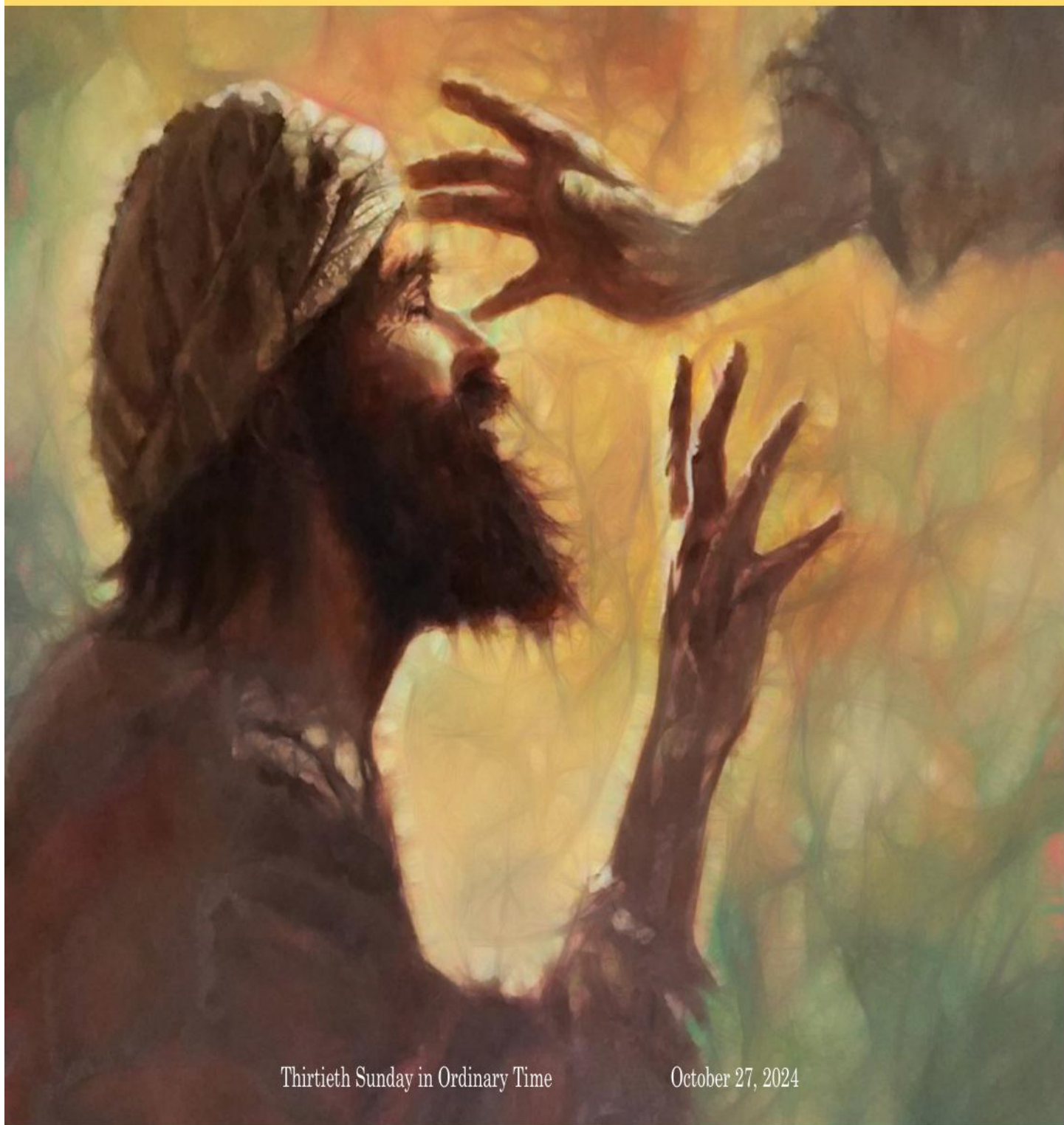


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October 27, 2024

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ABOUT OUR PARISH

WEEKEND MASSES

Saturday
5:00 p.m.

