

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

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	Eph 5:21–33	Eph 6:1–9	Eph 6:10–20	Rv 7:2–4, 9–14	1 Jn 3:1–3	Dt 6:2–6
Lk 6:12–16	Lk 13:18–21	Lk 13:22–30	Lk 13:31–35	Mt 5:1–12a	Wis 3:1–9	Heb 7:23–28
					Rom 6:3–9	Mk 12:28b–34
					Jn 6:37–40	



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

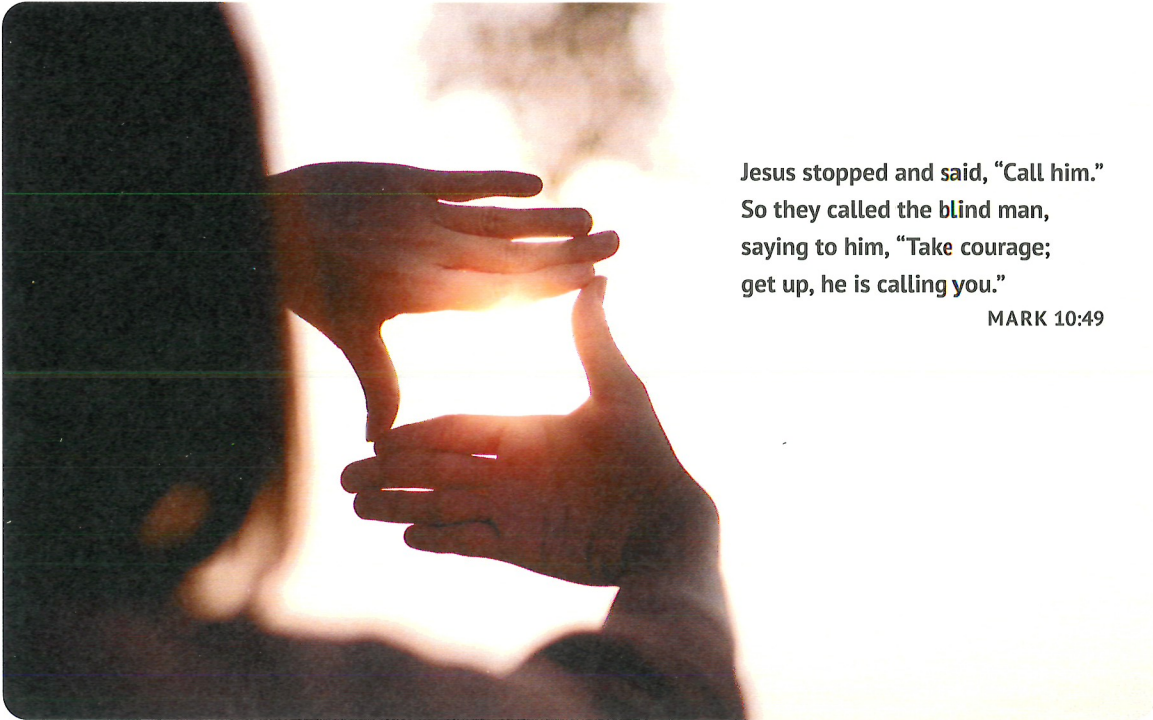
The story of blind Bartimaeus is an illustration of how we come to be people of faith. Like Bartimaeus, we may find ourselves helpless and on the side of life’s road as we watch the world go by. And like him, we too then turn to God for help. Just as Jesus called Bartimaeus, we may sense that God is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

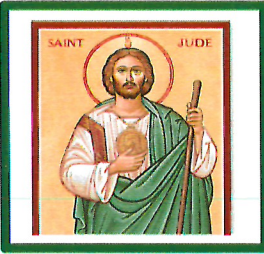
Have you ever experienced a hard ending that turned into a good beginning?



