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#### PARISH OFFICE

**Monday:** 12PM - 2PM  
**Tuesday through Thursday:**  
10AM - 2PM

#### LITURGY SCHEDULE

**Saturday:** 5 PM Vigil Mass  
**Sunday:** 8:30 AM; 11 AM  
Tues, Thurs, Sat: 9 AM  
**Monday; Wednesday:** 6PM  
**1st Friday Only:** 6PM

#### ADORATION & ROSARY

**Tuesday, Thursday, & Saturday**  
7:00AM—8:45AM  
**Monday; Wednesday; 1st Friday**  
5PM-5:45PM

#### DIVINE MERCY CHAPLET

**Saturday:** 8:30 AM  
**Sunday:** 8:00 AM

#### RECONCILIATION

**Monday -Thursday** after Mass  
**Saturday:** 9:45 AM & 4 PM  
Or by appointment

#### BAPTISM & MATRIMONY

Contact Deacon Greg  
404-918-7472

#### RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Sharon Cook (706) 297-8344  
Jessica Burger (904) 219-1129

#### ADULT FAITH FORMATION

##### RCIA

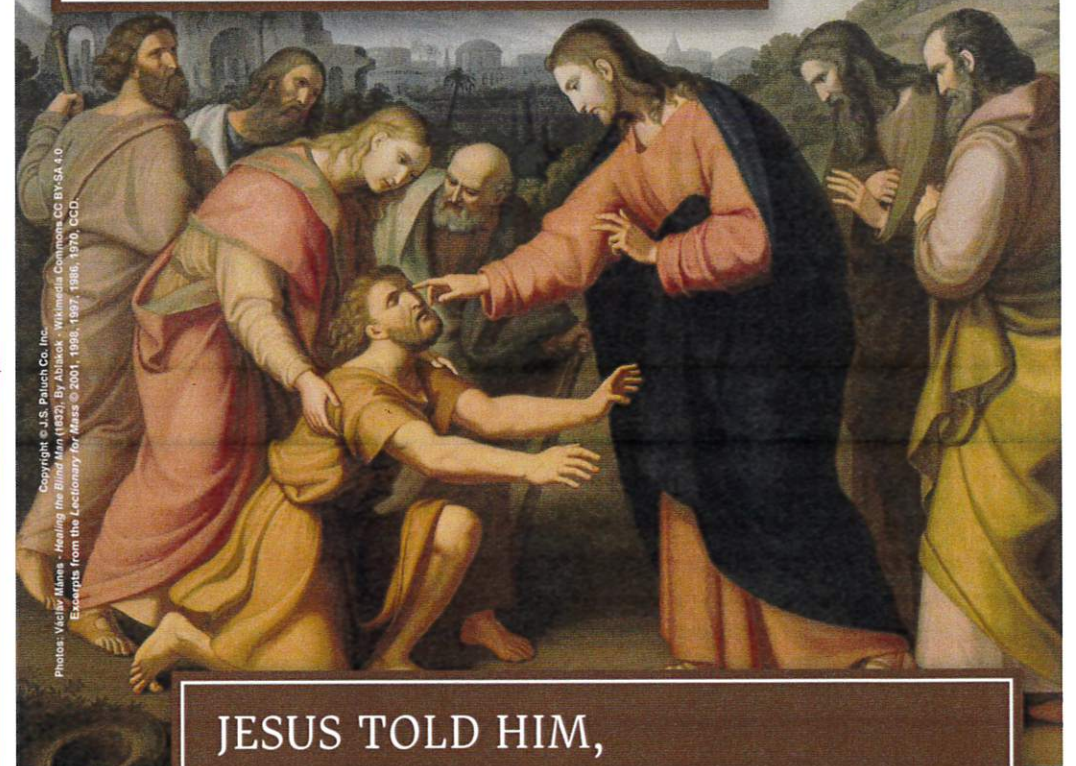
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# St Mary Catholic Church

## Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

THE BLIND MAN SAID,  
"Master, I want to see."