Sunday
7:00 a.m.
8:30 a.m.
10:30 a.m.

WEEKDAY MASSES

Mon	No Mass
Tue	8:00 a.m.
Wed	6:30 p.m.
Thu	8:00 a.m.
Fri	8:00 a.m.

HOLY DAY MASSES

Vigil and Holy Day Mass times vary; please see bulletin or website

SPECIAL DEVOTIONS

Tuesday: St. Jude Novena following
8:00 a.m. Mass

Thursday: Our Lady of Perpetual Help
Novena following 8:00 a.m. Mass

Thursday: Patriotic Rosary in Church
6:30 p.m.

First Friday: The Most Blessed Sacrament
and Eucharistic Adoration following 8:00 a.m.
Mass until 5:00 p.m. closing with Benediction

First Saturday: Mass at 8:00 a.m. followed
by the Rosary and Confession

RECONCILIATION

Sat	4:00-4:45 p.m.
Wed	6:00-6:15 p.m.
Or by request	

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REGISTER

If you are new to the parish, we invite you to register by filling out a form located in the holder at the Church entrances and place it in the collection basket or come by the office.

SACRAMENTS

Baptism

Usually the third Sunday of the month (except during Lent) following the 10:30 a.m. Mass. Please call for registration forms at least **three weeks** in advance.

Matrimony

By appointment with the parish priest or deacon at least **six months** in advance. No other arrangements should be made before contacting the priest.

Anointing of the Sick

Upon request for the seriously ill, infirm and those undergoing major surgery. Please contact the Church Office when someone is homebound or hospitalized and in need of the sacrament.

Communion for Ill/Shut-In

Please call the Church Office if you know of anyone who would benefit from this ministry.

Funerals

Families should contact the priest (office) before making arrangements.

Parish Mission Statement

It is the mission of our Church Parish to follow the commands of Jesus to Saints Peter and Paul: "Feed My sheep" and "Carry My name among the nations."





CHRISTMAS LUNCHEON

Come to the Altar Society Christmas lunch at Fatty's Seafood on December 4th at 11:00 a.m. at the Gause Blvd. location. Cost is \$20.00 per person. If you would like to attend, register at the office. The dead-

line to register is November 18th. We must give a FINAL count on November 19th. Hope to see you there!

ALL SAINTS' DAY—ALL SOULS' DAY

All Saints' Day is a solemn holy day of the Catholic Church celebrated annually on November 1. The day is dedicated to the saints of the Church, that is, all those who have attained heaven. It should not be confused with All Souls' Day, which is observed on November 2, and is dedicated to those who have died and not yet reached heaven.

WEEKLY EVENTS

Tuesday Morning Rosary—Tuesday after 8:00 a.m. Mass and St. Jude Novena in Parish Hall

OCIA Tracks I & II—Tuesday 6:30 p.m. in classrooms

Legion of Mary—Thursday 10:00 a.m. St. Anthony Hall

Mass—Thursday and Friday 6:00 p.m. for All Saints' Day

Blessing Cemetery—Friday Crawford 10:00 a.m.

William's 10:30 a.m., Audubon 3:00 p.m.

PSR—Sunday begins with 8:30 a.m. Mass

Bible Study—Sunday after 10:30 a.m. Mass

MASS INTENTIONS

Monday, October 28

(Gal 4:22-24, 26-27, 31-5:1; Lk 11:29-32)

No Mass Scheduled

Tuesday, October 29

(Gal 5:1-6; Lk 11:37-41)

8:00 a.m. Rosary R. Marchese†

Wednesday, October 30

(Gal 5:18-25; Lk 11:42-46)

6:30 p.m. Purgatorial Society

Thursday, October 31

(Eph 1:1-10; Lk 11:47-54)

