



Thirtieth SUNDAY in Ordinary Time

October 24, 2021



**Although they go forth weeping,
carrying the seed to be sown,
they shall come back rejoicing, carrying their sheaves.**

Psalm 126:6

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At first, Bartimaeus is not yet “on the way”—Mark’s “Gospel code” for Jesus’ journey to Jerusalem and our journey of discipleship—but at least near the way, “by the roadside” (Mark 10:46). Still only on the sidelines, Bartimaeus cries out what becomes Christianity’s “Jesus Prayer”: “Jesus, son of David, have pity (most translations, mercy) on me” (Mark 10:47–48). Sightless, Bartimaeus is nonetheless fearless: “many rebuked him, telling him to be silent” (10:48). Sightless, Bartimaeus is already insightful: “son of David” acclaims Jesus Messiah. Seen in the context of baptism and discipleship, sightless Bartimaeus’ response resembles both journey to baptism as catechumen and pilgrimage from baptism as what Pope Francis calls “missionary disciples” (*Evangelii Gaudium*, Joy of the Gospel, 119–121).

RESPONDING LIKE BARTIMAEUS

Once healed, “illuminated” as in Baptism, Bartimaeus’ discipleship response to Jesus challenges us to examine our own. Again this week, Hebrews reminds us that Jesus is our merciful high priest. Though sinless, Jesus “is able to deal patiently with the ignorant and erring” (Hebrews 5:2) like all

high priests. Hebrews invokes Melchizedek, whose meeting with Abraham signals the joining of God’s primeval cosmic covenant made with Noah and God’s scriptural covenant with Israel, leading to “the new and eternal covenant” sealed in Jesus’ Blood. Like Melchizedek, Jesus transcends history’s boundaries of race and nation to gather earth’s fragmented, even warring factions into the great harvest of a humanity renewed and redeemed. So our baptismal commitment and discipleship’s journey bid us become instruments of Christ’s unity and peace to all whom we encounter “on the way.”

Are we sitting still, isolated, safely on the sidelines? Or do we cry out, like Bartimaeus, for Jesus’ mercy, understanding that we are bound to extend to others, ceaselessly and unconditionally, the mercy that we ourselves need? As part of that mercy, then, are we cowed into safe, respectable silence by a world rejecting Christ’s countercultural teachings, or do we dare speak up and speak out on behalf of others?

Today’s Readings: Jer 31:7–9; Ps 126:1–2, 2–3, 4–5, 6; Heb 5:1–6; Mk 10:46–52

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We remember in our prayers all the sick, especially the following:

Naomi Alfred. Dave Cormier. Jess Corrigan, Jr. Jane Bidlack. Fr. Mike Snider. Judy Smith. Thomas Holzmann. Jim Hickey. Michael Allen. Joe Fazio. Rick & Teri Jackson. Ron Emma. Kate Serres. Belinda Flowers. Dona Jordan. Jaye Anderson. Georgette March. Kyle Fabitz. Greg Mooney. Garry Fetsch. Karee Haney. Bollinger Family. Charlie Parker. Tammy Johnson. Carolyn Simmons. Dianne & Gary Laudt. Wanda & George Duke. Fleming Family. Doris & Jo Hoffman. Jo Ann Crowell. Ann Richardson. Jacob Stephens. Mary Margaret Ellison. John Kominis. Ester Coronel. Elise Sugg. Joann Rayl. Avery Boullinghouse. Wanda & Mike Stephens. Geri O'Neil. We list the names of our sick Parishioners, Friends and Relatives for one month. **We remember in our prayers all those who have recently died, especially: George Smith, spouse of Judy Smith. Address: 669 Holly Trail East #304, HLR, TX 75765**

Please pray for the men and women active military service from our parish community:

