

Do we have the courage to answer him?

OCTOBER 26 & 27, 2024

XXX SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



Leprosy and blindness and deafness — oh, my. The disabilities cured by Jesus in his public ministry really are quite something, aren't they? Vividly symbolic and rich food for reflection. It just wouldn't be the same if Jesus had cured eczema or athlete's foot or compulsive nail-biting.

Blind Bartimaeus, sitting by the side of the road, in particular captures my imagination. Because I have a confession to make, sometimes, I like to sit in the darkness, even though I know it isn't very good for me.

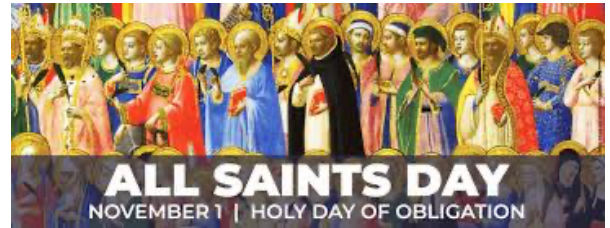
Well, listen: it's just easier, isn't it? You don't have to care about or fix the problems you can't see. No one expects you to rush to someone's aid if you don't see their injuries. The darkness is a good place to be, if you don't feel very brave or very smart or very able.

And when Jesus passes you by, if your whole world is darkness, it's easy enough to pretend you just didn't notice him at all.

But Bartimaeus chose not to stay in his darkness. More than that, he cried out to be released from it, even when everyone around him told him to shut up. He was so persistent that he caught the notice of Jesus, and when he heard those words — "Take courage; get up, Jesus is calling you!" — what did he do? He didn't stammer and run away. He had courage. He got up.

It takes courage to ask for what you need to follow Christ. Because if you ask for it, you'll get it. And then begins the terrifying, wonderful journey of discipleship — testifying to what you have seen. Life in the light, no longer sitting by the side of the road but on the road, journeying toward the greatest destination of all.

"What do you want me to do for you?" Jesus asks us.



"Sanctity should be our principal ambition.

We should yearn to be more closely united to God, so that His Divinity may be reflected in our thoughts and in our actions.

If we enjoy God's friendship, we shall become more like God and shall be lifted up above petty mundane considerations.

Perhaps, we doubt our ability to reach such a high spiritual level?

Even so, we should, nevertheless, desire to reach it and, not just in a passing and indifferent manner but, constantly and actively.

We should keep our desire alive by repeating it to ourselves and by continually praying for God's grace to fulfill it.

"*I intend to become holy*," said little Dominic Savio and he kept the promise which he had made to God.

Many people have formed the same resolution, both desert hermits and University professors, both humble workmen and rulers of nations.

Since we ought to have the same intention, what is there to prevent us?

Let us make this resolution now and put it into effect, with the help of God." -Antonio Cardinal Bacci

In the Catholic Church, All Saints' Day is considered a Holy Day of Obligation, meaning parishioners are required to attend Mass.

Remember that this day is also First Friday. There will be Exposition and Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament at 11am before the English Mass and 5:30pm, before Spanish Mass.

QUESTIONS OF THE WEEK

First Reading:

Jeremiah speaks of a joyful future awaiting those Israelites who were in captivity in Babylon. What are some things you are looking forward to with joy?

Second Reading

Hebrews teaches us that God glorified Christ by making him the eternal "high priest." What are some gifts you have received from God?

Gospel:

The blind man, Bartimaeus, pleaded to Jesus and Jesus healed him saying, "your faith has saved you." What worries or fears do you need to bring to the Lord?

MASS INTENTIONS **OCTOBER 26 - NOVEMBER 1, 2024**

Saturday (26)	5:00pm	Fred & Clara White † Thomas Galemba † Fr. Nicholas Rausch † Florita Stephenson †
	6:30pm	Mónica López Calderón † José María Valenzuela González † Dionicio, Carlos & Virginia Barrera † María del Refugio Yáñez † Eliodoro Rodríguez † Socorro Cortez Esquivel † Rafaela Terán Salgado † Mardonio Barrera Ayala † Eliseo Espinoza (healing) Martha Sánchez Espinoza (b-day) Nicolas Yáñez (b-day)
Sunday (27)	8:00am	Margaret Smith
	10:00am	Missa pro populo
Monday (28)	12:05pm	No Mass
Tuesday (29)	5:30pm	Juan Ruano †
Wednesday(30)	12:05pm	Abbot Neil Roth, OSB
Thursday (31)	12:05pm	Ellen Anderson
Friday (01)	12:05pm	Missa pro populo
	6:00pm	Juana Romero †

