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St. Joseph The Worker Parish, Russell, MB St. Theresa's Parish Rossburn, MB

Responsorial Psalm (Psalm 126): The Lord has done great things for us; we are filled with joy.

St. Joseph The Worker News:

Please remember in your prayers those who are sick in hospitals, care homes, or in their homes & those who care for them. If you wish to receive the Sacraments of Anointing, Confession, or Holy Communion – please call the parish office & leave a message: 204-773-2924.

Praying with Pope Francis October: For a shared mission: We pray that the Church continue to sustain in all ways a Synodal lifestyle, as a sign of co-responsibility, promoting the participation, the communion and the mission shared among priests, religious and lay people.

Mass Intentions For This Week:

30th Sunday in Ordinary Time

- Saturday Oct 26 7:30 p.m. Russell For Health & treatments for Fr Paul req by Eugene & Joyce Lepischak
- Sunday Oct 27 9:00 a.m. Russell **Zoom on-line Mass 9:00 a.m. and YouTube after 10:15 a.m.**
 +Lorne Gallant req by Carl, Val, Lori and families
 11:00 a.m. Rossburn For all parishioners req by Father Paul
- Monday Oct 28 Health of family & friends req by Jean Goba
- Tuesday Oct 29 Fr Paul req by The Sabourin family
- Wed Oct 30 Health of family & friends req by Jean Goba
- Thurs Oct 31 10:30 Rossburn Adoration
 11:00 a.m. + Lorne Woychyshyn req by David Woychyshyn & family
- Friday Nov 1 8:30 a.m. Russell Adoration
 9:00 a.m. For all parishioners req by Father Paul
 11:00 a.m. Rossburn **Sacred Heart of Jesus**
 Special Intentions req by The Sabourin family
 7:00 p.m. **All Souls' Commemorative Mass**



31st Sunday in Ordinary Time

- Saturday Nov 2 11:00 a.m. Rossburn **Immaculate Heart of Mary**
 + All deceased friends & family members of the Sabourin family req by The Sabourin family
 7:30 p.m. Russell For all parishioners req by Father Paul
- Sunday Nov 3 9:00 a.m. Russell For all parishioners req by Father Paul
 11:00 a.m. Rossburn + Norma Kaskiw req by Clarence Kaskiw

**Rossburn Annual General Meeting Sunday, November 3rd 2024
 Will be held following next Sunday Mass. Please plan to attend.**



***The sign up sheet for first communion is at the back of the church. **Classes will be starting today, Sunday October 27th after mass from 10 - 11.**

Russell & Area Food Connection's Basket is located at the church entrance for your food donations. Please help those less fortunate in our communities.



Due to illness, coffee Sunday scheduled for today has been postponed until next Sunday, November 3rd after 9 am Mass and everyone is invited! Pat Orsak's group will be busy in the church kitchen handing out the coffee and juice and providing us with some delicious goodies! Coffee Sunday is part of the Ministry of Hospitality, a time to gather together, greet one another and visit after Mass while enjoying coffee and snacks. *We hope to see you there!*

SAVE THE DATE – St. Joseph's will be holding our **Annual Parish Advent Potluck Party** on Saturday, **November 30th, 2024**. Please mark your calendars!! **Mass will be at 5 p.m.** followed by a potluck supper, games, songs, and prizes. Donations from this event will go to our local Food Connections.

Commemorative Mass at St. Joseph's – If you have lost a family member or friend please come and join us. All Souls' Day is on November 2nd, but we will be celebrating this special day on Friday, November 1st, at 7:00 p.m. as we remember and honor all our deceased loved ones. All Souls' Day is the traditional time to remember loved ones who have died. Particular attention will be given to remembering those who have died within the past years, but we will celebrate all of our loved ones enjoying eternal life in the nearer presence of God. We invite families to remember their loved ones by lighting one or more of the votive candles in memory of them and the bond of love that holds their memories strong. It is not just a memory but in a place that is beyond suffering and tears, and we yearn to see our loved one again. All are invited to attend and join us for coffee, juice and muffins!

Food for Thought

- 1) Instead of remaining in spiritual blindness, let us pray for spiritual sight. Each one of us suffers from spiritual blindness. Hence, we need the light of the Holy Spirit to end our darkness and grant us proper spiritual vision. Let us learn to recognize the causes of our spiritual blindness. Anger, hatred, jealousy, evil habits, addictions, sloth etc. make us spiritually blind, and they prevent us from seeing the goodness and presence of God in our family members and neighbors. Hence, let us learn to think about and see the goodness in others without becoming unkind, critical, or judgmental. We are blinded by greed when we are never satisfied with what we have and incur debts to buy luxury items. Hence, let us pray to have a clear vision of Christian values and priorities in our lives and to acknowledge the presence of God dwelling in ourselves and in our neighbors. A clear spiritual vision enables us to see the goodness in others, to express our appreciation for all that they have been doing for us, and to refrain from criticizing their performance.
- 2) We need to "cry out" to Jesus, as Bartimaeus did. Like Bartimaeus, we must seek the love, mercy, and goodness of Jesus with trusting Faith. Sometimes our fears, anger, and habitual sins prevent us from approaching God in prayer. At times, we even become angry with God when He seems slow in answering our prayers. In these desperate moments, let us approach Jesus in prayer with trusting Faith, as Bartimaeus did, and listen carefully to the voice of Jesus asking us: "What do you want me to do for you?" Let us tell Him all our heart's intentions and needs.