Dawn Quinn, US Army PVT 2nd Class (Granddaughter of Bob & Jean Quinn). Reid Patrick Hope, US Marine (Nephew of Mike & Wanda Stephens). 1LT Joey Chaney, U.S. Army (Nephew of Mike & Margaret Jernigan) Seaman Logan Adkinson (great grandson of Fr. Mike). Jay Guajardo, Navy Rescue School (Great Nephew of Lex & Liza Forster). Senior Airman, Natalie York (Daughter of Steve & Julie York). Pvt First Class Randall Scheaffer US Army (Grandson of Carlos & Pat Gallardo). Lt. Col. William P Shea. (Nephew of Deacon Sam and Nancy Mullen). Colonel John Anthony Fontana. U.S. Army (Son of John & Mary Fontana). Lt. "JG" Gary Buchanan; Capt. Blake Gaughan; 2nd Lt. Will Corrigan (Great Nephews of Jess & Eva Corrigan). Paul Moreno E4 AMT 3rd Class (Grandson of Kathy & Dale Boman). Staff Sergeant Daniel Hodan. U.S. Army (Grandson of Ron & Barbara Emma). Warrant Officer Michael Hauck (Son of Jerry & Vicki Hauck & brother of Cathy Ellis) & Seaman Rainer Hauck (Grandson of Jerry & Vicki Hauck & nephew of Jeff & Cathy Ellis).

TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading: I will lead the people to brooks of water, on a level road, so that none shall stumble (Jeremiah 31:7-9).

Psalm: The Lord has done great things for us; we are filled with joy (Psalm 126).

Second Reading: It was not Christ who glorified himself, but rather the one who said to him: You are my son: this day I have begotten you (Hebrews 5:1-6).

Gospel: Immediately the blind man received his sight and followed Jesus on the way (Mark 10:46-52).

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Rom 8:12-17; Ps 68:2, 4, 6-7ab, 20-21; Lk 13:10-17

Tuesday: Rom 8:18-25; Ps 126:1b-6; Lk 13:18-21

Wednesday: Rom 8:26-30; Ps 13:4-6; Lk 13:22-30

Thursday: Eph 2:19-22; Ps 19:2-5; Lk 6:12-16

Friday: Rom 9:1-5; Ps 147:12-15, 19-20; Lk 14:1-6

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

Sunday: Dt 6:2-6; Ps 18:2-4, 47, 51; Heb 7:23-28; Mk 12:28b

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Mass—Intentions

Sat. 10/23 Beau Funk (M/M Bonicard) & Mabel Thibodeaux+ (M/M Clymer)

Sun 10/24 Melinda Miller+ (Al & Yvette Bowman)

Tue 10/26

Wed 10/27

Thurs 10/28

Fri. 10/29

Sat. 10/30 Eldon Boyd (Yolanda Boyd)

Fr. Mike will remain home through 11/01

Fr. Dominic will be take his place

weekend of Oct. 23rd & 24th

PARISH SUPPORT

Average weekly amounts for the month of August, 2021

Expenditures \$ 3,882

Regular and debt & maintenance collections \$ 3,628

Attendance 10/16 Saturday 47 10/17 Sunday 57

One can Give without Loving...But one cannot Love without Giving.



Pope's Intention for October:

Missionary disciples.. We pray that every baptized person may be engaged in evangelization, available to the mission, by being witnesses of a life that has the flavor of the Gospel.

FORGIVENESS

Forgiveness is the fragrance a violet sheds on the heel that has crushed it. —Mark Twain

GOOD HEARING

Faith is the ear of the soul. —St. Clement of Alexandria

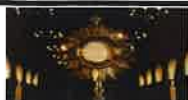
POSSIBILITIES

All things are possible for one who believes, more to one who hopes, even more to one who loves. —St. Lawrence

RECOGNIZING JESUS

The star of today's Gospel is a panhandler. Bartimaeus is blind, yes, but he is probably also homeless and filthy, a real nuisance to respectable citizens. Even so, it is Bartimaeus who recognizes Jesus as the Messiah, places all his faith in him, throws aside everything he has (his cloak), begs him for mercy, receives new vision, and follows Jesus on the way to suffering and death in Jerusalem. How desperate will we have to get before we can do the same?

→ Adoration will resume Tues., Nov. 2nd
→ Time: 9:30am—12:30pm & 6:00—8:00pm
All are welcome to attend!



If Interested in spending one hour with the Lord. Please contact Cathy Ellis at cathy.ellis@gmail.com. Cathy will need your name, and a one hour time slot on Tuesdays that you would be willing to come to the church and adore our Lord.

Thanks from the Knights of Columbus For Another Successful Pro-Life Baby Shower

The Knights of Columbus would like to thank Holy Spirit parishioners for contributing items required by babies and toddlers, making the 2021 Pro-Life Baby Shower a complete success.