JESUS TOLD HIM,  
"Go your way;  
your faith has saved you."

MARK 10:51-52

October 24, 2021

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MASS SCHEDULE & INTENTIONS	
<b>SAT: 10/23 30th Sunday Ordinary</b>	
<b>Vigil 5:00 PM—Christine McKee (L) 101st Birthday</b> <i>(Janice Ollick)</i>	
<b>SUN: 10/24 30th Sunday Ordinary—</b> <b>8:30 AM— (Anna) Tho Thị Nguyễn (D)</b> <i>(Mrs. Lan &amp; Mr. Thắng Nguyễn)</i>	
<b>11:00 AM—Mrs. (Anna) Sừu Lê &amp; Mr.(Phaolô) Lê V. Phạm 52nd Marriage Anniversary (L)</b>	
<b>MON: 10/25 Monday—</b> <b>5:00 PM—Adoration</b> <b>6:00 PM – (Phao-lô) Đông V. Trần (D)</b> <i>(Hải Phạm &amp; Hoa Trần Family)</i>	
<b>TUES: 10/26 Tuesday—</b> <b>7:00 AM—Adoration</b> <b>9:00 AM – (Anna) Tho Thị Nguyễn (D)</b> <i>(Tuyết Nhi Nguyễn)</i>	
<b>WED: 10/27 Wednesday—</b> <b>5:00 PM—Adoration</b> <b>6:00 PM— Pio-Leo Hồ Ngô (D)</b> <i>(Mrs. Nguyệt Nguyễn)</i>	
<b>THUR: 10/28 Thursday– Sts. Simon &amp; Jude</b> <b>7:00 AM—Adoration</b> <b>9:00 AM – Hoài Thương &amp; Duong Hồ Ngô (L)</b> <i>(An &amp; Bảo)</i>	
<b>FRI: 10/29 Friday FIRST FRIDAY ONLY</b> <b>5:00 PM—Adoration</b> <b>6:00 PM—</b>	
<b>SAT: 10/30 Saturday—</b> <b>9:00 AM— (Phê-rô) Tự Văn Nguyễn (D)</b> <i>(Mrs. Nguyệt Nguyễn)</i>	
<b>31st Sunday Ordinary</b>	
<b>Vigil 5:00 PM—Goan Baotixita (D)</b> <i>(Mrs. Thom)</i>	
<b>SUN: 10/31 31st Sunday Ordinary—</b> <b>8:30 AM— Andrew Moe—Healing Mercies (L)</b> <i>(Greg &amp; Janice Ollick)</i>	
<b>11:00 AM—Teresa-Maria (D)</b> <i>(Hòa Bạch &amp; Điệp Áo)</i>	

*Please keep the following people in your prayers:*



Joe Franzmathes, Laura Barnett, June Webb, Sharon Cook, Carol Womack, Eddie Hallford, Bill Dineen, Jay McAtee, Fred Defenbaugh, John Craton, Joan Akins, Rita & Gordie Nash, Connie Tirico, Denis Burk, Alice Marold, Marilyn & David James., Lucca Fiorillo, Gia-cô-bê Nguyễn Thanh, Yvonne Dessauer and for all others not mentioned here.

If you want to submit an individual for Prayer Intentions, please contact Christa (706) 886-2819. Update Christa at least every four weeks if you wish to continue with community prayers.

Please notify the church office or Mrs. Gerrie Chalk at (706) 963-0050 of a loved one who is sick. Our home-bound Ministers are please to bring you Holy Communion.

**Offertory/Contributions**

**Weekend of October 17, 2021**

Weekly Budget	\$ 2,300.00
Offertory	\$ 4,250.00



Our Second Collection this week is for the

**World Missions**

*Thank you for your generosity!*


**The counters for this week are:** Gary Cortellino, William King and Stephanie Cortellino.

If you would like to volunteer for this ministry, contact Nancy Williamson for training via Christa in the office. 706-886-2819.

