



The Catholic Community of Divine Savior

Family Faith Focus

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Dates to Remember

- October 24: Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time—
Mass at 4:00 PM on Saturday & 9:00 AM on Sunday
- October 28: Memorial of Sts. Simon & Jude
- October 31: Thirty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time
- November 1: All Saints Day
Mass at 7:30 AM
- November 2: All Souls Day

Catholic Terms to Know

Synod: A special meeting of bishops from different parts of the world who are called to Rome by the pope to discuss and give advice about an important issue in the Church.

In recent years, Pope Francis has called synods on the Family and on Youth.

On October 10, Pope Francis formally opened a two-year process, called the Synod on Synodality, where the Church will work together through listening, dialogue, and reflection to learn which processes can help it live communion, achieve participation, and open itself to mission.

Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Mark 10: 46-52

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Mark.

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.

The Gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

Live the Gospel by Helping Others



When doing your fall clean-up, remember our Women's Club Coat Drive is Saturday, November 6 and Sunday, November 7.

We will be collecting coats, jackets, sweaters, and warm scarves.

Your donation will be greatly appreciated by the Salvation Army and the recipient of your kindness.

The Knights of Columbus...



are helping the Christmas Cheer Foundation by collecting brand new and crocheted hats, gloves and scarves for men, women and children in need to keep them warm this winter. Bins are located in the vestibule for the collection of these items through Sunday, November 28.



Sunday Gospel Connection: October 24, 2021

Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time, Cycle B

Mark 10: 46-52

Gospel Background: Today we continue to read from Mark's Gospel. In this Gospel, we find evidence of Jesus' fame in the sizable crowd that accompanies him as he journeys to Jerusalem. Jesus' reputation as a healer has preceded him. When the blind man, Bartimaeus, hears that Jesus of Nazareth is passing by, he calls out to him, asking for his pity.

When Bartimaeus calls out to Jesus, the crowd around him tries to silence him. Yet Bartimaeus persists, calling out more loudly and with greater urgency. He will not be silenced or deterred from getting Jesus' attention. We notice how quickly the crowd's reaction changes when Jesus calls for Bartimaeus. Those who sought to quiet him now encourage him.

When Jesus restores Bartimaeus's sight, no elaborate action is required. (In other healing stories in Mark's Gospel, actions accompany Jesus' words). In this instance, Jesus simply says that Bartimaeus's faith has saved him. Throughout Mark's Gospel, the success of Jesus' healing power has often been correlated with the faith of the person requesting Jesus' help. For example, it is because of her faith that the woman with the hemorrhage is healed. When faith is absent, Jesus is unable to heal; we see this after his rejection in Nazareth.

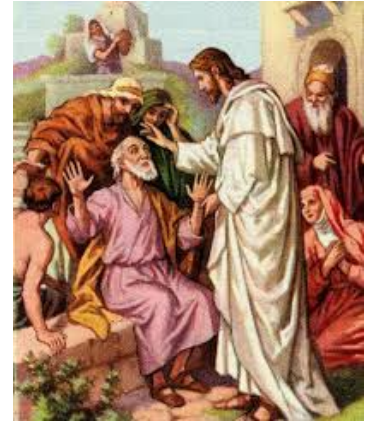
Once his sight has been restored, Bartimaeus follows Jesus on his way to Jerusalem. In Mark's Gospel, Bartimaeus is the last disciple called by Jesus before he enters Jerusalem. Bartimaeus hears that Jesus of Nazareth is passing by, but he calls out to Jesus using words of faith—"Son of David." Many in Jesus' time believed that the anticipated Jewish Messiah would be a descendent of King David. Bartimaeus's words prepare us for the final episodes of Mark's Gospel, which begin with Jesus' preparation for the Passover and his triumphant entry into Jerusalem. As Mark has shown us in our readings over the past few Sundays, however, Jesus will be the Messiah in a way that will be difficult for many to accept. Jesus will show himself to be the Messiah through his suffering and death.

Family Connection: Today's Gospel offers us a powerful example of faith and persistence in prayer. Those around him rebuked Bartimaeus for his efforts to attract Jesus' attention. When silenced by the crowd, however, Bartimaeus called out all the more. He is persistent and bold in his confidence that Jesus will show mercy on him and do what he asks. His persistence and great confidence that Jesus would help him reminds us of the confidence with which our children bring to us their needs. In their faith and trust we can find an example of the attitude with which we might approach God in prayer.

As a family, recall a request that has been made repeatedly by one family member to another. Talk about why the request continues to be made if the answer continues to be no. Then read together today's Gospel, Mark 10:46-52. After reading the Gospel, pose questions such as these to your family: Why must Bartimaeus be persistent in calling out to Jesus? (Some people in the crowd are telling him to be quiet.) What does Bartimaeus do when some try to stop him? (He calls out to Jesus all the more.) When Jesus stops and calls for him, what does Jesus do and say? (He restores Bartimaeus's sight; Jesus tells Bartimaeus his faith has saved him.) When we pray, God wants us to be so confident he will help us that we don't permit anyone to keep us from bringing our needs to God in prayer. Invite family members to identify the things they need most from God. Pray these prayers of petition together as a family, confident that God will hear and answer your prayers. Respond to each petition, "Jesus, Son of David, have pity on us." Conclude by praying the Glory Be to the Father.

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