For the third year the Knights supported the Building Blocks Ministry of Living Alternatives in Tyler, which offers practical help to young parents that encourages and renews hope for the future during and after periods of unplanned pregnancies. It is a unique earn-while-you-learn program where young moms and dads earn points for going to doctor appointments, attending parenting classes, and meeting with parenting mentors. Baby items are not given to the individuals; they must purchase the items with accumulated points. The Building Blocks Ministry also provides free pregnancy testing and free sonograms.

This year items totaling over \$3,000 in value were collected by the Knights which were donated to Building Blocks Ministry.

October Second Collections:

23rd & 24th: "World Mission Sunday."

Genacle of Life: Genacle of Life devotion each Wed. from 3:30—4:30pm. Please join us in church as we pray two rosaries for an end to abortion, euthanasia and all sins against the sanctity of human life. **Questions call Vicki Hauck 817-637-9382**

Legion of Mary—Pilgrim Statue: Our Lady of Fatima Statue is now ready to visit your home. **There is a sign-up sheet in the Narthex or you may contact: Marge Clymer, 903-216-7953 or Jane Bidlack, 903-569-7749.**



Jean & David Kelly

It's never easy to say goodbye to people you care about but finding the right words to express how you feel can make the transition smoother and more memorable.

In appreciation of Jean & David we will have a pot luck breakfast immediately following the 9:00am Mass on Sun., Oct. 31st. Parishioners are welcome to attend. You may bring a breakfast casserole if you would like. Let's wish them safe and healthy travel moving closer to family in Kansas. Come and join us telling them goodbye in St. Jude's Hall.

OCTOBER NEWS & EVENTS

Sun., Oct. 24th: Immediately following 9:00am Mass coffee & donuts in St. Jude's Hall. **Jane Bidlack**, is still recovering from congestion & coughing, the "**The Bible and the Mass Study**", **class is cancelled.**

Tues., Oct. 26th—Fri., Oct. 29th: No weekday Mass's.
No adoration on Tues. Oct. 26th.

Sun., Oct. 31st: Immediately following 9:00am Mass pot luck breakfast in appreciation of Jean & David Kelly in St. Jude's Hall.

NOVEMBER NEWS & EVENTS

Mon., Nov 1st: ALL SAINTS DAY. **Not a holy day of obligation this year.**

Tues., Nov. 2nd: 9:00am Mass & Adoration resumes. (Adoration 9:30am—12:30pm; 6:00—8:00pm.)

Sat., Nov. 6th: 9:00am Patriotic Rosary for Peace in America

Sun., Nov. 7th: Daylight Saving Time Ends. Fall back one hour. Immediately following 9:00am Mass coffee & donuts in St. Jude's Hall.

Wed., Nov. 10th: Fr. Mike's Birthday

Thurs., Nov. 11th: Veteran's Day. No Mass Fr. Mike attending Priests Study Day in Tyler.

Sun., Nov. 14th: Immediately following 9:00am Mass coffee & donuts in St. Jude's Hall.

Sun., Nov. 21st: Immediately following 9:00am Mass coffee & donuts in St. Jude's Hall. And, Jane Bidlack facilitates "The Bible and Mass Study" Class.

Thurs., Nov. 25th: Thanksgiving Day Mass at 9:00am.
Diocese of Tyler closed & Church office.

Fri., Nov. 26th: Diocese of Tyler closed & Church office.

Sun., Nov. 28th: No coffee & donuts.

PARISHIONERS ARE ENCOURAGED TO WEAR MASKS

Holy Spirit plans to participate in the **Christmas Golf Cart parade.** We would like to collect any leftover candy that we can toss to those who line the parade route. The children always have a smile on their faces. Please hold on to yours after Halloween and drop the candy off at church.
Thank you, Welcoming Committee

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS THANKSIVING FOOD DRIVE

We expect to be delivering food to 20 families this year. This drive is above and beyond our weekly food distribution. Below is a list of food items needed.

Stuffing mix; gravy packages; can cranberry sauce; can yams; cake mix & frosting; can pumpkin; instant potatoes; \$ 10/\$ 20 gift cards for meat; pudding; jello & fruit cups, etc.

