



# HOLY SPIRIT PARISH

OF LAWRENCE COUNTY

Know Christ, Love Christ, Serve Christ and Invite others to Christ  
through Word, Sacrament and Sacrifice!

## Gospel Reflections Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

**Gospel for Sunday, October 24, 2021 – Mark 10:46-52**

**Reading:** As Jesus was leaving Jericho with his disciples and a sizable crowd, Bartimaeus, a blind man, the son of Timaeus, sat by the roadside begging.

On hearing that it was Jesus of Nazareth, he began to cry out and say,

"Jesus, son of David, have pity on me."

And many rebuked him, telling him to be silent.

But he kept calling out all the more,

"Son of David, have pity on me."

Jesus stopped and said, "Call him."

So 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.

**Meditation<sup>1</sup>:** **What does this text say to me, today, and to my life? (Please note: *We share one here as an example but feel free to focus on the phrase God is helping to highlight for you.*)**

*"He threw aside his cloak, sprang up, and came to Jesus."*

*How have I encountered Jesus this week?*

<sup>1</sup> Meditation Question is from *Lectio Divina of the Gospels for the Liturgical Year 2020-2021. United States Conference of Catholic Bishops. 2020, p. 258*

- What word or words in this passage caught my attention?
- What in this passage comforted me?
- What in this passage challenged me?

**Prayer:** **What can I say to the Lord in response to His word?** I bring to the Lord the praise, petition, or thanksgiving that the Word inspires in me.

**Contemplation<sup>2</sup>:** **What conversion of the mind, heart, or life is the Lord asking of me? I spend quiet time in God's presence.**

*What sinful attachments do I need to throw aside to follow Jesus more closely?*

**Action:** **How can I make my life a gift for others in charity?**

Suggested actions to consider: *Can I plan a pilgrimage to a religious site near me and pray for those in need as I travel? Should I encounter someone in need along the way, will I stop to help them?*

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<sup>2</sup> Contemplation and Action focus are chosen from *Lectio Divina of the Gospels for the Liturgical Year 2020-2021*. United States Conference of Catholic Bishops. 2020, p. 259