8:00 a.m. George Dickerson†

Friday, November 1

(2 Tm 4:10-17b; Lk 10:1-9)

8:00 a.m. Charles & Geraldine Frick†

6:00 p.m. Jewel Bailey†

Saturday, November 2

(Eph 1:15-23; Lk 12:8-12)

8:00 a.m. Yvette & Al Bowman

5:00 p.m. Joseph D'Antoni, Jr.†, Roszczynialski/Stottman Family, Poor Souls in Purgatory, Lee & Yvonne Tracey†, Ken & Adele Salzer†, Danny Ragusa, Sr.†, Lawrence Otillio†, Lee Ann Scogin†, Fay Vogt†, Lou Lou Battle†, Audrey Bonnet†, Nick Bollzacchelli

Sunday, November 3

(Is 53:10-11; Heb 4:14-16; Mk 10:35-45 or Mk 10:42-45)

7:00 a.m. Deacon John & Mary Joyce Howard†

8:30 a.m. Deacon Pat Downey†, Glen Parker†, Earline Garitty†, Richard Family, Jewel Bailey†, Miguel Iscoa, JaNae Wood†, Helen Story†, Fr. Richard Rietz, SAC†, Audrey Bonnet†, Lou Lou Battle†

10:30 a.m. People of the Parish



PRAY FOR THE SICK

May Caballero, Diana Bradshaw, Mary Salzer Brown, Elizabeth Kittel, Zachary Cresson, Patricia Cuccia, Ed Roszczynialski, Norris Ripp, Bunny Shriver, Mary Ware, Ryan Ware, Lily Jorns, Dalin Davis, Beverly Cosse, Israel & Joyce Landry, Steve Dunn, Joann Brewin, Joseph Decaro, Isaiah Deblanc, Lois Leonard, Donald Paul & Larry Dickerson, Shirley Matthews, Jim & Eydie Richmond, Ed & Carol Wallace, Frederick Songy, Sue Miller, Molly Hymel, Lucy Reese, Brenda Dehm, Landon Jeffrey, Glenn Bunting, Lucy D'Antoni, Don & Judy Aleman, Dylan Gornor, Vaughn Gay, Cathy Stanford, Herbert Landry, John McKelvey, Jr.

PARISH ROSARY PROGRAM

Weekly Rosaries: 375

Year to Date: 13,432



POPE FRANCIS' INTENTION FOR OCTOBER

We pray that the Church continue to sustain in all ways a Synod lifestyle, as a sign of co-responsibility, promoting the participation, the communion and the mission shared among priests, religious, and lay people.



ALTAR FLOWERS

The beautiful flower arrangements adorning the altar this weekend were donated for

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HE THREW ASIDE HIS CLOAK

Jesus has come to destroy all the enemies of our fullness of life with God, and restore humanity's trust in the love of the Father, which Adam and Eve had rejected. But he respects our freedom and waits for us to ask in trust, to open ourselves in trust to his grace and power, and to receive in trust all that he longs to give us.

Bartimaeus is a blind beggar. His physical eyes see no light; but his eyes of faith see clearly that Jesus is the Promised One, the one who will reestablish the Davidic Kingdom, the Messiah, his only hope. So he cries out for help, even as others tell him to stop, "Jesus, son of David, have pity on me!" His trusting faith is the source of his persistence. And Love stops for him and calls him. In response, Bartimaeus throws off the one thing that belongs to him, the only protection he has, the one thing he can depend on - his cloak - and allows himself to be led to Jesus. Jesus asks him what he wants and listens to his desire. "Master, I want to see," Bartimaeus says simply, in confident faith. And with a word from the Lord, he can see.

What Bartimaeus does next is the key to understanding the whole story. On receiving his sight, we are told, Bartimaeus "followed him on the way." When faith is engaged, when we trust fully, when our eyes are opened, we must follow the Lord.

