

ST. MARY
ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH
STAR CITY

3346 University Ave. Morgantown, WV 26505 • 304-599-3747

October 24, 2021 • 30th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Mass Times: Saturday, 6:00pm, Sunday, 8:30am, 11:00am, en español a la 1:00pm
Daily Mass*: Mon.-Fri. 9:00am, Mon. 6:30pm, Wed. 12:00pm *please see schedule inside for any changes or cancellations. **Radio broadcast at 8:30am** on 1300AM WCLG & 92.1FM, and TuneIn channel Morgan 92.1



30th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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



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Are you registered in the Parish?

Registering in a parish is a declaration of your desire to be part of a Catholic community and to make a commitment to the life of the parish family.

Clearly stating your Catholic commitment in all its dimensions brings many advantages, recognition, and responsibility.

At St. Mary Roman Catholic Church, our policy, is that you must be registered and participating in Sunday Mass regularly before a baptism can take place, or for the initial meeting with the pastor in the case

of marriage.

Regular attendance is also required for adults who are asked to be a godparent or sponsor at another parish, in order that a letter can be sent stating that they are a practicing Catholic and a registered member of a parish faith community.

Even though you may have attended Mass here for months, or even years, we would like for you to be registered.

Please pick up a registration form at the church or parish office, or register online at stmarystarcity.com. For more information, call the parish office at 304-599-3747.

Sacraments

Baptism: (Birth – Age 7) Parents are required to participate in a preparation program before the celebration of Baptism. Parents must be registered and attending Sunday Mass regularly. Please contact the parish office for information.

Reconciliation: 30 minutes prior to each daily Mass

Order of Christian Initiation: Children 7-14 years of age, and Children 15 years of age and older & Adults— *The Order of Christian Initiation*, RCIA, please contact Cynthia Friesen at 304-225-1163 or stmarystarcityfaithformation@gmail.com

Marriage: Engaged couples planning to marry at St. Mary Church should be practicing Catholics, participating in Sunday Eucharist regularly. Also, they must participate in a Marriage Preparation Program. Call the Parish Office for information. At least **six months notice** is required. *No date for a wedding will be set over the phone.*

Holy Communion to the Sick and Homebound: When a parishioner is confined to home or hospital because of illness or advanced age, call the Parish Office. We will be happy to make arrangements to bring Holy Communion.

Anointing of the Sick: Upon request and communally as scheduled

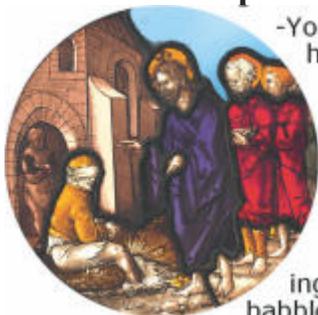
Bulletin Deadline:

Tuesday@Noon, email or written copy please, no bulletin announcements will be taken over the phone

Email: stmaryschurch@comcast.net

Subject line: attn: Bulletin, and include topic of announcement

Spirituality of the Readings – Keep on Asking



-You might remember this story, which I think I have told before.

One summer night a thicket of ducks quacked its way across the lake and dropped into a tree or two near the screened-in porch where I, on retreat, sat. Their loud, non-stop, ever-increasing racket shocked me. Each and every citizen, it seemed, felt a duty to squawk in full voice and all at once! I suppose they were having a rollicking good time, but what did they achieve with their babble?

I had assumed that they came for an evening's rest. But could anyone rest with this earsplitting quack-talk?

There began a subtle change in the clatter, very gradual, as when applause reaches a peak and then, almost unnoticeably, crests and trails off. Each bird gave a bit of quiet to the next until everyone was comfortable and calm.

Except one.

This individual went on and on cawing, absurdly, all by itself.

Imagine it.

Then at last a duck-mate nudged it and said, "Hey, buddy we're all around you and we're safe. Zip up your beak." And it did. There ensued the sleepy silence that I had thought they wanted all along.

