifeline Mass

5pm - 9:30pm at the Net Center \*FREE\* Register by Sept. 27

October 29th: Archdiocesan Youth Day

Noon - 9:30pm at Roy Wilkins Auditorium \*\$15\* Register by Oct. 2nd

Both events open to grades 8-12. Email me at [dre@stjerome-church.org](mailto:dre@stjerome-church.org) to register and for more information.

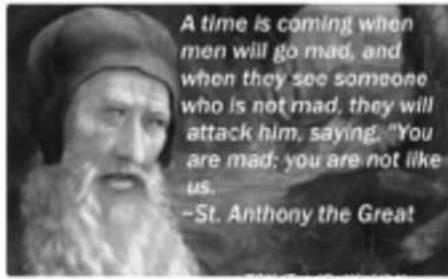


## Give Me The Eyes To See

A few years ago I began to ask God for the eyes and ears to see and hear Him working in others and in my life. As I dove deeper into my faith I began to notice that my eyes were indeed opening. I began to see the people in my life as gifts and became increasingly more confident and trusting in the Lord's plan. Unfortunately though, I was still unsatisfied with myself.

I have a tendency of being unsatisfied when in the midst of doing something. It stems from a belief that I can always do more, be better. This can be good in the sense that it can serve as motivation but usually it would weigh heavily upon me. As I was





## Saint Anthony the Great

- 251- 356
- One of the first Christian Monks who left all of his wealth and possessions to live in the desert and dedicate his life to God.
- Said to have been constantly, supernaturally tempted by the devil but withstood through his dedication to prayer and confidence in the Lord.
- Patron Saint of skin diseases, basket makers, and gravediggers.

sharing this with a friend I noticed that I had failed to do something so basic... ask for the eyes to see MYSELF as God sees me.

No matter where we find ourselves in our lives, no matter how far we stray, God's view of us remains the same. He views us with the eyes of an all-loving and always merciful father. Even when we turn our back to God, He is quick to forgive if we ask for it. His love has no expiration date. I want to encourage you to consider asking God to reveal to you how He sees you and I firmly believe that one of the best places to see that is in Confession. It is there that His love and mercy are shown... it is there that He embraces us with the loving eyes of a father.

*"For His anger lasts but a moment; His favor a lifetime. At dusk weeping comes for the night; but at dawn there is rejoicing."*

Psalm 30:6.



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