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

October 27, 2024 – Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time



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WEEKLY MASS CALENDAR: Confession: Thursday Mornings after Mass CELEBRANT:

Sunday	Oct. 27, 2024	9:30 a.m.	Mass	Fr. Creagan
Friday	Nov. 01, 2024	6:30 p.m.	Adoration/Mass	Fr. Creagan
Sunday	Nov. 03, 2024	9:30 a.m.	Mass	Fr. Creagan
Thursday	Nov. 7, 2024	9:00/10:30 a.m.	Adoration/Mass	Fr. Creagan

WEEKLY MASS INTENTIONS:

Sunday	Oct. 27, 2024	Elmer Miller	By: Claire Miller
Thurs.	Nov. 01, 2024	Deceased Members St. Jude	By: Propulo
Sunday	Nov 03, 2024	Marietta Bailey	By: Darleen Hollar
Thursday	Nov. 07, 2024	Kalisiak & Hohns Families	By: Don & Jan Kalisiak

TODAY: SUNDAY, 10-27-24 NEXT SUNDAY: SUNDAY, 11-03-24

Reader	Carolyn Noack	Reader	CCD Students
EO Ministers	Dan & Lori Wahmhoff	EO Ministers	Diane H. & Jennifer P.
Servers	Bella, Hayzel, Alanah & Daisy	Servers	Alexa, Lydia, Carlina, Emma

OFFERTORY COLLECTION

Sunday	Oct. 20, 2024	Target	\$ 1,800	Offered	\$ 2321.00	\$ 521.00
Year to Date		Target	\$ 30,300	Offered	\$ 30,796.50	\$ 496.50
Attendance		100	Year To Date Attendance			2082

Jesus Is Our Capstone, And Through Him, The Whole Structure Is Held Together

“Even Jesus began everything with prayer.” Does that seem like a strange sentence? We might think, “of course He did, He was Jesus!” But why do we think, “of course He did,” when of all who walked this earth, He was the only one who was God? Why would He need to pray?

It is actually a straightforward answer: Jesus prayed because that is how he talked to His Father. God is a triune God: One God, two natures (human and divine) and three persons: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. Jesus is in a relationship with the Father and Holy Spirit, and so He, like all who are in a relationship with others, communicates with them. Jesus wasn’t telling the Father anything He didn’t already know (the same as when we pray). Instead, He was fostering that relationship, seeking spiritual nourishment, power, and wisdom, and interceding for others for forgiveness, love, and protection.

This was Jesus on the mountain in today’s Gospel, as He prayed before choosing His Apostles, including Saints Simon and Jude, whose feast we celebrate. And with His prayer, Jesus exemplified the holy, obedient, and full relational life we are to follow. He is our teacher, our Savior, our redeemer, and, as Saint Paul writes to the Ephesians, He is our capstone, and through Him, the whole structure is held together and grows into a temple sacred in the Lord.

He is our capstone, a keystone, and a final piece of architecture (usually stone) that is put in place when building an arch or vault. It “locks” everything in place and allows the structure to bear weight. Apart from all the architectural marvels of a capstone as a metaphor for Christ and the Church, we can see from today’s Scriptures that the piece that holds everything together – that mends what is broken – is Jesus Christ. He suffers and dies for us, redeems us, and reconciles us – and He prays. The foundation of this life, this Church, this kingdom, is love; it is relationship; it is prayer.

Even as Jesus began everything with prayer. Let us follow His example, what a profoundly simple act to follow. Pray unceasingly as Jesus did!

FROM THE DRE:

On November 10th, our CCD students will be hosting our annual Faith and Freedom Breakfast after Mass. Our CCD families are asked to bring a breakfast dish to share with everyone.

OUR CAPITAL CAMPAIGN HAS BEGUN: We have received a quote of about \$50,000.00 over our estimated budget for the addition. Without additional funds, we will not have enough for our planned 50'x30' building, which would have five classrooms and finish off the current annex. We will set up our wooden donation box so you can drop off any donation for our Capital Campaign Building Fund. We want to complete this fundraising by July 1, 2025.