I saw that this was teamwork.

I have always loved to be included in a team. Nobody perfect, yet everyone having a special place, keeping the rules, moving along together, and someone comforting the one who can't take a hint. Today I suppose we would call it community. Or family.

God confirms this in the First Reading.

I will gather the blind and the lame, ... the mothers and those with child; they shall return as an immense throng. 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 none shall stumble.

My duck friends seemed to be symbols of these readings. Their alarums, and finally their trusting slumber maybe weren't so different from what we ourselves do. Our loud-longing is heard by God, who is saying, "Hush, the whole flock is here. Settle down."

Like the last duck, Blind Bartimaeus in Sunday's Gospel couldn't stop calling out to Jesus. "Son of David have pity on me!" The rest of the flock tried to shush him, but he kept right on. Over and over, "Son of David have pity on me!"

He waded through the crowd to Jesus, who asked him the same question the squawking ducks should have: "What do you want?" In this case it was obvious. A blind man would want his sight back.

Did Jesus miss this?

"Master, I want to see."

Just getting his sight back would not have done it, any more than just landing in the trees did the ducks. He already had the incarnate God standing before him, and maybe this was the fullness of what he wanted to "see."

"Your faith has saved you," Jesus said. And the man saw. And followed.

If Jesus asked you or me, "what do you want," how would we answer? Is the faith that saves us hiding deep inside? Are we able to call for help? Such a call can be fulfilled this very day, you know, if we let it.

"What do you want?"

John Foley, SJ

Giving Summary

Sunday Offering

\$4,609.53

Online Giving

\$2,481.35

Attendance: 364

Recent/Upcoming Special Collections

10/24— World Mission Sunday

For ease of accounting, **separate checks are preferred** for all donations to different collections and purposes, including special collections, Mass intentions, memorials, and donations to different funds e.g. Trust Fund for the Poor, Debt Reduction, etc. Thank you for your help!



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GIVE ONLINE!

by clicking on the image on our website
www.stmarystarcity.com.

THIS WEEK'S CELEBRATION OF THE EUCHARIST

October 24, 30th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Saturday, 6:00pm	Donald Hoylman
Sunday, 8:30am	Steven Miller
Sunday, 11:00am	Amelia Dacanay
Domingo, 1pm	For the People

<u>Monday 10/25</u>	<u>Weekday in Ordinary Time</u>
9:00am	Blanche Saab
6:30pm	Peter Rosati
<u>Tuesday 10/26</u>	<u>Weekday in Ordinary Time</u>
9:00am	Kenneth Leach
<u>Wednesday 10/27</u>	<u>Weekday in Ordinary Time</u>
9:00am	Blanche Saab
12:00pm	Jacqueline Williams
<u>Thursday 10/28</u>	<u>Sts. Simon & Jude, Apostles</u>
9:00am	Joseph Michael Demasi
<u>Friday 10/29</u>	<u>Weekday in Ordinary Time</u>
9:00am	Leda Duff

In the event of Closing of school due to inclement weather, there will be no Daily Mass or Prayer Service.

In the event of a funeral, morning Mass will be cancelled

October 31, 31st Sunday in Ordinary Time

Saturday, 6:00pm	Mr. Vincent Mancinelli, Sr.
Sunday, 8:30am	Jake Sutherland
Sunday, 11:00am	For the People
Domingo, 1pm	Eloise Herrick



Until further notice,
Bishop Brennan asks that all those
in attendance at Mass **and any
other meetings, social events, or
other parish gatherings (including events
with food)** wear a mask, other than young
children under the age of 2.

Thank you for your cooperation in this act of
Christian Charity.

Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession)

30 minutes prior to each Daily Mass
Saturdays from 5-5:40pm as scheduled
(Mon-Fri: 8:30am, Mon: 6:00pm, Wed: 11:30am)
*times may change based on any changes to the
weekly Mass schedule

**If you, or any parishioner you know, are
sick or homebound
and would like a visit from Fr. John,
please contact the Parish Office
304-599-3747**

THIS WEEK AT ST. MARY

Sunday, October 24

	15 Minute Usher Training after each Mass
9:30am	Religious Ed.
9:45am	RCIA
1:00pm	NA Meeting
6-8:00pm	HS Youth—Youth Room

Monday, October 25

7-9:00pm	Boy Scouts
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Tuesday, October 26

10:00am	Angels in the Bible 3—L/L
6:00pm	Building & Grounds Cmte Mtg—Narthex
6:30pm	Angels in the Bible 3—L/L
6:30pm	NA Meeting

Wednesday, October 27

6:30pm	Models of the Church 2—L/L
7:00pm	Catholic Homeschoolers Bible Study

Thursday, October 28

12:00pm	Al-Anon—L/L
6:00pm	Spanish Mass Music Rehearsal—L/L
6:30pm	Listening Space—P/H

Saturday, October 30

5:00-5:40pm	Reconciliation
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Sunday, October 31

9:30am	Religious Ed.
9:45am	RCIA
1:00pm	NA Meeting
2:30-4:30pm	Trunk or Treat
6-8:00pm	MS Youth—Youth Room



Lord, look with love upon **Gina Corly**,
as she presents **Sarah Ari Critchfield**
for baptism this week.



We welcome Hayes Michael Snyder,
who was baptized this weekend.



**LITURGICAL
MINISTRIES**

**Ministry
Trainings**

15 minute ministry trainings directly after
each Mass. These trainings are meant for any
new or returning ministers. Please stay after
on your respective date(s)!

Weekend of October 23/24
Usher Training

We hope to see you there!



We have Hearing Assistance Devices
available for use during Mass. If you
would like one, please ask an Usher.

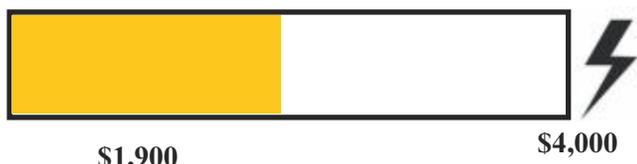
Energizing our Plaza

We are raising money to cover the installation of electrical outlets on the plaza outside the Narthex. These outlets, which were recently installed, will let us decorate for different events, beginning this coming Christmas!

The goal of our fundraiser is \$4,000, which will cover all costs associated with this project.

If you would like to contribute, please make checks payable to St. Mary Church, with the memo for Electrical Outlets.

We are now **47.5%** of the way to our goal! Thank you to those who have donated!



The Models of the Church

What do you think of first when you think about "church"?

All of us probably have an image or ideal that comes to mind.

Join Fr. John for the next 3 classes (out of 4 total) **on Wednesdays October 27 and November 10 & 17, at 6:30pm in the Library Lounge**, as he unpacks Cardinal Avery Dulles' seminal book "Models of the Church" and discover new ways of seeing the church.



Mass intentions are still being accepted for 2021.

We have weekday and a few weekend Masses left to fill.

The suggested donation is \$20 for a weekend, \$10 for a weekday. Please call the Parish Office if interested, 304-599-3747.

Please note that any Masses cancelled due to unforeseen circumstances such as a global pandemic, inclement weather, or a funeral, will be moved to the next available 'like' date and time e.g., Daily Mass on Tuesday moved to another Tuesday, 8:30 Sunday Mass moved to another 8:30, as available.

Al-Anon (for those affected by someone else's drinking) meets every Thursday at noon at St. Mary Church. Information: call 1-888-425-2666 or WSO@al-anon.org

TRUNK OR TREAT



St, Mary Church Social Activities Committee will be hosting

**Trunk or Treat
Sunday, October 31
2:30-4:30pm**

in the main parking lot

Light refreshments will be served.