☺* A motorist with poor eyesight was driving through a dense fog and was trying desperately to stay within range of the taillights of the car ahead of him. As he squinted and worried his way along, trying to stay on course with those taillights, the car in front suddenly stopped, and his car hit the car in the front. The driver of the rear car got out and demanded to know why the other driver came to such an abrupt stop. "I had to," he replied, "I'm in my own garage!"

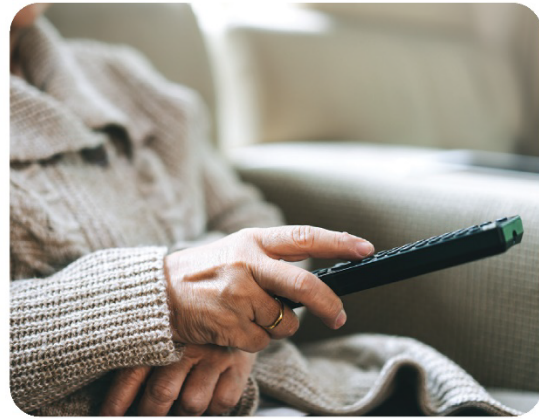
Dear Padre,

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



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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



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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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Our Parish COMMUNITY

October 27, 2024

Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time (B)

Jeremiah 31:7–9 / Hebrews 5:1–6 / Mark 10:46–52



The Path to Faith

FR. JOSEPH JUKNIALIS

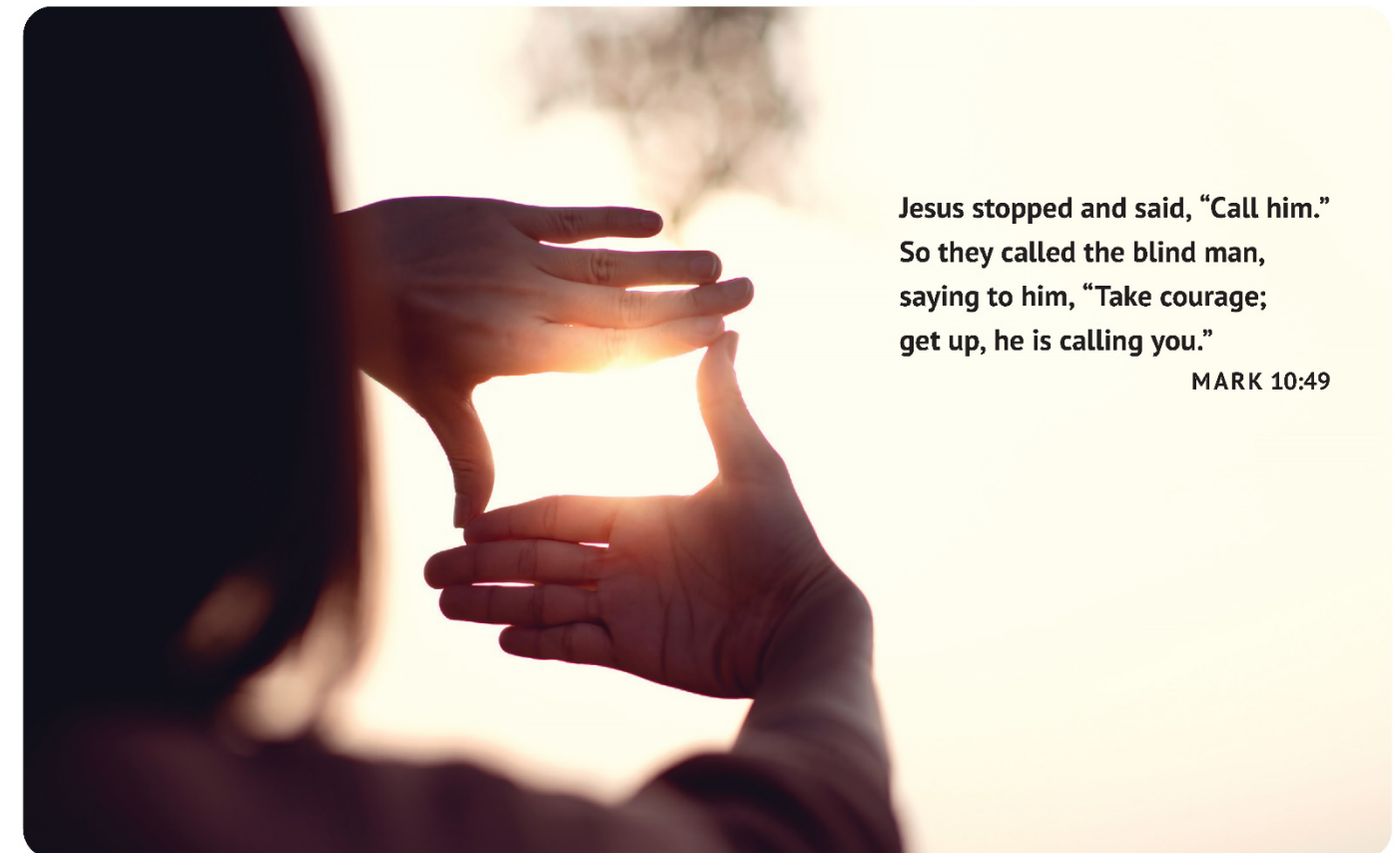
The story of blind Bartimaeus is an illustration of how we come to be people of faith. Like Bartimaeus, we may find ourselves helpless and on the side of life’s road as we watch the world go by. And like him, we too then turn to God for help. Just as Jesus called Bartimaeus, we may sense that God is 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