Where do we need Christ's healing in our lives, our minds, our hearts? Where is our faith weak, our trust flailing, our eyes clouded? What do we need to lift up in trusting faith to Love's powerful gaze? What cloak of self-sufficiency do we cling to, that might be holding us back from a blind confidence in God's loving Providence? How willing are we to throw it aside to be led to Christ?

Lord, fill us with the same trusting faith in Your Love that Bartimaeus had, and give us the courage to cry out to You with our needs, knowing that You are the One Who can do all things!

By Kathryn Mulderink

MAN OF MANY TALENTS

When you think of Jesus, what do you think was his job? Healer of the sick, the lame and the blind, as in today's gospel? Preacher? Teacher? Leader of men? Messiah? The second reading from Hebrews reminds us of his main duty: Priest. It calls him a High Priest, referring to the Jewish priesthood in which one priest was chosen each year to offer the most important sacrifices and so appeal to God for forgiveness of the peoples' sins. Now this may sound like primitive religion, but it actually lets us understand Jesus even better.

The high priest offered sacrifice for his own sins, as well as the peoples'. While Jesus did not sin, he experienced temptations just as we do and so can intercede for us as one who knows what it is like to be tempted. He also knows suffering, from his passion and death on the cross. If you ever wonder if you deserve to be forgiven, remember that Jesus died for all sinners, deserving or not. The High Priest was the one to bring the Israelites prayers to God and God's blessings to the people. Jesus also brings our prayers to his Father and shows us the Father's love.

Our baptism gives us a share in that priesthood. You don't have to be ordained to pray for your friends and family. You don't have to be a bishop to bring God's love to those around you. When you listen to a friend who is hurting, or forgive someone who hurts you, you are blessing them with God's love. When you encourage them to have faith and trust in the Lord, you are bringing them to God. You are sharing in the priesthood of Christ.

Tom Schmidt



TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

"What is the Church if not the assembly of all the saints?" wrote the fifth-century bishop Niceta. Each Sunday, in the Profession of Faith, we express our belief in the communion of saints, the one body—with Christ as its head—made up of "those who are pilgrims on earth, the dead who are being purified and the blessed in heaven." We are not alone!

The preface for All Saints begins, "For today by your gift we celebrate the festival of your city, the heavenly Jerusalem, our mother." What astounding words! All Saints Day (like every solemnity) is nothing less than the festival of the fullness of the paschal mystery, our dying and rising in Christ. Of course, now in autumn the mystery comes "clothed" in glorious autumnal garb, and so we celebrate our Easter faith with signs of the harvest, signs of nature's dying, signs of the "homecoming" that happens naturally when the weather gets cold and families find themselves together more often. While the dying can point to our own mortality, the homecoming reminds us of the mystery of our own resurrection with Christ.

—Rev. James Field



PASTOR'S CORNER

So this week I continue on with the theme of Prayer and growth in relationship with Christ. This week I will focus on mental prayer.

MENTAL PRAYER

Truly what prayer is all about conversing with Him who loves us so much that he is willing to reach out to us, whom He created and died for, so that we can come to know Him in a personal way. This leads me to another form of prayer in the church called mental prayer. Mental prayer, also known as meditation, is where we engage the faculty of our mind and reach out to God in a prayerful way. It can come after reading and praying with scriptures and thinking or contemplating on what we have read. While there are many ways to meditate the best known form of meditation is the Benedictine or monastic form of engaging in mental prayer called *Lectio Divina* which is a spiritual reading of the bible. This monastic *Lectio Divina* is a mind-heart rumination of the sacred text that leads

to deep prayer, guides one to holiness and ultimately a deep encounter with God.

In order to better understand the topic of meditation I have given you a citation of what the Catechism of the Catholic Church says about Meditation.