PRAY FOR THOSE WHO ARE ILL: Lillian A. Wheeler, Julie Haley, Steve Klein, Pete & Barb Percival, Joan Rumery, Margie Burris, Lillian B. Wheeler, Frances Parsons, Sonny Laughlin, Donna Murphy, Jack Secondi, Mary Heinz, Vicki Clark, Brett Middleton and those on our prayer chain

WE WILL HAVE AN ALL SAINTS DAY MASS HERE AT ST. JUDE ON FRIDAY, NOV. 1ST AT 6:30 P.M. *This is a Holy Day of Obligation.* We will have Adoration from 5:30 to 6:15. Please bring your Remembrance Candles in by Sun., Oct. 27th. They will be lit at the All Saints Day Mass. If you need a refill for your candle, or if you would like to purchase a personalized candle for \$10, please contact the office by Sun., Oct. 27th. **THERE WILL BE NO MASS OR ADORATION ON THURS., OCT. 31ST.**

HELP HELENE VICTIMS HERE AT ST. JUDE - If you can help with the needed donations, Jennifer Rossell has partnered with a local organization to collect these needed items and will get them into the hands of folks affected by the most recent hurricanes. Jennifer will stay after Mass today to collect your donations. Please see her after mass! The truck will leave on October 29 so please, any way you can help would be much appreciated!

PLEASE JOIN US ON SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 2ND FROM 9 A.M. TIL 2 P.M FOR OUR ANNUAL FALL BAZAAR! We will have Crafts and other Vendors, Treasure and Trivia Flea Market Sales, Homemade Pie Sales, Baked Goods, Hot Dogs, Sloppy Joes, Tea, Coffee, Drinks, and Snacks! Raffles and Much More!! **Bring 1 jar of peanut butter for the Good Samaritans and get a free Raffle ticket! **Held at Blessed Sacrament Catholic Church, 110 N. Cedar St., Allegan.**

PURSE BINGO – Sat., Nov. 23, from 6:30-9:30 p.m. at Saints Cyril and Methodius Hall, 159 131st Ave., Wayland, MI. Must be 18 to be in attendance. 20 games for \$30, Includes dinner. Pre-pay at registration. Cash games from 5:00-6:30. Each game has a designer bag as a prize! For more info. or to reserve your spot (seating is limited to 200) go to www.sttcatholicsschool.org

ANOTHER WAY TO REMEMBER A LOVED ONE – Here at St. Jude, you can sign up to have a loved one remembered by having the Sanctuary Candle lit for one week in their name (which will be announced in the bulletin). Donations are \$10.00. If you are interested, please call the office at 269-628-2219.

FROM THE DIOCESE

ANNUAL MASS FOR DECEASED CLERGY AND RELIGIOUS SET FOR NOVEMBER 6TH - All are invited to join Bishop Lohse for the Celebration of the Holy Mass for Deceased Clergy and Religious, Weds., November 6, 2024, 4 p.m., St. Augustine Cathedral, Kalamazoo. Following Mass there will be a reception in the Crowley Center with light refreshments.

SUPPORT HURRICANE HELENE RELIEF - Hurricane Helene made landfall as a devastating Category 4 storm, leaving widespread destruction across the Southeast. Local Catholic Charities Agencies are on the ground providing life-sustaining assistance. 100% of donations go to helping those affected by this disaster. Please give today on-line and help restore hope. www.catholiccharitiesusa.org

THE DIOCESAN WEDDING ANNIVERSARY MASS TO CELEBRATE COUPLES' MILESTONES Calling all couples celebrating milestone anniversaries anytime in 2024! If you or someone you know is celebrating 25, 40 or 50+ years of marriage anytime in 2024, we invite you to let your parish know, and register online at www.diokzoo.org/50th-anniversary to receive a personal congratulatory certificate from Bishop Lohse, even if you cannot attend the celebration and Mass, which will be held Sunday, November 3, 2024, at St. Augustine Cathedral at 2 p.m. A reception will follow in the Crowley Center. For more info. or with questions, contact Socorro or call 269- 349-8714 ext. 1112.

ST. AUGUSTINE CATHEDRAL WILL BE HOSTING A DAY OF REFLECTION on Sat., Oct. 26, 2024. Our speaker is Susan Tassone who is an award-winning best-selling author and a regular guest on EWTN. Her topic is Grief, Graveyards, and a Reason for Hope! The day will start with Mass at 8:45 a.m. There will be two talks presented by our speaker along with Prayer, Eucharist Adoration, and Confessions. The day will also include lunch. Please call our parish office at 269-345-5147 to let us know you are coming so we can have a count for the lunch.

Anyone aware of child sexual abuse should report the matter to the appropriate law enforcement agency and make a report to the Michigan Department of Attorney General at 844-324-3374.