Thank you in advance for your continued support for this food drive and our weekly food baskets. Please place donations in the K/C box just outside Bridget's office on or before **11/17/2021.**

If you are unable to deliver your donations, please call or text **Robert Mailliard at 503-559-6022**

We are also looking for volunteers to deliver the food boxes on **11/20/2021.**

**MANY BLESSINGS AND PRAYERS
FOR THIS PROJECT**

"The people of God sitting in the pews HSCC, on October 24, 2021"

To the brothers and sisters sitting in the pew and Those who are trying to follow and find out more about how Jesus Christ shared his life as he walked the path of life,

..... With his disciples in a large crowd, Bartimaeus, A blind beggar, was sitting on the side of the road. Jesus of Nazareth he began to shout and Tae to say, "Son of David, Jesus, have pity on me. "Jesus stopped and said, "call I'm here. "So they called a man. "Courage, "they said, "get up; he's calling you. "Just throwing off his cloak, he jumped up and went to Jesus. Then Jesus spoke, "what do you want me to do for you? " "Rabbuni," Blind-man said to him, master let me see again." Jesus said to him, "go; your faith has saved you." And immediately his sight returned and he followed him along the road.

Christ teaches two obvious lessons through this incident. First, he shows us that persistent prayer will find its reward. Bartimaeus nearly at the heart of Christ was open to all and full of compassion. He knew that his prayer would be heard, if only he persisted in offering it -- and he was right.

Behind his persistence is the second lesson, less than a face. We can only know Christ truly by faith Bartimaeus knew the heart of Christ so well because he believed in him. He knew him better than those who could see him by the natural light of day, because he saw in the supernatural light of faith. When we trust in God, we detect his presence, power, and love; when we trust in ourselves, he often seems far away. Without the light of faith, we are blind to the brilliance of God's grace; with faith-which only requires us to go against the presence of the crowds -- our eyes are opened.

Bartimaeus himself teaches us yet a third lesson. The Gospel points out that when Jesus called him, he threw aside his cloak, jumped up, and went to his Lord. The clog was the most versatile item of a Palestine in clothing at the time. It was a protection against the rapid and frequent temperature changes insulation against the heat today and winds, and at night it doubled as a blanket. The Fathers of the Church have seen in it a symbol of self -- sufficiency, of those things in our lives that we depend on -- things in our lives that we depend on -- things that can hold us back when we hear God calling. By leaving it behind, Bartimaeus teaches us that our only sufficiency should be Jesus Christ.

Christ question for the blind man seems out of place. "What do you want me to do for you?" He asks. What else? Cure him of the blindness, of course! And yet, he lets Bartimaeus ask. He respects the man's freedom and evokes an explicit act of faith. Bartimaeus must have been breathless with excitement and exertion. He must have been disoriented even more than usual after being led about quickly by the disciples who brought him to Jesus. He couldn't see the warmth and the gentleness and sincerity of Christ eyes, so the Lord chose to communicate those things with his voice. The question he asks and the way he ask it's stripped away all nervousness, fear, and hesitation. Somehow Bartimaeus knew immediately that Jesus cared, Jesus wanted to listen, to help. A brief exchange draws these two hearts together; the beggar is freed from any possible inhibitions and given a chance to bare his deepest longings to the Lord. And the Lord welcomes them, takes them into his own soul, and grants them. It is a prototype of all prayer, which God wants to be eminently personal and sincere. He is our God, and yet he wants to be our ally, our friend, are confidant. Will we let him?

Christ in my life; thank you for making me a citizen of your kingdom. I know and I believe that your kingdom will never end. You are the Lord of all people and all time. Your kingdom is growing, little by little, through your church. Make it grow more, Lord. Make it grow in my heart; make it grow in the hearts of those around me; make me an instrument of its growth...

You have given me the precious gift of faith, Lord. Please, grant me as well the gift to preserve until death in this faith. How mysterious it is, that some people believe in you and others refuse to believe! How can I help others believe? Have mercy on us all, Lord; we are small and weak and way down with selflessness, Jesus I trust in you...

Teach me to pray, Lord. I want to stay close to you. Only you have the words of everlasting life. Only you have the wisdom and love they can fill my aching heart. Only you can teach me all that there that you created me to be. Master, let me see again; let all of us see you! You are calling me to come, every day, in prayer. Teach me, Lord to do your will...