If you would like to set up your car to pass out candy, please contact the Parish Office. Cars should arrive to set up by 2:00pm

*limited candy supplies will be available for those who can't bring their own candy to pass out, or who run out. Donations of candy are also being accepted at the Parish Office and in the Narthex.

A LISTENING SPACE

Join us for weekly gatherings called "A Listening Space" for all healthcare professionals who are struggling under the weight of the pandemic. It will be a place to share stories and support one another. Gatherings will be held at St. Mary Peace Hall at 6:30pm on the Thursdays of October (21st, and 28th). Socially distant seating and masks will be required. Contact Kathy Kerzak for more information at kkerzak@comcast.net or 304-692-8881.



Volunteers are needed to clean and wipe down pews after the 8:30am Mass each weekend. Please stay after Mass if you are able to help sanitize or clean!

NA Meetings St. Mary Church, Star City Tuesdays-6:30pm, Sundays-1pm

To find other meetings near you, visit <https://www.na.org/meetingsearch/>



**St. Mary Church Ruby Read Box,
Take a Book, Leave a Book.**



St. Ursula Food Pantry needs:

- *Toilet Paper
- *Liquid Laundry Detergent
(please no pods or powder)

Baby & Toddler Program needs:

- *Baby Wash & Shampoo

St. Ursula needs volunteers Wednesday mornings on the 1st and 3rd Wednesday of the month for a few jobs:

- ◆ 1 person to pick up food at the old Ramada
- ◆ 2 people to help unload the food deliveries and to set up for pantry
- ◆ A few volunteers to help with pantry 1 pm - 4 pm

If you can do one or both Wednesdays, please call Sister Rachel at 304-599-3822

The Confraternity of Saint Nicholas is a public association of the faithful who, through prayer, fasting, and good works, are dedicated to the protection of all children from scandalization, abuse, and trafficking. Obligations are to attend daily Mass on December 6 and May 9, to say the Litany of St. Nicholas weekly, a brief daily prayer, and skip one meal every Wednesday. See the link to the statutes and required prayers of the Confraternity as well as the link to register online. Thank you.

Statutes and Prayers:

<https://dwc.org/wp-content/uploads/2021/09/Statutes-of-the-Confraternity-of-Saint-Nicholas.pdf>

Online Registration:

<https://dwc.org/evangelization-and-catechesis/confraternity-of-st-nicholas/>



Aim your camera at the flowcode

Support our parish by
making a gift to the
Catholic Sharing Appeal
dwc.org/CSA

Did you know...?

Everything above 50% of our goal comes back to St. Mary Parish! With 55% of our goal already achieved, every penny given from now on will be given back to us.

St. Mary Parish, Star City

Raised \$22,725 of \$41,675 with 72 gifts

55%

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TODAY IS WORLD MISSION SUNDAY. We celebrate this day by remembering our baptismal call – to bring the Gospel to all! The collection today for the Society for the Propagation of the Faith supports the work and witness of the Mission Church, as it provides for priests, religious and lay leaders who offer the Lord's mercy and concrete help to the most vulnerable communities in the Pope's missions. Thank you for your generosity.



SPEAK ABOUT AFRICA...

...where 19,000 young men are preparing for the priesthood.

HABLAR DE AFRICA...

...donde 19.000 hombres jóvenes se preparan para el sacerdocio.



SPEAK ABOUT ASIA...

...where six million children receive an education for Religious Sisters in more than 15,000 Church-run elementary schools.

HABLAR DE ASIA...

...donde seis millones de niños reciben educación de las Hermanas Religiosas en más de 15.000 escuelas primarias administradas por la iglesia.



SPEAK ABOUT LATIN AMERICA...

...where catechists travel to remote areas to bring the Good News of God's great love to families.

HABLAR DE AMERICA LATINA...

