



The Path to Faith

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The 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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CCD Classes

Sunday, October 27th - 6th & 7th graders (9:45am-11:15am)
Sunday, November 3rd - K thru 7th grades (9:45a-10:45am)

Reminder Nov. 3rd will be the kick off for the CCD Children's Mass for all classes. Parents please don't forget to bring your children to this very special celebration; afterwards there will be donuts and refreshments served along with a craft party at the church hall.

Daily Mass Intentions for the Week of October 28, 2024

Monday	10/28			† No Mass
Tuesday	10/29	9:00 am	STM	† Yolanda Quartucci
Wednesday	10/30	5:30 pm	HT	† Herman & Mary Hahn
Thursday	10/31	9:00 am	HT	† Jack & Theresa McCallum
Friday	11/1	9:00 am	STM (All Saints)	† Denise Mini
		5:30 pm	HT (All Saints)	† For the Parishioners
Saturday	11/2	9:00 am	HT (All Souls)	† Gladys & Ivan Hassler
		10:30 am	SP (All Souls)	† Laurence Fonderoli

Mass Intentions for the weekend of November 2 - 3, 2024

Saturday	11/2	4:00 pm	St Thomas More	† Julie Taliani
Sunday	11/3	8:30 am	Holy Trinity	† Wes & Rita Hoscheid
		10:30 am	St Patrick	† For the Parishioners



November, A Month Dedicated to Praying for Souls

As the beautiful month of October is gradually moving away, the Church reminds us that the following month, November, is the month traditionally dedicated to praying for all the Souls in Purgatory. This presents us with the opportunity to reflect on a beautiful Catholic teaching, the teaching on Purgatory, which is really the mercy of God in action. If there was no such thing as Purgatory, there would be only two options for us after death: heaven and hell. And if you have to be perfect to enter the presence of God, we would all be in trouble! Thank God we have the possibility of Purgatory.

While it's true that the Souls in Purgatory are on their way to union with God, they depend on our prayers. There is suffering involved in their purification and this is why Catholics pray for the dead. We should assist the Holy Souls with our prayers. And we should all be interested in this because most likely we will be among those Holy Souls some day!

Below, please find some suggestions for specific things we can do in November to help speed up the souls' trip to heaven:

Offer Masses: By far the greatest sacrifice we can offer for the Souls in Purgatory would be to offer Masses. One Mass is worth more than the whole created universe. How pleasing this is to God and how happy the suffering Souls in Purgatory will be due to your offerings!

Our Lady & the Rosary: Saints have pointed out in visions and revelations the power that Our Lady has to help and assist the Souls in Purgatory. On Marian feasts and celebrations, the suffering of the souls is alleviated, and many arrive at their eternal destiny—Heaven. Pray the Rosary for the Souls in Purgatory.

Offer Up Your Sufferings for the Suffering Souls: So much suffering in the world, but so much suffering is actually wasted. How true the saying: "Suffering either makes you better or bitter!" Whatever suffering you may be undergoing, offer it up to God for the suffering Souls in Purgatory.

(The above article is a compilation of setonlakeridge.org; catholicexchange.com)



Mass Schedule for All Saints Day and All Souls Day

All Saints Day (Holy Day of Obligation) Friday, Nov 1st – 9:00 am at STM and 5:30 pm at HT

All Souls Day Saturday, Nov. 2nd – 9:00 am at HT and 10:30 am at SP

Please note: All Souls Day candles are available to purchase for \$5 each in remembrance of loved ones.

Due to the Mass schedule, there will be no confessions on Saturday Nov. 2nd

Growing Disciples Update

We have been moving forward nicely with various church names for the new merged parish. As of right now, six new names have been suggested. If you want to add to the list of these new names, please drop your suggestions in the collection basket or let the office know. The deadline is November 6th.

LATEST OFFERING'S

OCT 20TH WEEKEND

HT – \$1,003.00

WORLD MISSION \$249

SP – \$ 288.00

STM – \$ 946.00

WORLD MISSION \$113



CONFESSIONS

NO CONFESSIONS ON

SAT. NOV 2ND

DUE TO MASS SCHEDULE

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 worshiping community, hear the word of God, be moved to expressions of praise and thanksgiving, and unite with Christ in spiritual communion. ●



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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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