**BULLETIN SUBMISSIONS** are to be sent to Janice Ollick at [janiceollick@gmail.com](mailto:janiceollick@gmail.com) NO LATER THAN noon on **Thursday**, two weeks prior to the weekend requested for the bulletin. Late submissions may or may not be able to be placed.

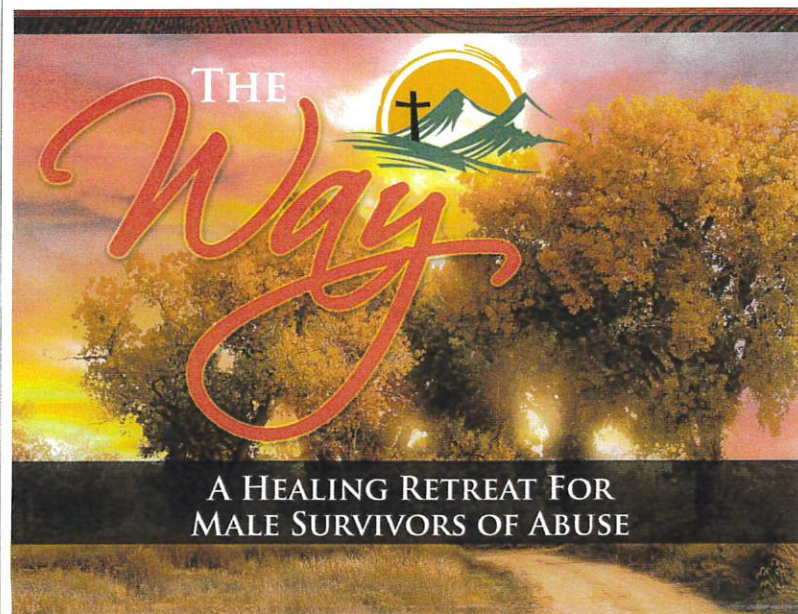
**PARISH MINISTRIES**

The list of ministries and contact information is available in the Narthex of the Church and published on our Church website:  
[www.stmarystoccoa.org](http://www.stmarystoccoa.org)

 <p><b>KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS</b></p> <p>Joseph M. Malik—Council 9975</p> <p>Membership meeting—4th Tuesday of each month Parish breakfast on 1st of 2nd Sunday each Month</p>	 <p><b>Ladies of St. Mary's</b></p> <p>We meet on the 2nd Wednesday of the month at 10:00 am &amp; 6:00 pm from September to May</p>	<p><b>In Memory of</b></p> <p><b>Matilde Saavedra</b></p> 
<p><b>In Memory of</b></p> <p><b>James H. Broussard</b></p> <p><b>"Bruce"</b></p>	<p><b>In Loving Memory of</b></p> <p><b>Don Cook</b></p> 	<p><b>Alexander's Flowers &amp; Gifts</b></p> <p><b>147 Center Plaza Dr.</b> <b>Toccoa, Ga 30577</b> <b>(706) 886-9431</b></p> 
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## A HEALING RETREAT FOR MALE SURVIVORS OF ABUSE

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For more information  
or to request an application, please contact Sue Stubbs.  
Phone: 404.920.7550 Email: [sstubbs@archatl.com](mailto:sstubbs@archatl.com)

**Application deadline: November 5, 2021**

Must provide your own transportation to and from the retreat location.

This retreat is Christian-based. Men of all faiths and traditions are invited and welcome.



**All Souls Day** is November 2nd. Please remember those who have died. Envelopes will be in the narthex. All stipends will go to the building fund.



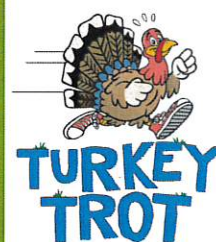
The **Annual Memorial Mass** to pray for deceased bishops, priests and deacons who once served in our archdiocese will be celebrated by Archbishop Gregory J. Hartmayer, OFM Conv., at 10:30 a.m. on Tuesday, November 2, at Arlington Memorial Park (201 Mount Vernon Highway, Atlanta, Georgia 30328). Please consider attending and praying for the souls of our deceased clergy.



