



PASTOR'S MESSAGE

OCTOBER 24, 2021

THIRTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



Lord, I Want to See

Dear Parishioners:

Today's gospel about the blind man comes right after last Sunday's gospel about James and John seeking places of honor next to Jesus when he comes into his kingdom. The juxtaposition of these two episodes says that Jesus' buddies had it all wrong, and today's stranger had it all right. In short, the apostles – physically able to see – were morally blind. The stranger is physically blind, but morally full of insight. The key is the way he answers Jesus' question: "What do you want me to do for you?"

Pause for a moment. What would be your answer? What would you want Jesus to do for you? To guarantee you a long life? To safeguard your health? To win the lottery? To get that raise? To regain a lost child? To be talented and famous? To be happy? "What do you want me to do for you?"

Notice that all the other healings in the gospels are done to anonymous people. You and I never are told their names. The exception is this gospel. A name is given for the man cured – Bartimaeus. Why did the gospel writers remember his name and not the others? Perhaps it was because he was the only one who gave the profoundly mature answer when he answered Jesus: "That I might see."

Whether he was cured or not, he wanted **to see** – that is, he wanted to see the meaning behind it all, to see what life was all about, to see how really to live, to see some sense in life's confusion and unfairness, to see the hand of God at work, to see beyond his physical blindness. In short, he was asking for faith, for moral insight, for the light of reassurance in the darkness of his longing. Would that be your prayer?

Some are blind to our own faults. Lord, we want to see. Some mostly focus on the weaknesses of others. Lord, we want to see. Some never acknowledge any of life's blessings. Lord, we want to see.

Some of us are blinded by abiding desires for pleasure, money, and self-promotion, and neglect the needs of others. Lord, we want to see. Some have sight darkened by prejudice and resentment. Lord, we want to see.

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WEEKEND MASS

Saturday Vigil
at 5:00 PM

Sunday at 8:00 AM
Sunday at 10:30 AM
Sunday at 7:30 PM

WEEKDAY MASS

Tuesday & Thursday
At 12:00 PM



SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Saturdays -
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PASTOR'S MESSAGE CONTINUED FROM PAGE ONE:

Some are blinded by ambition, and step on others' feelings. Lord, we want to see. Some are blinded by pride that makes them the center of the universe. Lord, we want to see. Some dwell on their old sins and never notice God's mercy. Lord, we want to see. Some of us do not have our prayers answered, and need to sense something deeper going on in the crosses we bear. Lord, we want to see.

John Newton in the nineteenth century had a conversion experience and became a priest in the Anglican Church. He had spent years as a ship captain who brought slaves to the new world. Finally, after nearly drowning in a storm, he gave his life to Christ. He is the one who wrote the unofficial universal Christian hymn:

Amazing grace, how sweet the sound,
That saved a wretch like me!
I once was lost and now am found,
Was blind, but now I see.

That's the kind of sight Bartimaeus was asking for: to see as Jesus sees, to see what's important. And that is why the gospel adds that he immediately followed Jesus. That is, once he saw what was really real, what really counts, he left all, like John Newton, to give his life to Jesus.

Remember that many rebuked Bartimaeus and told him to keep quiet. Many voices want to silence our longings, want to divert us with distractions. But like Bartimaeus, cry out all the louder your heartfelt needs when Jesus stops before you.

Halloween is coming next Sunday night. That's the day when children love to don masks and disguise their true shapes and faces. Children know the scary pleasure of taking on a temporary unfamiliar identity. And they know that the game will always end with them revealing themselves as they truly are.

Reflect this week how our true selves – as beloved children of God – may be hidden by various masks we wear. Pray with Bartimaeus, the blind beggar of Jericho, that God will have mercy on us, and transform our human vision with the faith that recognizes God's Spirit within every adventure.

Fr. Craig Boly, S.J.

Pastor

WEEKLY JUSTICE RECOMMENDATION

A Parish Journey for Racial Justice: Let's Talk About Social Sin Wednesday October 27, 11:00 a.m. – 12:30 p.m. PDT



Hosted by Ignatian Spirituality Network With speaker Tom Ulrich. (NOTE: Earlier I noted that Jack Jezreel was the *best* speaker I have ever had the privilege of hearing; Tom Ulrich is a close second!)

