

OCTOBER 24, 2021

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Parish Office Hours

Monday, Wednesday, Friday
9:00 am to 2:00 pm

Outreach Ministry Hours

Monday and Wednesday
9:30 am to 2:30 pm

Confessions

Saturday 3:30 pm or by appointment.

Weekend Mass Schedule

Saturday 4:00 pm
Sunday 8:30 am

Weekday Mass Schedule

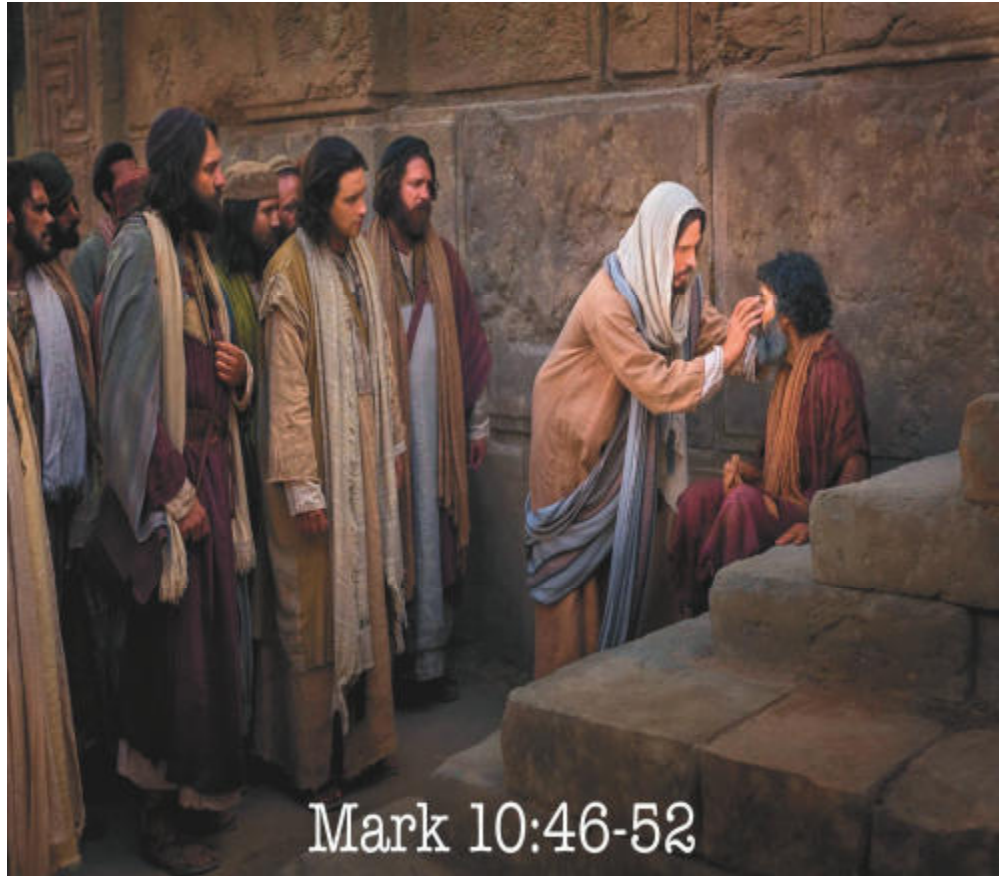
Monday 8:00 am
Wednesday 8:00 am

Baptism

Parents must be registered members and attend a class prior to scheduling the Baptism. Contact the Parish Office for further details.

Marriage

Couples planning a marriage need to have a personal interview with the Pastor at least six months prior to the date of the wedding.



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. — Mk 10:51-52

Excerpts from the Lectionary for Mass ©2001, 1998, 1970 CCD.