...donde los catequistas viajan a zonas distantes para llevar las Buenas Nuevas del gran amor de Dios a las familias.

SPEAK ABOUT THE PACIFIC ISLANDS...

...where 3,500 religious bring the Lord's mercy and peace to those in need.

HABLAR DE LAS ISLAS DEL PACIFICO...

...donde 3.500 religiosos llevan la misericordia y paz del Señor a los necesitados.

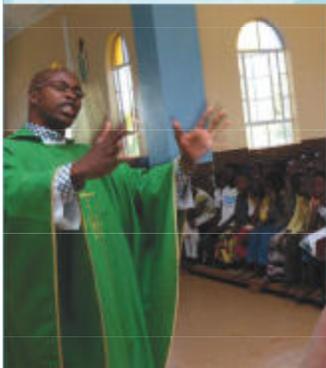
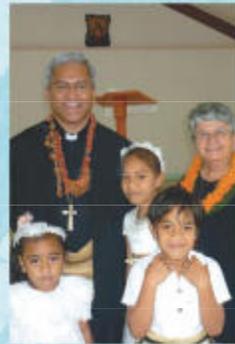


SPEAK ABOUT EUROPE...

...where new churches are being built to welcome faith communities, renewed after years of persecution.

HABLAR DE EUROPA...

...donde se están construyendo nuevas Iglesias para dar la bienvenida a las comunidades de fe, renovadas después de años de persecución.



WORLD MISSION SUNDAY

Sunday, Oct 24, 2021

THIRTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Adopt an attitude of gratitude

Here's an intriguing take on a familiar commission: Thankful people become missionaries. "To be in a state of mission" is a reflection of gratitude," Pope Francis declares on this World Mission Sunday. Yet this "state of mission" belongs to the whole church, not just to those brave souls who pack up and go off to foreign lands. Jesus commissions his friends to take the Good News wherever we go. Grateful folks do this cheerfully. How can we keep from singing, when a song's been placed in our hearts? Pray the Rosary's Glorious Mysteries and live the mission of gratitude.

TODAY'S READINGS: Jeremiah 31:7-9; Hebrews 5:1-6; Mark 10:46-52 (149). "Immediately [the blind man] received his sight, and followed Jesus on the way."

Monday, Oct 25, 2021

Good for what ails you

Research suggests that regular meditation may help reduce blood pressure, digestive problems, anxiety and depression, and insomnia, among other ailments. Prayerful meditation also heals your soul. Catholics have a lot of help at their disposal here—from the Rosary to *Lectio Divina*. "There are as many and varied methods of meditation as there are spiritual masters. Christians owe it to themselves to develop the desire to meditate regularly," says the catechism. "But a method is only a guide; the important thing is to advance, with the Holy Spirit, along the one way of prayer: Christ Jesus." Take the best medicine of all!

TODAY'S READINGS: Romans 8:12-17; Luke 13:10-17 (479). "Woman, you are set free of your infirmity."

Tuesday, Oct 26, 2021

Care for the caregivers, too

In November 2017 European members of the World Medical Association convened at the Vatican for a conversation on ethical issues surrounding palliative care. Nearby, the International Confederation of Catholic Health Care Institutions was meeting to discuss inequalities in health care. Pope Francis addressed them all: "The categorical imperative is to never abandon the sick." No matter the graveness of the medical condition, "we are called to show love and closeness." Recognizing that "visit the sick" is one of the seven corporal works of mercy, how can you show or send care today—perhaps by supporting Catholic chaplains during this Pastoral Care Week?

TODAY'S READINGS: Romans 8:18-25; Luke 13:18-21 (480). "Sufferings of this present time are as nothing compared with the glory to be revealed for us."