<https://ignatiansolidarity.wufoo.com/forms/a-parish-journey-for-racial-justice-1027/>

The Theology of the Good Samaritan: Putting "Fratelli Tutti" into Action

November 11, 2021, 12:00 pm PST Register at:

<https://catholiccharitiesusa-org.zoom.us/webinar/register/>

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This webinar will explore Pope Francis' new encyclical, "Fratelli tutti," and its invitation to renew our commitment to caring for our neighbors and global society. It will incorporate participants' personal experiences to embrace key topics at the center of the encyclical and Catholic Social Teaching. Particular focus will be given to the encyclical's meditation on the parable of the Good Samaritan.

MASS READINGS

Mass Readings for Oct 24, 2021

Jeremiah 31:7-9

Hebrews 5:1-6

Mark 10:46-52

Mass Readings for Oct 31, 2021

Deuteronomy 6:2-6

Hebrews 7:23-28

Mark 12: 28-34

ST IGNATIUS SCHOOL



Our fifth grade class led the whole school in a prayer service to celebrate the gift of the Rosary. Each student in the school was given a Rosary blessed by Fr. Craig Boly. During these challenging times our school continues to seek innovative ways to carry on cherished traditions for our students. One beloved tradition the students look forward to is working together in family groups comprised of an eighth grade leader and students from different grades from pre-K through seventh grade. Since we cannot meet in person as whole family groups right now, we have created family group posters as seen below. Our eighth grade leaders made short videos to introduce themselves to their family group members virtually. Our school is looking forward to finding creative ways to enjoy family group activities from afar until it is safe to mix our students in cross-grade level groups.

Students at St. Ignatius School continue to grow in faith and knowledge. Our pre-K students are busy coloring, cutting shapes, and painting in fall colors while building their fine motor skills. The kindergarten students conducted a pumpkin investigation to see if pumpkins float. The first grade students wrote letters this week and studied number patterns on their hundreds chart. In second grade, students are memorizing the Act of Contrition and learning about maps. The third grade students are reading about famous baseball players from long ago. Our fourth grade students are learning how to multiply large numbers beyond their facts. The fifth grade students are studying the mysteries of the Rosary and learning more about their chosen Native American Nations. In sixth grade, students are learning how to multiply and divide fractions. Our seventh graders are learning about various types of government structures from countries they

are studying and sharing with their classmates. The eighth graders created student led mind maps on motion as a study tool for an assessment.

We are searching for a middle school math teacher and before school and after school care assistants. If you or someone you know might be interested in one of those jobs, please reach out to our school office.

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NOVEMBER MEMORIAL DEVOTIONS

Have you lost a loved one this past year? You are invited to bring a picture of loved ones you want our community to remember in their prayers as we approach All Souls Day. Please be sure to put your **name** on each picture and bring them to Mary's altar, we will have a basket for them and then place them all on Mary's altar for the Memorial Mass on **Saturday, November 6th at 5PM. Please bring photos on the weekend of Oct 30/31st.**



DAILY PRAYER INTENTIONS



Please keep in your prayers

Monday	Oct 25	† Mark Perry
Tuesday	Oct 26	† Hoang Tran
Wednesday	Oct 27	† Mary Bastasch
Thursday	Oct 28	† Jim Emig
Friday	Oct 29	† Sam Scopacasa

FEASTE OF THE NATIVITY



Wes Hale and huzzah! A few new items for your consideration, my dear Feasters!

- Anyone interested in singing in the pageant at the Feaste, we'll be rehearsing on Tuesday, November 16 and 30 at 7pm, as well as on Saturday, Dec. 4 at 10am. There are five songs (three of which I can almost guarantee you already know, as in "Deck the Halls" but with slightly different words). You will have music in your hands! In other words, no memorizing needed. Let me know if you're interested in joining us for this. There are two pageant performances on the day of the Feaste -- Saturday, December 11, at 1 and 3pm.

- Your generosity is astonishing, and most welcome! I'm afraid we will have quite a few warrants out for your arrest at the Feaste, as so many of you are guilty of Overwhelming Generosity. Truly -- thank you. And if you'd still like to give, we will be most grateful. See our sponsor categories below.

- We still need pop-up tents! As one of the lyrics in our pageant song goes, "Dark and dull night, fly hence away, And give the honour to this day, That sees December turned to May." That is our prayer, and we have lots of people praying it. And, we'll be ready for whatever the Lord blesses us with, so if you've a tent we can borrow, I'd be much obliged.