WEEKLY COLLECTION

October 19 & 20, 2024...\$2,346.00
WORLD MISSION SUNDAY\$1,068.00

SECOND COLLECTION THIS WEEKEND:

MAINTENANCE FUND

SECOND COLLECTION NEXT WEEKEND:

LIABILITY INSURANCE

THANK YOU FOR ALL YOUR SUPPORT & CHRISTIAN GENEROSITY.

PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR SICK PARISHIONERS

Gerardo Escobedo, Cuca Soto, Yolanda Soto, Rosalío Martínez, Felix Santillán, Esperanza Barba, Bertha Valenzuela, Gina Piviotto, Angie Gómez, Rose Cortez, Fidela Jara, Martha Sánchez, Gerardo Escobedo, Angie Freitas, Russel Bryant, Derrick Heater, Ann Gallagher, Brianna Lopez, Margaret Milliken, Nick Quin, Mary Servis, Matty Walker & Ofelia Ybarra.

LET'S PRAY FOR ALL OUR FAMILY MEMBER AND FRIENDS IN THE MILITARY

Nerio Salazar, Jovany Baez, Justin Mertle, María de la Luz Ramírez, Rebeca Sánchez, Marina González, Alondra Jara, Sonia Jara, Matt Mills & Jared Schroeder.



Come and support our Youth group.
Our Youth Group will be selling coffee and donuts
this Sunday, October 27th after the 8am and 10am Mass.
Donations accepted.



The month of November is traditionally the month we remember our beloved dead. This memorial begins on All Souls' Day, Saturday, November 2nd and continues throughout the rest of the month of November. All Souls Day reminds us that we are a Church of community. We are the Church Militant here on earth because we are still waging the fight. The Saints in heaven, whom we honor on All Saints' Day, Friday, November 1st constitute the Church Triumphant. On All Souls' Day, we remember and pray for the Church Suffering (Purgatory). Be sure to turn in your envelopes with names of loved ones to be remembered at all Masses during the month of November. For those who do not receive envelopes by mail, you will find special envelopes in the vestibule. Please fill out and return them either in the collection basket or directly to the Parish Office.

ATTENTION

THE PARISH OFFICE WILL BE CLOSED FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 1ST IN OBSERVANCE OF ALL SAINTS DAY.

ATTENTION ALL LECTORS

THE BOOKS FOR 2025 ARE IN THE SACRISTY. PLEASE TAKE ONE.

DON BOSCO YOUTH GROUP

The Youth Group at OLGC is starting back up!
Come join us Monday nights at 6:30-8:00pm in Classroom #1. For more information contact Noemi Hernández 707.972.6880.



IN THE VESTIBULE OF THE CHURCH, ON THE SOUTHERN WALL
YOU WILL FIND A BEAUTIFUL MEMORIAL TREE.
ITS BRIGHT LEAVES REPRESENT PERMANENT MEMORIALS TO THE DEPARTED
OF OUR PARISH. FOR THE SUM OF \$200.00, YOU CAN GIVE TO THE PARISH
SECRETARY, THE CORRECT SPELLING AND DATES OF THE DEPARTED AND IN
DUE TIME THE LEAF IS PRINTED AND ATTACHED TO THE TR AS A PERMANENT
REMINDER OF A LOVED ONE WHO IS GONE.
FOR MORE INFORMATION, PLEASE CALL THE OFFICE AT 707-964-0229 EX1.



COME AND SUPPORT OUR CHURCH

THE FUNDRAISER COMMITTEE OF OUR LADY OF GOOD COUNSEL
CHURCH WOULD LIKE TO INVITE ALL OF YOU TO

A DELICIOUS BREAKFAST.

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 1, 2024
9AM - 12PM

PARISH HALL
605 MAPLE STREET, FORT BRAGG, CA

PROCEEDS WILL GO TOWARDS OUR CHURCH RESTORATION.