## Hearing Health Day



has been rescheduled for November 6th from 2:00 pm to 4:40 pm. This service is totally free and will be administered by two local audiologists.



**3rd Annual H.O.P.E. for a Drug Free Stephens County 5K (3.1 miles) WALK, TROT OR RUN**

Saturday,  
November 6th, 2021  
Start Time is 9:00 am

Begins & ends on Alexander Street at City Hall.

Registration Forms are in the narthex.  
**H.O.P.E.** Stands for  
Heroin, Opioid Prevention & Education.

## POPE FRANCIS' PRAYER INTENTION FOR OCTOBER

### Missionary Disciples

We pray that every baptized person may be engaged in evangelization, available to the mission, by being witnesses of a life that has the flavor of the Gospel.

### READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Rom 8:12-17; Ps 68:2, 4, 6-7ab, 20-21; Lk 13:10-17  
Tuesday: Rom 8:18-25; Ps 126:1b-6; Lk 13:18-21  
Wednesday: Rom 8:26-30; Ps 13:4-6; Lk 13:22-30  
Thursday: Eph 2:19-22; Ps 19:2-5; Lk 6:12-16  
Friday: Rom 9:1-5; Ps 147:12-15, 19-20; Lk 14:1-6  
Saturday: Rom 11:1-2a, 11-12, 25-29; Ps 94:12-13a, 14-15, 17-18; Lk 14:1, 7-11  
Sunday: Dt 6:2-6; Ps 18:2-4, 47, 51; Heb 7:23-28; Mk 12:28b-34

## Calling all VETERANS!!!

We want to recognize you and honor you on the weekend of November 7th. We will have a sheet in the narthex over the next several weeks, if you would give us your Name, Branch & Rank. This information will be used to make a poster as a recognition and honor for your services to this great nation.



## Parish School of Religion Classes

October 23rd 6:00—8:00 - NO Class for Confirmation  
October 30th ----- Confirmation Classes  
October 24th 9:30—10:45 - Pre-K & 1st Grades  
First Holy Communion  
3rd—5th Grades  
Middle School



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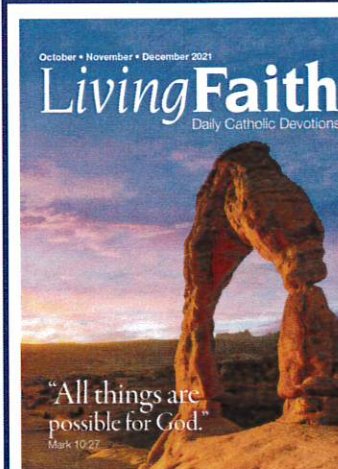
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SYMPTOM AWARE



If you would like to receive this daily devotional, you can contact, Janice Ollick at [janiceollick@gmail.com](mailto:janiceollick@gmail.com) or leave a message at the church.

The price is \$15.00 for a year's subscription.

## CAPITAL CAMPAIGN COMMITTEE



Please remember to keep up with your Capital Campaign Pledge payments. By doing this, it will help to keep us on track to make this a successful build. Please make your checks out to **St. Mary's Building Fund**. Thank you!

## BIRTHDAY/ANNIVERSARY



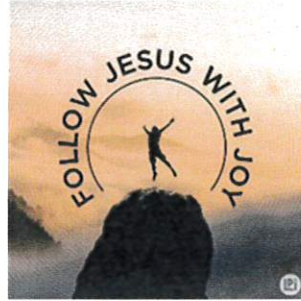
If you would like to have your birthday and/or anniversary announced on WNEG radio/Connie Gaines, please use the sign up sheet in the narthex. Questions? Contact Gary Cortellino (678) 360-2545 or [garycortel@aol.com](mailto:garycortel@aol.com)



## BLINDNESS OF SPIRIT

October 15, 2021 • Br. Silas Henderson  
For Sunday, October 24, 2021  
30th Sunday in Ordinary Time

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



*They called the blind man, saying to him, "Take courage; get up, Jesus is calling you." He threw aside his cloak, sprang up, and came to Jesus.*

