

PARISH CALENDAR

**Thirtieth Sunday
in Ordinary Time**

October 28, 2018

The Lord has done great things
for us; we are filled with joy!

Saturday, October 27	..... 5:00 p.m.	Mass
Sunday, October 28	..... 7:00 a.m.	Mass
	..... 9:00 a.m.	Mass
	..... 10:45 a. m.	Religious Education
Monday, October 29	..... 5:00 p.m.	Mass
	..... 7:45 a.m.	Morning Prayer
	..... 8:00 a. m.	No Morning Mass
	..... 10:30 a. m.	Funeral Mass - Maria Bale (+)
	..... 9:00-11:00 a.m.	Food Pantry Open
Tuesday, October 30	..... 7:45 a.m.	Morning Prayer
	..... 8:00 a. m.	Mass
	..... 7:00 p. m.	Finance Council Meeting - Kamiano Trailer
Wednesday, October 31	..... 7:45 a.m.	Morning Prayer
	..... 8:00 a. m.	Mass
	..... 9:00-11:00 a.m.	Food Pantry Open
Thursday, November 1	..... 7:45 a.m.	Morning Prayer
	..... 8:00 a. m.	Mass
	..... 7:30 p.m.	Prayer Meeting - Church
Friday, November 2	..... 7:45 a.m.	Morning Prayer
	..... 8:00 a. m.	Mass
	..... 9:00-11:00 a.m.	Food Pantry Open
Saturday, November 3	..... 4:00-4:45 p. m.	Confession
	..... 5:00 p.m.	Mass



NEXT SUNDAY READINGS:

Dt:6:2-6: Love your Lord your God with all your heart, soul and strength

Heb:7:23-28: Jesus' priesthood does not pass away

Mk:12:28b-34: Love God and your neighbor as yourself

Jeremiah's prophecy is no doubt placed here because it pairs up so nicely with the Gospel. God's compassion for the battered and fragile exiles is evident, as is Jesus' compassion for blind, desperate Bartimaeus. We have in both readings the image of a road and of an unmistakable hum and buzz.

This is not any old day for the tribes of Ephraim. Captive people exiled in a strange land pay close attention to their captors. They detect the slightest nuance of change, and now they can feel change in the air. Their nostrils pick up the scent of smoldering fires. Something threatens their captors, who lack the strength to keep them captive. The Assyrians lose their grip as the Babylonians and Medes begin to overwhelm them. Exiles are not worth the time and effort of anybody, so they are sent home.

All this good news that buzzes over the heads of sons and daughters of Jacob is God's doing, says Jeremiah. The remnant is going home. Everybody receives the fullest extent of God's compassion. The lame and blind, as well as the resilient but more vulnerable expectant mothers—all, all of them will be consoled and guided by the Lord. The road will be smoothed out; it will pass by fresh brooks. Ease and refreshment are the order of the day. Thus the father of Israel speaks to Ephraim, Israel's first-born.

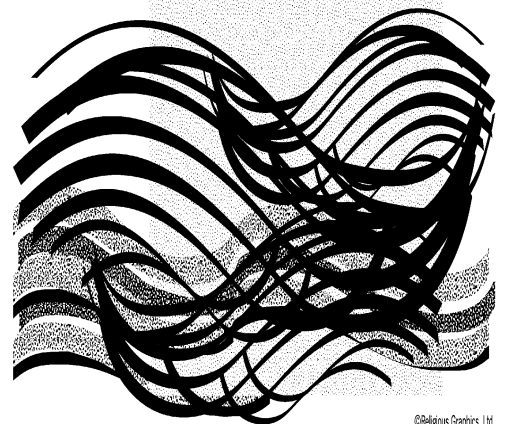
And as we see in the Gospel, something surely hums and buzzes above Bartimaeus' head. His other senses compensate for his lack of sight. He hears and feels and smells something in the air. Its very quality is charged with energy, because this day Jesus of Nazareth and his disciples and a sizeable crowd move out of Jericho into the open country.

Bartimaeus senses that this is his big chance and he makes the most of it, shouting out Jesus' name, throwing in a title for good measure. The crowds are embarrassed and strive to silence Bartimaeus. This serves the opposite end, and he makes more of a fuss. Finally, Jesus hears, and asks that Bartimaeus be brought near. Jesus talks to him. He does not presume to know what Bartimaeus really wants. What he wants is sight, and what he brings to this encounter is his firm, noisy faith.



The LORD has delivered his people.
They departed in tears
but I will console them
and guide them.

I will lead them
to brooks of water,
on a level road,
so that they
will not stumble.



ANNOUNCEMENTS

NOVEMBER MONTH OF ALL SOULS: The month of November is set aside to reflect and remember those who have gone before us. During November, all Masses said at St. Rita will be said for the deceased members of our parish families and friends. **NO OTHER MASS INTENTIONS WILL BE ACCEPTED:** Beginning, **Friday, November 2nd** the book of remembrances will be placed in the church where you may place your loved ones' names who have died and the parish will pray for them.

