



## The Path to Faith

FR. JOSEPH JUKNIALIS

**T**he story of blind Bartimaeus is an illustration of how we come to be people of faith. Like Bartimaeus, we may find ourselves helpless and on the side of life's road as we watch the world go by. And like him, we too then turn to God for help. Just as Jesus called Bartimaeus, we may sense that God is calling us to trust and surrender to his vision of life for us. Throwing aside the cloak that he would use to gather alms by the roadside, Bartimaeus comes to Jesus. That simple action displays his willingness to leave his old way of life behind in order to follow Jesus.

This is how we come to faith—we are given a glimpse of life from God's perspective and must trust

enough to cooperate with whatever God may bring our way. Such pivotal moments in life may come with the death of a loved one, the end of a relationship, or the loss of a job, when we need to trust that there is more to life in what lies ahead. Or it may come in those times when we need to learn how to cope with a lifelong illness, a failed dream, or growing old. It's all about how we come to faith—by trusting that God will bring us to new life, even though we may be blind to the ways he will bring it about. ●

### Reflect

*Have you ever experienced a hard ending that turned into a good beginning?*



Jesus stopped and said, "Call him."  
So they called the blind man,  
saying to him, "Take courage;  
get up, he is calling you."

MARK 10:49

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### Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time (B)

Today we continue to read from Mark's Gospel. In this Gospel, we find evidence of Jesu' 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.

Kindly keep me in your prayers. The first month of my sabbatical I will be in the North American College in Rome. The second month I will be in the African missions. In January I am going for an Ayurvedic treatment for all my health problems. Fr. Mike

#### Mass Schedule & Intentions

#### For the week of October 28, 2024

Mon.	Oct	28	7:00	AM	SJ	No Mass
Tues.	Oct	29	7:00	AM	SJ	No Mass
Wed.	Oct	30	5:30	PM	SA	No Mass
Thurs.	Oct	31	7:00	PM	SJ	All Souls
Fri.	Nov	01	4:30	PM	SA	All Souls
Fri.	Nov	01	6:00	PM	SB	All Souls
Sun.	Nov	03	8:00	AM	SJ	Cecelia Allison †
Sun.	Nov	03	9:30	AM	SA	People of the Parish
Sun.	Nov	03	11:00	AM	SB	Mary Jean Gunderson†



Carlos Ortiz Oct 29th

Naomi Layher Nov 6th

## Happy Anniversary

Mr. & Mrs. Brad Atkins Nov 8th



## Ministry Schedule

Date: Nov 3	<i>St. Agnes</i>	<i>St. Boniface</i>	<i>St. John's</i>
<i>Time</i>	<u>Sunday 9:30 AM</u>	<u>Sunday 11:00 AM</u>	<u>Sunday 8:00 AM</u>
<i>Hospitality</i>	Conrad & Aleta P.	Chancy & Roni B.	Luke & Tara B.
<i>Lector</i>	John B.	Dylan P.	Jon W.
<i>Server</i>		Erin F. & Quinton B.	Leo W. & Gregory W.
<i>EMHC</i>	Evan B. & Gary M.	Rod B. & Mike P.	Rex & Kristie W.
<i>Communion to shut ins or Music</i>		Mike P.	<b>Music:</b> Toby K.