*Jesus said to him in reply, "What do you want me to do for you?" The blind man replied to him, "Master, I want to see." Jesus told him, "Go your way; your faith has saved you." Immediately he received his sight and followed him on the way. —Mark 10:49-52*

When I moved to Tucson a few years ago, one of the realities I had to adjust to was the large number of homeless people found in nearly every part of the city. The weather — especially the minimal rainfall and mild winters — make this a natural landing place for those who might not easily find a home in other parts of the country. As much as I hate to admit it, I still sometimes find myself feeling embarrassed or disconcerted by the extended hands or incoherent mumbling. This is a challenging reality, especially when I remember that as Christians — and particular in my vocation as a religious brother — we're called to be people of encounter.

With all this in mind, it's easy to understand the discomfort that Jesus' followers seemed to have felt in this Sunday's passage from the Gospel of Mark. After all, the blind man, Bartimaeus, was causing a spectacle, shouting at Jesus. But even after the people in the crowd told him to be quiet, he kept calling out "all the more, 'Son of David, have pity on me.'"

To really get a sense of the importance of this story — which is much more than just another account of one of Jesus' miracles — we have to think about where it falls in the Gospel of Mark. The healing of the blind Bartimaeus is, in fact, linked to the healing of another blind man, recounted only a few chapters earlier (8:22-26). These two stories form "bookends" for one of the most important sections of Mark's Gospel in which Jesus tries to help his followers understand who he is and what his mission really is. But, as we've discovered over the past several Sundays, the Apostles and the other disciples don't seem to be able to comprehend Jesus' message or to understand the true cost and meaning of discipleship. After all, these are the same men who openly opposed him when Jesus tried to teach them about his coming suffering and death.

But then, this Sunday we are given the story of this blind beggar who seems to be able to see what the Apostles cannot. In fact, the physical healing of Bartimaeus is a powerful reminder that, when we open ourselves to God's grace, we can be healed of that blindness of spirit that sometimes prevents us from following Jesus with freedom and joy, which is an important part of discipleship.

Saint Mark beautifully describes Bartimaeus' excitement when Jesus finally calls for him, "He threw aside his cloak, sprang up, and came to Jesus." There is an energy in his response that wonderfully exemplifies the enthusiasm that should be a hallmark of our discipleship. When the Lord calls, we must be ready to respond. And because of his faith and willingness to act, Jesus rewards the blind man by not only restoring his physical sight but by empowering him to live out his faith in the community of disciples. Pope Benedict XVI reflected on this when he remarked:

"Bartimaeus represents one aware of his pain and crying out to the Lord, confident of being healed... In the encounter with Christ, lived with faith, Bartimaeus regains the light he had lost, and with it the fullness of his dignity: he gets back onto his feet and resumes the journey, which from that moment has a guide, Jesus, and a path, the same that Jesus is travelling. The evangelist tells us nothing more about Bartimaeus, but in him he shows us what discipleship is: following Jesus "along the way," in the light of faith."

The invitation for us this Sunday is to humbly reflect on the ways we might be spiritually blind by asking ourselves what habits, attitudes, and ideologies hold us back from becoming the disciples that Jesus is calling us to be.

Bro. Silas Henderson, S.D.S.

### PRAYER:

May the Lord Jesus place his hands on our eyes that we may begin to catch sight of the things that are not seen more than the things that are seen. May he open our eyes that they will alight on the things to come more than on the things of this age. May he unveil the vision of our heart that it may contemplate God in spirit. We ask this through our Lord Jesus Christ to whom belong glory and power forever.

(Based on the writings of the priest Origen (d. 253); taken from *The New Saint Joseph People's Prayer Book*)

**Fall Festival**  
at St. Mary's Catholic Church  
Saturday, October 30th After the 5pm Mass

**We need parishioners to volunteer to host  
trunks! You are responsible for decorating your  
trunk and passing out candy  
RSVP your vehicle by 10.27.21  
Fun for the Whole Family!  
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