WORLD MISSION SUNDAY: THANK YOU for your generous response to the collection for the Society for the Propagation of the Faith last weekend on World Mission Sunday. You may stay connected year round to the Pope's missions, continuing the commitment to World Mission Sunday by visiting www.Missio.org

MEN'S DAY OF REFLECTIONS: Coming soon so mark your calendars and sign up on the back wall. **When: Saturday, November 10th Time: 8 a.m. to 6 p. m.**(Concluding with the evening Mass) Cost: Free!!! What to bring a brown bag lunch, a bible, notebook and pen. For more information contact Bob Winner at 859-2087.

WORD OF LIFE: "To the survivors of abuse and the families who have lost a loved one to abuse, I am sorry. You are no longer alone." - **Cardinal Daniel N. DiNardo of Galveston-Houston, President of the USCCB.** "President of U. S. Conference of Catholic Bishops Renews Commitment for Greater Effectiveness and Transparency in Disciplining Bishops," August 27, 2018 <http://bit.ly/2NkMNzd>

WEEKLY READINGS

Oct 28 Sun: 30th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Jer:31:7-9; Ps:126; Heb: 5:1-6; Mk:10: 46-52

Oct 29 Mon: Ordinary Weekday

Eph:4:32-5:8; Ps:1:1-2, 3, 4 & 6; Lk:13:10-17

Oct 30 Tue: Ordinary Weekday

Eph:5:21-33; Ps:128:1-2, 3, 4-5; Lk:13:18-21

Oct 31 Wed: Ordinary Weekday

Eph:6:1-9; Ps:145:10-11, 12-13ab, 13cd-14; Lk:13:22-30

Nov 1 Thu: All Saints

Rev:7:2-4, 9-14; Ps 24: 1bc-2, 3-4ab, 5-6; 1 Jn:3:1-3; Mt:5:1-12a

Nov 2 Fri: All Souls

Wis:3:1-9; Ps 23: 1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6; Rm:5:5-11 or Rom: 6:3-9;

Jn:6:37-40

Nov 3 Sat: Ordinary Weekday

1: Phil:1: 18b-26; Ps:42:2, 3, 5cdef; Lk 14:7-11

Seeing

In our everyday language, we easily move from literal sight, as in seeing a cardinal in the trees, to the sight that is insight or understanding. We see a solution, we see an ideal or a principle. We understand the meaning of the inner eye. Insight hints at this understanding. Even blind people will easily and unself-consciously say that they see. All of us are blind and all of us see in complex ways. Copyright © 2002, World Library Publications. All rights reserved.



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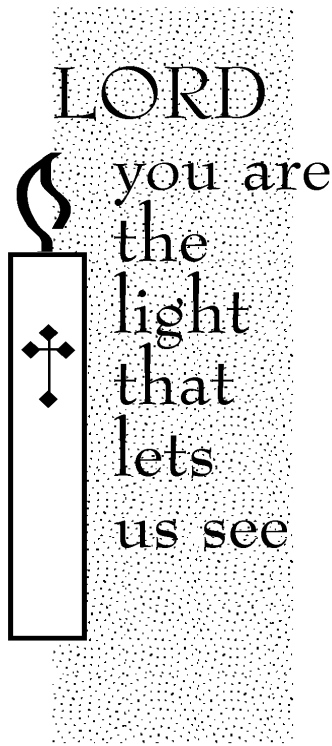
NOTE ON STEWARDSHIP

After healing the blind man in today's Gospel Jesus told him to go, to be on his way. But the man chose to follow Jesus. Being a disciple of Jesus is a choice. The stewardship way of life likewise involves a choice, in fact many choices. We choose to be grateful, we choose to live generously, and we choose to trust that God will always provide for our needs. These are three choices central to the stewardship way of life. What choices will we make this week that give witness to our decision to follow Jesus Christ? (International Catholic Stewardship Council~e-bulletin)

Reflection

That inner-seeing, that faith, saved Bartimaeus. And that faith brought the sunlit world into his eyes. His inner vision saved him and made possible the first sight he beheld: Jesus, the Son of David, the Rabboni, his savior, the object of his faith. Bartimaeus followed Jesus up the road. One can imagine that one road forked off into others, intersecting another, and another, and another. There is no telling where faith led Bartimaeus. He must never have tired of telling the story over and over and over. The story of his salvation was never an old story for him; it was always a source of amazement.

The play of sight and insight, of vision and faith, always holds our imagination. When we begin in faith, the world reveals gifts that might otherwise be hidden. We, like Bartimaeus, begin in faith, and then we see—and see and see. Faith comes before seeing. If we believe that God is with us in our world, we will see God operative in our world and in our lives. We begin believing and go on to ask ourselves how this faith sheds light on our everyday life as we go up the road following him. Copyright © 2002, World Library Publications. All rights reserved.



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