WORLD MISSION SUNDAY

Mass Intentions FOR THE WEEK



Monday, October 25th

8:00 am + Matilda Slowey

Tuesday, October 26th

8:30 am Mass at Sacred Heart FC

Wednesday, October 27th

8:00 am + Barbara Bank

Thursday, October 28th

8:30 am Mass at Sacred Heart FC

Saturday, October 30th, 31st Sunday in Ord. Time

4:00 pm ++ Tony and Karen Hable

Sunday, October 31st, 31st Sunday in Ord. Time

8:30 am + Bill Weitekamp

10:30 am Mass at Sacred Heart FC

Reminder ... A second collection will be taken after Communion at this weekend's Masses for the financial support of World Mission Sunday. Please use the envelopes that were distributed last weekend. We ask that you be as generous as you are able.



Collection Counters this week are **Mary Lou Barnett and Nancy Wikoff.**
Thank you for serving in this way.

All Souls Day Novena

All Souls Day is Tuesday, November 2nd. Our All Souls Day Novena of nine Masses will begin on All Saints Day, Monday, November 1st. You may include any deceased loved one in this novena. Please check your November envelope packet for a special novena envelope or there are additional envelopes available at the Church entrances. List the names of the people you would like to be remembered on the envelope and drop it in the collection basket at Mass.



**Saturday, October 16th
4:00pm
and
Sunday, October 17th 8:30am**

Sunday Envelopes	\$1,933.00
Loose	\$230.00
Total Collection	\$2,163.00



CCD K-8 Classes - CCD classes meet today, October 24th in the Parish Hall following the 8:30am Mass.

Confirmation Class - Class meets this Wednesday, October 27th at 6:30pm in the Parish Hall.

Altar & Rosary - Craft Night Thursday, November 4th.



Catholic Men's Group Wreath Sale

Fall is now upon us and the CMG is making plans for their Annual Wreath Sale. This year they would like to get an idea **ahead of time** what they will need to order. They are asking that you "pre-order" your wreaths and greenery. Please list your pre-order on the sheet in back of church. **You do not need to pay until you pick up your order later in November.** Options include live tabletop trees, centerpieces, 25" wreaths and swags. Contact Francis Jackson if you have any questions.

Altar and Rosary Craft Night

Please Note Date Change ... The A&R would like to apologize but our sign making Craft Night has been moved to **Thursday, November 4th at 6:30pm.** If you have already RSVP'd we still have you down, but please update your RSVP to Krista Jackson (309-310-3027) if this new date/time no longer works for you. We will have signup sheets and pictures of the options available at the back of the church following Mass until October 31st. Deposits will be due to Krista by this date to secure your spot. We apologize for the inconvenience and look forward to a fun night together.

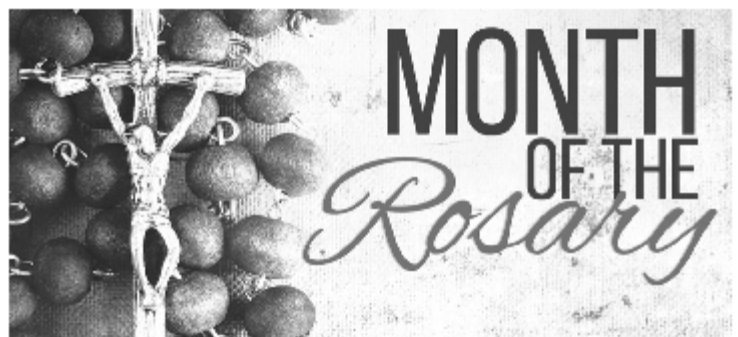


Prayers for Those in Nursing Homes

Sue Thompson

Prayers for the Sick

Kay Bailey, Connie Brown, Phyllis Fehr, Roy Harrold, Bev Hartsock, Mary Hirsch, Linda Kilgarriff, Patty Lecomte, Steve Lighthall, Mike Mannix, Tina Mannix, Joni Mollet, Fran Runyen, Bill Sargent, Angie Walden, Cale Wayne, Rita Williams, Brett Willits, Florence Workman, Charles M. Yeagle.