- We'll need help setting up that morning prior, on Friday, Dec. 10 at 9am. I have some folks who've said they can be here, and will gladly welcome more!

As I mentioned in my Realm e-mail, we'll be honoring Fr. Craig with a goodbye and Fr. Mike with a hello at the Feaste, with a Kings' Table along with ceremonial blessings and fun. Looking forward to seeing you there!

Here are ways you can give:

- Write a check, payable to St. Ignatius Church, with "Feaste of the Nativity" in the memo line. Donate online through Realm. <https://onrealm.org/sipdx/-/give/now> is the link you can use. Just press the "down arrow" to the right of *Sunday tithing* and you will see "**Feaste of the Nativity**" fund. **Sponsor Categories**

Sponsor one (or more!) of the following, and we'll print your name in our pageant program, as well as posting your name on our "WANTED: for EXCESSIVE GENEROSITY!" posters for all to see as they roam the grounds during the Feaste.



Candle	\$20	Wise Man	\$300
Angel	\$100	Wise Woman	\$500
Donkey	\$150	King	\$1000
Jester	\$200	The Holy Family	\$5000
Shepherdess	\$250	The Star of Bethlehem	\$7500

PARISH CHOIR

The Parish Choir will start singing again!



Sunday, November 7. We'll be fully masked, and spread out, and will rehearse at

9:15am, singing at the 10:30am Mass.



Come join us, and talk to Joseph Byrd if you have questions. jbyrd@sipdx.org or 503-777-1491 x 238

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Our parish has an email based prayer chain you can submit prayers or sign up to pray for other's intentions, just email to prayerchain@sipdx.org

In the subject line please include either:

Asking for prayers
OR

Add me to the Email list to pray

ALL SAINTS DAY

NOTICE: Since All Saints Day falls on a Monday this year, and is not a Holy Day of Obligation, please join us in celebrating our Memorial Mass on Saturday, November 6, at 5pm, when the names of the faithfully departed will be hung over the Mary altar.

FABER INSTITUTE



The Night School for Deeper Learning (Series IX, Session II) with St. Bonaventure

One of the greatest of the medieval theologians, Saint Bonaventure was the Minister General of the Franciscan Order during a time when the so recently founded Order (St. Francis of Assisi died in October 1226) was tearing itself apart. He was the steady, brilliant, and discerning leader who organized and healed them. At the University of Paris (1235-1257 CE), he studied, rising quickly to prominence as a thinker of wide and deep theological understanding, eventually becoming in 1254 the head of the Franciscan faculty of Theology at that university. READ MORE about this and other offerings at: <https://faberinstitute.com/>

LENDING YOUR EXPERTISE

Looking for some coaching from a Mechanical Engineer as we walk through our facilities here at the church and the school, and think how to best proceed with care and/or upgrading our boilers in particular. If you have a heart for systems, and some time you could spare, please contact Joseph Byrd at jbyrd@sipdx.org or 503-777-1491, ext 238. Would love to explore how to look toward the future in saving energy, controlling costs, and helping to make our systems more green and earth friendly.

IGNITE - CONTINUES, NOV 14TH AT 6PM

November 14th-Contemplative Conversation; Nov 28th-Action Activity—Love Thy Neighbor; December 12th -Blessed are Those Who Hunger and Thirst For Righteousness—Contemplating the Incarnation **Come to one class, come to all—as you desire**, contact Grace to get on the mailing list gbyrd@sipdx.org or go to sipdx.org/ignite for details Zoom meeting ID: 833 9062 2228, passcode: IGNITE

STILL LOOKING FOR MASS VOLUNTEERS

Ushers/Sacristans/Lectors needed:

We are currently looking for ushers for our 5pm Vigil Mass. We are also looking for ushers, sacristans and lectors for our 7:30pm Contemplative Mass. .

Sacristans – Unlocking doors, turning on lights, lighting candles, preparing vessels before Mass, and ringing the bells at the beginning of Mass.

Lector: Read the 1st and 2nd reading, and the Prayers of the Faithful during Mass. Contact Sarah Faux, Coordinator of Liturgy, at sfaux@sipdx.org if you are interested or need further information.





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