As you teach me, Lord to do your will, I am longing to come and serve not to be served. But as this Covid comes to an end of incubation and now I must do more rest and drink water to fight this pneumonia. No one ever said it would be easy pull your wings in just sit in the living room perched for another minute to pass and completely have an understanding, of Why. The reasons why it's because God wants it that way to teach me humility, to give me strength, to raise my ability to do better, than before. But as I was blessed with the illness, I wanted to build the strength in my heart to share and serve others. This last weekend Acolyte Clymer brought me communion, and I never felt the warmth could be so genuine when he said, the body of Christ - And I said Amen, I cried with excitement Jesus Christ, on my tongue from the Eucharistic table. Often wondered how I could minister to those with this dreadful junk that interrupted their lives called COVID. Acolyte Clymer taught me that lesson, and I am extremely grateful, that I can duplicate in the future when I come back to the flock other people in HSCC, @ HLR.

Fr. Mike Snider

Article for the Big Sandy-Hawkins Journal. 20 October 2021 Edition
(Submission date: 15 October 2021) Submitted by Randy Munoz

Continuing our Day of the Dead history from last week ...

Day of the Dead vs. All Souls Day In ancient Europe, pagan celebrations of the dead also took place in the fall, and consisted of bonfires, dancing and feasting. Some of these customs survived even after the rise of the Roman Catholic Church, which (unofficially) adopted them into its celebrations of two minor Catholic holidays, All Saints Day and All Souls Day, celebrated on the first two days of November. In medieval Spain, people would bring wine and *pan de ánimas* (spirit bread) to the graves of their loved ones on All Souls Day; they would also cover graves with flowers and light candles to illuminate the dead souls' way back to their homes on Earth. In the 16th century, Spanish conquistadores brought such traditions with them to the New World, along with a darker view of death influenced by the devastation of the bubonic plague

How Is the Day of the Dead Celebrated? El Día de los Muertos is not, as is commonly thought, a Mexican version of Halloween, though the two holidays do share some traditions, including costumes and parades. On the Day of the Dead, it's believed that the border between the spirit world and the real world dissolve. During this period, the souls of the dead awaken and return to the living world to feast, drink, dance and play music with their loved ones. In turn, the living family members treat the deceased as honored guests in their celebrations, and leave the deceased's favorite foods and other offerings at gravesites or on the ofrendas in their homes. Ofrendas can be decorated with candles, bright marigolds called cempasuchil and red cock's combs alongside food like stacks of tortillas and fruit. The most prominent symbols related to the Day of the Dead are *calacas* (skeletons) and *calaveras* (skulls). In the early 20th century, the printer and cartoonist José Guadalupe Posada incorporated skeletal figures in his art mocking politicians and commenting on revolutionary politics. His most well-known work, La Calavera Catrina, or Elegant Skull, features a female skeleton adorned with makeup and dressed in fancy clothes. The 1910 etching was intended as a statement about Mexicans adopting European fashions over their own heritage and traditions. La Calavera Catrina was then adopted as one of the most recognizable Day of the Dead icons. During contemporary Day of the Dead festivities, people commonly wear skull masks and eat sugar candy molded into the shape of skulls. The pan de ánimas of All Souls Day rituals in Spain is reflected in pan de muerto, the traditional sweet baked good of Day of the Dead celebrations today. Other food and drink associated with the holiday, but consumed year-round as well, include spicy dark chocolate and the corn-based liquor called atole. You can wish someone a happy Day of the Dead by saying, "Feliz día de los Muertos." ...

In recent years, the tradition has developed even more due to its visibility in pop culture and its growing popularity in the United States, where more than 36 million people identified as being of partial or full Mexican ancestry as of 2016, according to the U.S. Census Bureau. Inspired by the 2015 James Bond movie Spectre, which featured a large Day of the Dead parade, Mexico City held its first-ever parade for the holiday in 2016. In 2017, a number of major U.S. cities, including Chicago, Los Angeles, San Antonio and Fort Lauderdale, held Day of the Dead parades. ... Though the particular customs and scale of Day of the Dead celebrations continue to evolve, the heart of the holiday has remained the same over thousands of years. It's an occasion for remembering and celebrating those who have passed on from this world, while at the same time portraying death in a more positive light, as a natural part of the human experience.



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