Wednesday, Oct 27, 2021

Gentle reminder: Pray today

Benedictine monk Father Godfrey Diekmann, O.S.B., a pillar of the liturgical movement of the last century, tells the story of picking watercress one day on his monastery's grounds and landing in a swamp. Try as he might he couldn't extricate himself. He was eventually rescued by his fellow monks. He wrote of the incident: "What now bothers me is that during the entire ordeal of about 25 minutes I didn't have a single pious thought! What does that say of my more than 50 years of monastic life? Do I have to start all over

again?" Forgetting to pray happens to the best of us. But it is never too late to start. A simple prayer of blessing, petition, intercession, thanksgiving, or praise will suffice. Better yet, start with *Veni, Sancte Spiritus!*, "Come, Holy Spirit!"

TODAY'S READINGS: Romans 8:26-30; Luke 13:22-30 (481). "The Spirit comes to the aid of our weakness; for we do not know how to pray as we ought."

Thursday, Oct 28, 2021

FEAST OF SIMON AND JUDE, APOSTLES

Strive for decreasing returns

Saints Simon and Jude have countless images and namesakes, yet we know almost nothing about these apostles whose feast day is today. They were among the 12 apostles, and tradition has it they spread the Good News in Persia. We honor their memory anyway, knowing that for the faithful, "He must increase, and I must decrease," as John the Baptist put it. To be remembered after death as a faithful apostle is not a bad legacy for any Christian! Do one small act today that makes you recognizable as a faithful apostle.

TODAY'S READINGS: Ephesians 2:19-22; Luke 6:12-16 (666). "Jesus went up to the mountain to pray, and he spent the night in prayer to God."

Friday, Oct 29, 2021

Tender mercies

Depression, anxiety, profound sadness, or grief—these can sometimes make us feel like we're no good or God has abandoned us. But it is at these times especially when God tenderly draws close to us. Though it may be difficult to lift our hearts in prayer when we are suffering, we can pray this prayer for ourselves and one another (attributed to Saint Augustine): "Watch, O Lord, with those who wake or watch or weep tonight, and give your angels and saints charge over those who sleep. Tend your sick ones, O Lord Christ. Rest your weary ones. Bless your dying ones. Soothe your suffering ones. Pity your afflicted ones. Shield your joyous ones. And all for love's sake." Amen!

TODAY'S READINGS: Romans 9:1-5; Luke 14:1-6 (483). "I have great sorrow and constant anguish in my heart."

Saturday, Oct 30, 2021

MEMORIAL OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

Room to grow

We've all heard that the "humble will be exalted." Sounds nice, but where can we look for examples, for a role model? Look no further than Mary, Mother of God. Saturday is the traditional day of the week to recall Mary's example of exalted humility. Mary was humble enough to "make room" for God—literally, in her womb. She was willing to trust God with everything—her reputation, her envisioned marriage, her very body. Do you trust enough to make room so that God can be born in you?

TODAY'S READINGS: Romans 11:1-2a, 11-12, 25-29; Luke 14:1, 7-11 (484). "For everyone who exalts himself will be humbled, but the one who humbles himself will be exalted."

Invest just five minutes a day, and your faith will deepen and grow—a day at a time



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*Hail, Guardian of the Redeemer,
Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary.
To you God entrusted his only Son;
in you Mary placed her trust;
with you Christ became man.*

*Blessed Joseph, to us too,
show yourself a father
and guide us in the path of life.
Obtain for us grace, mercy, and courage,
and defend us from every evil. Amen.*

*Salve, Guardián del Redentor
Esposo de la Bendita Virgen María.
A ti Dios te confió su único Hijo;
en ti Maria depositó su confianza;
contigo Cristo se hizo hombre.*

*Bendito José, para nosotros también
muéstrate padre
y guíanos en el camino de la vida.
Obten para nosotros gracia, misericordia y coraje
y defiéndenos de todo mal. Amén.*

Safe Environment Reporting

To report an incidence of suspected child sexual abuse, please contact your local law enforcement agency, or you may confidentially contact WV Child Protective Services at 800.352.6513. In addition to civil authorities, to report suspected cases of sexual abuse by personnel of the Diocese of Wheeling-Charleston to the Diocese, please contact the Diocese at 888-434-6237 or 304-233-0880. Please visit www.dwc.org under "Accountability" for additional information and reporting methods.