<p style="text-align: center;"><u>St. Agnes</u></p> <p style="text-align: center;">Our Gifts to God &amp; Church Oct 20, 2024</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><u>Total Collection:</u> \$853.00</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><u>Diocesan Appeal</u> Dollar Goal = \$4014/ Donor Goal: 16</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Thrift Store Open Nov 15th from 9AM to 4PM</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>-CCD Class Oct 30th</b> Holy Day of Obligation All Souls Day Nov 1st Mass 4:30 PM</p> <p><b>Note: As you finish using your Word Among US from Oct Aleta Ambler would like it. Please give it to Fr to take to Arnold.</b></p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><u>St. Boniface</u></p> <p style="text-align: center;">Our Gifts to God &amp; Church Oct 20, 2024</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><u>Total Collection:</u> \$2381.00</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><u>Diocesan Appeal</u> Dollar Goal = \$7306/ Donor Goal: 19</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>-CCD Class Oct 30th</b> <u>This Week</u> Holy Day of Obligation All Souls Day Nov 1st Mass 6:00 PM Stewardship Group 1 will host a fall harvest potluck Sunday Oct 27 after Mass. Please come!  Please bring a picture or anything that reminds you of a deceased family member for All Souls mass Friday.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><u>St. John's</u></p> <p style="text-align: center;">Our Gifts to God &amp; Church Oct 20, 2024</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><u>Total Collection:</u> \$2574.50</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><u>Diocesan Appeal</u> Dollar Goal=\$5001/ Donor Goal: 17</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>-CCD Class Oct 30th</b> <b>Supper Hanna</b> Holy Day of Obligation All Saints Day Oct 31 Mass 7:00 PM</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><u>UPCOMING:</u> *Sunday Mass for Nov 10 will be at 5:00 PM Saturday 11-9 all are welcome to celebrate with the confirmation candidates. <b>NO Sunday</b> mass at St John's this week.</p>
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**Initiative Measure 434**

Except when a woman seeks an abortion necessitated by a medical emergency or when the pregnancy results from sexual assault or incest, unborn children shall be protected from abortion in the second and third trimester.

For  
 Against

**Initiative Measure 439**

All persons shall have a fundamental right to abortion until fetal viability, or when needed to protect the life or health of the pregnant patient, without interference from the state or its political subdivisions. Fetal viability means the point in pregnancy when, in the professional judgment of the patient's treating health care practitioner, there is a significant likelihood of the fetus' sustained survival outside the uterus without the application of extraordinary medical measures.

For  
 Against

Venerable Fulton Sheen  
(1895-1979)

“Our Lord did not ask us to give up the things of earth, but to exchange them for better things.”

## Dear Padre,

*I am an eighty-year-old with painful knee replacements. Am I allowed to remain seated during Mass? Also, at what age am I free to watch a televised Mass at home instead of going to Mass?*



Your health condition permits you to remain seated while others in the congregation kneel or stand. Of primary importance is your valued presence, and your full, active participation with fellow members of your Catholic faith community. At Mass, "the faithful form a holy people...so that they may give thanks to God and offer the unblemished sacrificial Victim not only by means of the hands of the Priest but also together with him..." (*General Instruction of the Roman Missal*, 95).

However, if someone is incapable of attending Mass, then the obligation is abrogated, regardless of age. The Church allows a televised Mass primarily for people who are homebound, in hospitals, nursing homes, and prisons. "The televised Mass is never a substitute for the Church's pastoral care for the sick in the form of visits by parish ministers who share the Scriptures and bring Communion, nor is it ever a substitute for the Sunday Mass celebrated within a parish faith community each week" (*Guidelines for Televising the Liturgy*, USCCB, 2014). If you are unable to be present at Mass, you have an opportunity to identify with a worshipping community, hear the word of God, be moved to expressions of praise and thanksgiving, and unite with Christ in spiritual communion. ●

Fr. Byron Miller, CSsR / [DearPadre.org](http://DearPadre.org)

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
October 28	October 29	October 30	October 31	November 1	November 2	November 3
<i>Sts. Simon and Jude, Apostles</i>	<i>Weekday</i>	<i>Weekday</i>	<i>Weekday</i>	<i>All Saints</i>	<i>Commemoration of All the Faithful Departed (All Souls)</i>	<i>Thirty-first Sunday in Ordinary Time</i>
Eph 2:19-22 Lk 6:12-16	Eph 5:21-33 Lk 13:18-21	Eph 6:1-9 Lk 13:22-30	Eph 6:10-20 Lk 13:31-35	Rv 7:2-4, 9-14 1 Jn 3:1-3 Mt 5:1-12a	Wis 3:1-9 Rom 6:3-9 Jn 6:37-40	Dt 6:2-6 Heb 7:23-28 Mk 12:28b-34



### A WORD FROM POPE FRANCIS

*Jesus hears [Bartimaeus'] plea. When he goes to him... he takes time to listen. This is the first step in helping the journey of faith: listening. It is the apostolate of the ear.... For Jesus, the cry of those pleading for help is not a nuisance but a challenge. How important it is for us to listen to life!*

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