

October 28, 2018 – 30th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Bartimaeus, a blind man, the son of Timaeus, sat by the roadside begging.

"Jesus, Son of David, have mercy on me . . . !

"Master, I want to see."

Mark 10: 46-52

“Right Now Matters”

Samantha had just finished college and was about to embark on the "real world." Her mother warned her: "You are about to enter a really weird time in your life, and I can't prepare you for it. Just be aware."

Eager to move on from college in Tennessee, she moved back to her hometown of St. Louis and landed a job as a nanny with a wealthy and extremely likable family. It was a great job for a nanny - but this was not what she envisioned her life to be. While her friends were going off to law school or beginning promising new careers in great cities or getting married, she was mastering toasting the perfect Eggo waffle.

Samantha second-guessed her decision to flee Tennessee and tortured herself with feelings of insignificance and failure. It was turning into that "weird time" her mother warned her about. Then came one of those "aha!" moments when things become unmistakably clear. She was playing outside with her little charges when one of them came up and said, "You're so great. You don't even have to play with us, but you do it anyway. Our other nannies never did that. We love you!"

Samantha was floored. Not only did she underestimate the kids' ability to be so gracious, but they made her realize that it's truly not about what life hands you but what you do with it. Samantha writes:

"I could easily just patrol these girls, make sure they don't run out in the street or draw all over the walls, but I don't. I play with them. I make my life part of theirs and vice versa. And together, we have perfected the fine art of Eggo toasting. How many people can say that?"

Samantha discovered that "self-worth is where you find it and that the most beautiful form of self-worth occurs when you maximize the amount of love you share with the world, no matter how mundane or humble the circumstances may be . . . Just because you have a college degree doesn't mean you need a job with a Blackberry."

[From "Right Now Matters" by Samantha Jacobs, from This I Believe: Life Lessons.]

In today's Gospel, a blind man asks to see. Jesus responds not by mixing mud or touching the man's eyes or looking to heaven in prayer; Jesus says, basically, *Look with the eyes of the faith you already possess*. Not only does he restore Bartimaeus' physical sight but Jesus also "restores" Bartimaeus' realization of God's love in his life, enabling him to embrace, with hope, the life God has called him to live: a life that finds its meaning in selfless giving and reconciling peace. In the same way, Samantha comes to realize the possibilities she has to be the means of love and joy for the children entrusted to her and, in that role, she discovers meaning and joy in her own life. Jesus opens the eyes of our hearts as well, enabling us to realize the opportunities we have to bring life and light, healing and peace, justice and mercy to others along our way to the dwelling place of God. Faith calls us to "see" with the human heart, to perceive in the spirit.

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Sacred Heart Parish

A Stewardship Parish in Union with Christ



Parish Information

Pastor: Monsignor Jim Robertson

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Weekend Masses: Saturday 4:30 pm, Sunday 11:00 am

Reconciliation: By request

Mass During the Week: Tues & Thurs at 7:00 pm
Wed & Fri at 10:00 am
First Fridays - 2:00 pm at the Lohnes Complex

Holy Hour of Adoration: Third Sunday of the Month at 2 p.m.

Marriages: Six months' notice is required. A year's notice is recommended.

Baptisms: Please call the Parish Office to schedule preparation session.

St. Vincent de Paul: To assist those in need. Call 638-9010.

RECEIVED WITH THANKS (Oct 21, 2018)

Regular Collection	1,734.80
Parish Insurance	20.00
Building Fund	10.00
Votive Candles	46.75
Mass Stipends	30.00
World Mission Sunday	205.00

MASS INTENTIONS

Mon, Oct 29	No Mass
Tues, Oct 30	Mass of Thanksgiving
Wed, Oct 31	Late Bernadette & Anthony George
Thur, Nov 1	Late Bill Baker
Fri, Nov 2	Late Col Healey
Sat, Nov 3	Special Intentions of the Puddicombe Family
Sun, Nov 4	Parish Community

LITURGICAL MINISTERS

November 3	
Linda Tarbett John Carroll	Marie Byrne Art Hall Joe Byrne
November 4	
Donna Eldridge Debbie Allen	Margaret Dalley Patsy Payne Calvin Gillis
Communion to the Sick	
Barbara Neville	

MASS INTENTIONS: We currently have very few mass intentions on our books. This is a good time to schedule masses to remember departed family members and friends. As well, there is always a need to have masses for those who are sick. Please call the parish office to schedule masses.