Will or Estate Planning

Are you thinking of remembering St. Mary Church in your will or estate plans? A bequest through a Last Will and Testament is the simplest way of creating a lasting legacy of support for St. Mary Church. Bequests should be made out to:

"The Bishop of the Roman Catholic Diocese of Wheeling-Charleston, or his successors in office," with a specification of the purpose for which the bequest is to be used, e.g. "for the use of St. Mary Parish"

READINGS FOR THE WEEK **October 24, 2021**

Readings for the week of October 24, 2021

Sunday: Jer 31:7-9/Ps 126:1-2, 2-3, 4-5, 6 [3]/Heb 5:1-6/Mk 10:46-52

Monday: Rom 8:12-17/Ps 68:2 and 4, 6-7ab, 20-21 [21a]/Lk 13:10-17

Tuesday: Rom 8:18-25/Ps 126:1b-2ab, 2cd-3, 4-5, 6 [3a]/Lk 13:18-21

Wednesday: Rom 8:26-30/Ps 13:4-5, 6 [6a]/Lk 13:22-30

Thursday: Eph 2:19-22/Ps 19:2-3, 4-5 [5a]/Lk 6:12-16

Friday: Rom 9:1-5/Ps 147:12-13, 14-15, 19-20/Lk 14:1-6

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

Next Sunday: Dt 6:2-6/Ps 18:2-3, 3-4, 47, 51 [2]/Heb 7:23-28/Mk 12:28b-34

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Catholic Bishop Abuse Reporting Service **ReportBishopAbuse.org (800) 276-1562**

The Catholic Bishop Abuse Reporting Service has been established to receive reports of sexual abuse and related misconduct by bishops, and to relay those reports to proper Church authorities for investigation. Where a report includes a crime, such as the sexual abuse of a minor, it will also be reported to civil authorities. Otherwise, reports will be kept confidential. If you have any other kind of complaint about a bishop—such as parish assignments, church closings, or homily contents—please address those directly to your diocesan or eparchial bishop instead. Sexual abuse by a priest, deacon or a staff member or volunteer of the Church should be reported to the Office of Safe Environment for the Diocese of Wheeling-Charleston. So, to be sure you get the help you need, phone numbers and addresses may be found at www.dwc.org under the accountability tab. If you are the victim of sexual abuse (or any other crime), please contact local law enforcement.

30th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Lectionary: 149

Reading I

Jer 31:7-9

Thus says the LORD:
 Shout with joy for Jacob,
 exult at the head of the nations;
 proclaim your praise and say:
 The LORD has delivered his people,
 the remnant of Israel.
 Behold, I will bring them back
 from the land of the north;
 I will gather them from the ends of
 the world,
 with the blind and the lame in
 their midst,
 the mothers and those with child;
 they shall return as an immense
 throng.
 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 none
 shall stumble.
 For I am a father to Israel,
 Ephraim is my first-born.

Reading II

Heb 5:1-6

Brothers and sisters:
 Every high priest is taken from among
 men
 and made their representative before
 God,
 to offer gifts and sacrifices for sins.
 He is able to deal patiently with the ig-
 norant and erring,
 for he himself is beset by weakness
 and so, for this reason, must make sin
 offerings for himself
 as well as for the people.
 No one takes this honor upon himself
 but only when called by God,
 just as Aaron was.
 In the same way,
 it was not Christ who glorified himself
 in becoming high priest,

but rather the one who said to him:
 You are my son:
 this day I have begotten you;
 just as he says in another place:
 You are a priest forever
 according to the order of Mel-
 chizedek.

Gospel

Mk 10:46-52

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 Naza-
 reth,
 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.



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