MESSAGE of His Holiness POPE FRANCIS

Once we experience the power of God's love, and recognize His fatherly presence in our personal and community life, we cannot help but proclaim and share what we have seen and heard.... "Go therefore to the highways and byways, and invite everyone you find" (Mt 22:9). No one is excluded, no one need feel distant or removed from this compassionate love.... As Christians, we cannot keep the Lord to ourselves: the Church's evangelizing mission finds outward fulfillment in the transformation of our world and in the care of creation.... The theme of this year's World Mission (Sun)day – "We cannot but speak about what we have seen and heard" (Acts 4:20) is a summons to each of us to "own" and to bring to others what we have in our hearts.

The first Christians began the life of faith amid hostility and hardship... those experiences impelled them to turn problems, conflicts and difficulties into opportunities for mission... Nothing and no one was to be excluded from the message of liberation. Like the Apostles and the first Christians, we too can say with complete conviction: "We cannot but speak about what we have seen and heard" (Acts 4:20). Everything we have received from the Lord is meant to be put to good use and freely shared with others.... The first Christians, far from yielding to the temptation to become an elite group, were inspired by the Lord and His offer of new life to go out among the nations and to bear witness to what they had seen and heard: the good news that the Kingdom of God is at hand...

The pandemic has brought to the fore and amplified the pain, the solitude, the poverty, and the injustices experienced by so many people. In these days of pandemic.... there is urgent need for the mission of compassion, which can make that necessary (social) distancing an opportunity for encounter, care and promotion. "What we have seen and heard" (Acts 4:20), the mercy we have experienced, can thus become a point of reference and a source of credibility enabling us to recover a shared passion for building "a community of belonging and solidarity worthy of our time, our energy and our resources" (Fratelli Tutti, 36).

On World Mission (Sun)day, which we celebrate on the penultimate Sunday of October, we recall with gratitude all those men and women who by their testimony of life help us to renew our baptismal commitment to be generous and joyful apostles of the Gospel. Let us remember especially all those who resolutely set out, leaving home and family behind, to bring the Gospel to all those places and people athirst for its saving message. To be on mission is to be willing to think as Christ does, to believe with Him that those around us are also my brothers and sisters. May His compassionate love touch our hearts and make us all true missionary disciples.

How Does Your World Mission Sunday Gift Help?

- \$20 assists with renovation of chapels
- \$40 provides support for a teachers of religion
- \$100 supports a sister in Kenya
- \$1,000 can provide a home, food, medical help and education for orphans



"MASTER, I WANT TO SEE."

A relationship with Jesus allows us to have the courage to believe in times of need and in times of fulfillment. Bartimaeus is a blind man seeking to be able to see again. He confides in Jesus to make that happen. **He shows his faith** by stepping up and calling for Jesus to heal him. He shows courage in being able to approach and ask for something so grand. He shows that he believes in a higher power and he trusts that he will be taken care of.

In this passage, we learn about the importance of having the **courage to ask for help**. Asking for help in a time of need takes courage and risk. In this passage, Bartimaeus could have stayed quiet and could have just let the presence of Jesus escape him; he could have let his opportunity to ask for help pass. Jesus, at the end of the passage, lets him know that his faith saved him. It's important to believe in your faith and believe in receiving help or asking for it. Doing so does not make you weak and does not make you seem selfish. It allows you to be open to your faith and believe in something.

The same Jesus who passed by Bartimaeus is alive today. The Good News is that no matter what has happened in our past, Jesus walks into the dusty streets of our lives this day. We simply need the eyes of living faith to see Him and the renewed heart to follow Him on the way. Prayer is the fuel which keeps living faith alive and keeps our eyes open to see. Where is Jesus passing through in our own lives? He always shows up for those who have their spiritual eyes opened to see Him.

Once Bartimaeus has rediscovered this dignity he is free to do as he pleases: **Jesus does not bind, but frees**. Jesus even says to Bartimaeus, "Go your way!" He does not say, "come!" And Bartimaeus freely chooses to follow Jesus. Even for Bartimaeus – the man that seemed to be hopelessly lost, the man who couldn't even be found in the depths of Jericho – even for him, there is a road to walk.

When the Saints Go Marching In - members of our Parish Religious Education Program will be dressed up as various saints and will participate in the recessional procession at the end of Mass next weekend. Some treats will be in the pews to give to these students as they leave church.



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