OCTOBER ROSARY: The Sacred Heart Ladies group will lead the praying of the rosary for the Tuesday's of October. This will take place in the church at 6:30 pm on Tuesdays (prior to evening mass).

ALL SOULS DAY: All Souls Day, November 2, falls on the first Friday of November this year. Mass is scheduled for that day at the Lohnes Complex. There will be a second mass at 7 pm at Sacred Heart Church to pray for the souls of our faithful departed. Envelopes are available in our church for parishioners to list the names of their family members and friends who they would like remembered at that mass. Throughout the month of November there will be masses in commemoration of All Souls and the persons you have named will be prayed for in our petitions.

MEMORIAL MASS: Our annual Memorial Mass is scheduled for Tuesday, November 27th, at 7 pm. Family members of persons whose funerals we have celebrated since November last year will be contacted and offered special roles in the mass of that day. If you have had family members / friends who have died within this last year, and whose funeral / burial has taken place outside this parish, please contact the parish office if you want their names included at that mass.

MARY'S KITCHEN: Our Parish is responsible for **NOVEMBER**. We are still in need of volunteers for desserts and serving. The sign-up sheet is at the back of the church.

PARISH BINGO: Bingo will be held on **November 4 at 2:00 pm**. The list of donors is posted on the bulletin boards in the back of the church. It includes last names beginning with N-Z. Please support this important fundraiser.

LADIES GROUP UPCOMING EVENTS:

Nov. 4: 2 pm. Monthly Bingo
Dec. 1: 12-2 pm. Bake/Craft Sale
Dec. 2: 2 pm. Monthly Bingo

PARISH COMMUNITY SUPPER: The ladies group are preparing a ham & baked beans supper on Nov. 3rd following evening Mass. Volunteers are needed to cook beans & carrot cakes [see sheets at back of church]. Monetary donations to cover the cost of the hams that we have purchased would be gladly accepted. Tickets are available from any member of the ladies group.

PARISH COUNCIL MEETING: The next parish council meeting will take place Monday, November 5th

4YOUTH: November 1st is the Feast of All Saints, which honours every saint, known and unknown. While we have information about many saints and have specific feast days to celebrate them, there are many unknown saints, who may have been forgotten or never honoured specifically. On All Saints Day, we celebrate these holy people and ask for their prayers and intercessions. The Gospel reading on All Saints Day is the Sermon on the Mount, from the Gospel of Matthew, in which Jesus gives us the Beatitudes to teach us what we must be like in order to inherit the Kingdom of God.

COMMEMORATION OF ALL THE FAITHFUL DEPARTED:

The Commemoration of All the Faithful Departed, more commonly referred to as All Souls Day, is observed annually on November 2. This is a day set aside for honoring the dead and praying for the souls of the faithful departed; it is not a holy day of obligation.

SAFEGUARDING: The Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops Releases New Document to Protect Minors and Vulnerable Adults from Sexual Abuse - On October 4, 2018, , the CCCB released its updated and expanded national guidelines for the protection of minors in Canada entitled *Protecting Minors from Sexual Abuse: A Call to the Catholic Faithful in Canada for Healing, Reconciliation, and Transformation*. With this document, Canada's Bishops reaffirm their commitment to continue improving practices in their dioceses/eparchies with an emphasis on long-term prevention and pre-emptive action. The document brings the CCCB's existing guidelines (*From Pain to Hope, 1992; Orientations, 2007*) up to date with the latest laws in Canada and the most recent norms of the Holy See.

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HUMOUR: One rainy evening, a lady and her husband, John, emerged from a restaurant only to find that he had locked the keys in the car. He insisted he could open the door with a wire coat hanger, so we went back to the restaurant to get one. There were none to be found. John then ran to a department store a quarter-mile away and returned with a hanger. After a few attempts, he got the door open and we climbed in. As we sat there, soaked and cold, he stuck the hanger under his seat. With a smug grin, he said, "Now if this ever happens again, I'll have one handy."

SCHOOL REUNION: Attention 1979 graduated classes of Presentation and Regina – there is a plan for a 40th reunion to be held in Corner Brook on July 19, 2019. For registration and other details, please contact Eileen at uecoombs@hotmail.com or Bill at bill.boland1@outlook.com.