Meditation is above all a quest. The mind seeks to understand the why and how of the Christian life, to adhere and respond to what the Lord is asking. We are usually helped by books and images: the Sacred Scriptures, particularly the Gospels, holy icons, liturgical texts of the day or season, writings of the spiritual fathers. In meditation, we desire to advance, with the Holy Spirit, along the one way of prayer: Christ Jesus. Meditation engages thought, imagination, emotion, and desire. This mobilization of faculties is necessary to deepen our convictions of faith, prompt the conversion of our heart, and strengthen our will to follow Christ. Christian prayer tries above all to meditate on the mysteries of Christ, as in *Lectio Divina* or the rosary. This form of prayerful reflection is of great value, but Christian prayer should go further: to the knowledge of the love of the Lord Jesus, to union with him. (c.f. Catechism of the Catholic Church 2705-2708)

I will give two forms of meditation, a shorter form by Cardinal Mercier and then a description of *Lectio Divina*
Five minute prayer and meditation from Cardinal Mercier

"I am going to reveal to you the secret of sanctity and happiness.

Every day for five minutes control your imagination and close your eyes to the things of sense and your ears to all of the noises of the world, in order to enter into yourself. Then, in the sanctity of your baptized soul (which is the temple of the Holy Spirit), speak to that Divine Spirit, saying to Him: 'O Holy Spirit, Soul of my soul, I adore Thee! Enlighten me, guide me, strengthen me, console me. Tell me what I should do; give me Thy orders. I promise to submit myself to all that Thou desires of me and to accept all that Thou permittest to happen to me. Just make me know Thy Will.'

LECTIO DIVINA

It was Pope Benedict XVI who said that this "prayerful approach to the sacred text is a fundamental element in the spiritual life of every believer." According to Benedictine monk Fr. Luke Dysinger, *Lectio Divina* was once practiced by all Christians and is a "slow, contemplative praying of the Scriptures which enables the Bible, the Word of God, to become a means of union with God." *Lectio Divina* follows the rabbinic principle that "scripture is best interpreted with scripture" – that is, read the Bible in light of the Bible, as the revelation of God in Jesus Christ.

The four stages of *Lectio Divina* are read, meditate, pray and contemplate.

This is a simple way to use *Lectio Divina* in your prayer time.

Read – Choose a text and slowly read it, not the speed reading like newspaper, but a reverential listening in a spirit of silence and awe; slowly, attentively, gently listening to hear a word or phrase that God's word has for you today. You could also read the text out loud at a regular pace the first time, and then more slowly the second time and then a third time read the text almost one word at a time until some word or something jumps out at you.

Meditate – Once a passage speaks to you, take it in and ruminate on it, like an animal quietly chewing the cud, so you ponder on the Word of God; let it interact and affect you at your deepest levels, your thoughts, hopes, memories, and desires; seek Him in silence.

Pray – dialogue with God in a loving conversation; a priestly offering of the things we have not previously thought that He wanted; hold up, like Eucharistic bread, your most difficult and pain-filled experiences to Him; be vulnerable and let the Word touch and change your deepest self; speak to Him, with words or with your imagination.

Contemplate – rest in the presence of Him who invites you to His transforming embrace; here, words are no longer necessary, but a quiet rest in His presence in a loving relationship, in a wordless exchange.

Since Lectio Divina works hand and hand together with Sacred Scriptures, I would you suggest that you use the scripture reading for the day to get the best use of lectio. You can either go to the USCCB website (United States Conference of Catholic Bishops), which has the daily reading posted, or you can use the many daily reading apps on your phone, or you can use the Magnificat devotional books or the Word Among Us devotional, the Credo or missal in church. Of course you can use bible itself. Whatever scripture form you use is really up to you, but what is most important for lectio is that you use scriptures to meditate on scriptures.

Lastly it is important to note that Lectio Divina is not a method of prayer but “serves as a training-ground for the contemplation of God.” As Pope Benedict XVI notes, the process asks four questions:

1. What does the biblical text say in itself? (read)
2. What does the biblical text say to us? (meditate)
3. What do we say to the Lord in response to His word? (Pray)
4. What conversion of mind, heart and life is the Lord asking of us? (contemplate)



30th Sunday in Ordinary Time

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