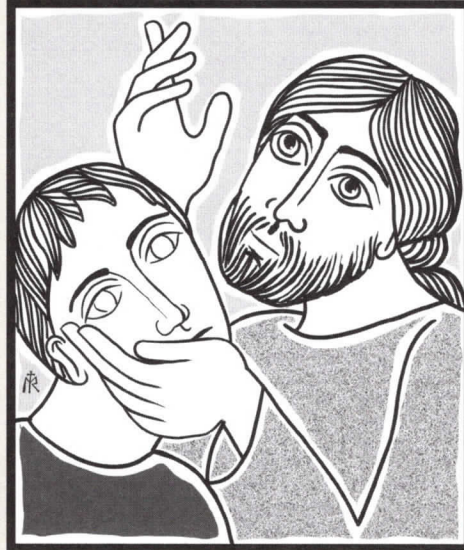


THIRTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

OCTOBER 24, 2021



Gospel

Mark 10:46-52

As Jesus was leaving Jericho with his disciples and a sizable crowd, Bartimaeus, a blind man, the son of Timaeus, sat by the roadside begging. On hearing that it was Jesus of Nazareth, he began to cry out and say, "Jesus, son of David, have pity on me." And many rebuked him, telling him to be silent. But he kept calling out all the more, "Son of David, have pity on me." Jesus stopped and said, "Call him." So they called the blind man, saying to him, "Take courage; get up, Jesus is calling you." He threw aside his cloak, sprang up, and came to Jesus.

Jesus said to him in reply, "What do you want me to do for you?" The blind man replied to him, "Master, I want to see." Jesus told him, "Go your way; your faith has saved you." Immediately he received his sight and followed him on the way.

Readings for the week:

30th Sunday

in Ord. Time
Jer 31:7-9
Ps 126:1-2,
2-3, 4-5, 6
Heb 5:1-6
Mark 10:46-52

Monday

Rom 8:12-17
Ps 68:2 and 4,
6-7ab, 20-21
Luke 13:10-17

Tuesday

Rom 8:18-25
Ps 126:1b-2ab,
2cd-3, 4-5, 6
Luke 13:18-21

Wednesday

Rom 8:26-30
Ps 13:4-5, 6
Luke 13:22-30

Thursday

**Sts. Simon
and Jude,
Apostles**
Eph 2:19-22
Ps 19:2-3, 4-5
Luke 6:12-16

Friday

Rom 9:1-5
Ps 147:12-13, 14-
15, 19-20
Luke 14:1-6

Saturday

Rom 11:1-2a,
11-12, 25-29
Ps 94:12-13a,
14-15, 17-18
Luke 14:1, 7-11

31st Sunday

in Ord. Time
Deut 6:2-6
Ps 18:2-3,
3-4, 47, 51
Heb 7:23-28
Mark 12:28b-34



Opening Prayer

Almighty ever-living God,
increase our faith, hope and charity,
and make us love what you command,
so that we may merit what you promise.
Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,
who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

Reflecting on Living the Gospel

When Jesus encounters Bartimaeus, he asks this blind beggar “outsider” the identical question that we heard him ask the two privileged “insider” disciples in last Sunday’s gospel: “What do you want me to do for you?” The contrast of Bartimaeus’s response with theirs is both poignant and prophetic. Blinded by self-aggrandizement to the demands of following a suffering and servant Messiah, the disciples had asked for the best places in the kingdom. Ambition and possessiveness will soon cause them to leave everything to run away from Jesus, but Bartimaeus, aware of his poverty and disability, asks for nothing but that he may see, addressing Jesus reverently as “*Rabbouni*,” “Master.” This address is only used one other time in the New Testament—when Mary Magdalene recognizes her risen Lord (John 20:16). Jesus knows that the blind man already has the seeing eyes of faith, and he tells Bartimaeus that it is this faith that now restores his physical sight. “Go your way; your faith has saved you,” says Jesus. No longer confined to groping his blind way around the place, Bartimaeus can “go” wherever he wants to, but his choice is to follow Jesus “on the way,” the way that leads to Jerusalem, the city of passion, death, and resurrection.

Are we aware of our own blindness, of our inability to recognize Jesus who is passing through our everyday lives? From the depths of our spiritual poverty and disabilities, do we urgently ask for insightful faith so that we recognize who Jesus really is? Or are we reluctant to leave even the small, secure territory of our reputation or material comfort that we have staked out for ourselves and push forward to Jesus, ready to enter with him into whatever “Jerusalem” he will lead us into, with his promise of a share in his passion, death . . . and resurrection?

Closing Prayer

Worker of miracles, you know each of us by name, and meet us where we are on our faith journeys, happy to join us, we who strive for holiness. When we but whisper your name, you bid us to *take courage*, and in faith we rise to follow you. **Amen.**

For Reflection:

• The disciples tell Bartimaeus, “Take courage; get up, Jesus is calling you.” How have you experienced the call of Jesus in your life?

Suggestions for group and individual use:

1. Pray aloud the “Opening Prayer” (in *The Roman Missal* called the “collect”).
2. One person read aloud the gospel.
3. Each read prayerfully “Reflecting on Living the Gospel” and spend some time in personal prayer.
4. Share together responses to “For Reflection.”
5. Pray the “Closing Prayer.”

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Announcements
10/23/21 to 10/24/21

Financials: Last Week 10/13/21-10/19/21

Weekly Collection Goal \$2400	Total \$3568.00 Over \$1168.00	
In Church	\$ 1988.00	
OnLine Giving	\$ 1230.00	
Mail In	\$ 350.00	

This weekend, Second Collection for World Mission Sunday. The collection today for the Society for the Propagation of the Faith supports the work and witness of the mission Church, as it provides for priests, religious and lay leaders who offer the Lord's mercy and concrete help to the most vulnerable communities in the Pope's missions. Thank you for your generosity.

Message from Kathy Texeira ~

Due to unforeseen circumstances, we only had 10 volunteers this month and baked 364 loaves. If any of you were considering joining us, please come and help us out. The more the merrier! Including miscellaneous donations our Net Profit: \$1996.95. Thank you everyone for your continued support! **Our next bread day is Tuesday, November 16, 2021.**

Next weekend, Second Collection for the Maintenance Fund.

Congratulations to Marco and Evelyn Molina for being selected the Longest Married Couple for WorldWide Marriage Encounter for our Hawaii State; presentation to be made.

Have a Blessed Week!