

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



SHUTTERSTOCK

Shout with Joy

After the previous Sunday's focus on suffering, today's readings depict excitement. Refugees are coming home. They had been locked away and now they are free. These were vulnerable people that others did not value. Now they are going home. They have been gathered in God's embrace. Who wouldn't rejoice?

The Gospel tells of one man who is blind and begging. However, his blindness did not prevent him

FOR *Reflection*

- * *What is your attitude toward those who do not fit into society's structures? Can you be the face of Jesus for them?*
- * *How have you been blessed by God's gathering-in of those who have suffered?*

from seeing. He seems to have known who Jesus was and that Jesus could help him. And so, he cries out, "Have pity on me" (Mark 10:47). This man was begging outside of the city. Because of his blindness, he was shunned and rendered unemployable. All that was left for him was to beg—and beg he did. Not for money, but for sight. Jesus very clearly tells him that his faith saved him. Only then was the man healed. He had believed that Jesus has the power of new life. Like the people in the first reading, he was given a chance for a new life. No longer was he an outcast; he could now join the community. No longer was he confined to begging. He could now flourish in life.

These are not merely awe-inspiring stories. As disciples we have been called to continue Jesus' ministry in our lives—to embrace those who are lost and help them find the warmth and security of home. We are called to help those struggling with life's hardships to see the compassion of Jesus.

Sr. Dianne Bergant, CSA



St. Martin of Tours Catholic Community Fort Belvoir, VA

**DESIGNATED OFFERING
6-7 NOVEMBER 2021**

Ft Belvoir Catholic Community will participate in the National Collection for the Archdiocese for the Military Services at all Masses that weekend.

Mass Schedule

Monday – Thursday, 1205 at Fairfax Chapel

Saturday, 1700 at Belvoir Chapel

Sunday, 0930 at Belvoir Chapel**
1100 at Fairfax Chapel

The Sunday 0930 Mass is live-streamed and can be viewed from this link:

<https://www.facebook.com/FortBelvoirRSO/>

**Watchcare is available during this Mass for children ages 6months – 4years. Watchcare is located in the Religious Education Center next to Belvoir Chapel.

Sacrament of Reconciliation

Saturday – 1600-1645 at Belvoir Chapel or by appointment. Contact Fr. Lindsay directly to schedule.

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Pre-Baptism Class

Families interested in having their child baptized must attend a Pre-Baptism Class. The next class will be held Saturday, November 6, at 10am. Registration is required. Contact Catholic Coordinator at FBCInfo@gmail.com.

Pastoral **COUNCIL**

Tuesday, 26 October, 1800
In-person at the Religious Education Center

All members of our Catholic Community are invited to attend. We need your voices!

For more information about the Council, please contact the Catholic Coordinator.

HOLIDAY OUTREACH OPPORTUNITIES

COAT COLLECTIONS

The Knights of Columbus are now collecting coats in two separate drives. NEW COATS (with all tags left on the coats) are for the USO to distribute to needy military families. GENTLY USED BUT CLEAN COATS are for indigent families in the Springfield area through the ECHO Project. Both drives will continue through the end of Nov. Collection boxes at both Chapels.

STUFF THE TRUCK

The Knights, in conjunction with the St. Lucy's Project, are handing out blue grocery bags after all Masses on 6-7 and 13-14 Nov. The bags include a list of needed food items. **On Nov 20-21, a St. Lucy Project truck will be in the Belvoir Parking Lot for the donated food. It is a large truck so please help us STUFF THE TRUCK FULL,** to feed the needy of our community.



Keep Christ in Christmas Poster Contest

The Knights of Columbus invite children in grades kindergarten through 8th grade to express their faith through art. Posters will be judged on how clearly the theme is presented; how well the artwork conveys the message; and how effective the poster is in causing one to reflect on the topic.

Submissions are due by November 22nd. Instructions and entry forms can be found at the back of each chapel.



Explore your Faith with this

Catholic Adult Faith Study

Catholicism: The Pivotal Players

Mon, 25 Oct 21, 1800 at Belvoir Chapel

You are welcome to attend this week if you did not attend last week's session.

We will meet for four more Monday evenings: 25 Oct, and 1, 8, 15 November. No materials are needed to participate and fully engage in the program. For more info, contact Louise Oliver, Catholic Coordinator, at FBCCInfo@gmail.com.

30th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

"With weeping they shall come, but with compassion I will guide them; I will lead them to streams of water, on a level road, without stumbling."(Jeremiah 31:9)

"Today's Gospel turns on an irony—it is a blind man, Bartimaeus, who becomes the first person outside of the Apostles to recognize Jesus as the Messiah. And his healing is the last miracle Jesus performs before entering the holy city of Jerusalem for His last week on earth. The scene on the road to Jerusalem evokes the joyful procession prophesied by Jeremiah in today's First Reading. In Jesus this prophecy is fulfilled. God, through the Messiah, is delivering His people from exile, bringing them back from the ends of the earth, with the blind and lame in their midst. (St. Paul Center Website, Weekly Reflection, Scott Hann.)

In this section of the Gospel of Mark, Jesus is focused on his final journey to Jerusalem. There, the self-sacrificing gift of his life on the cross will give us the hope of forgiveness of our sins and the possibility of eternal salvation in heaven. The loving compassion of Jesus, seen by the blind one, is the love and mercy that is offered to us each and every moment of our lives. Notice that Bartimaeus does not seek the physical healing of his sight first. In faith, he first seeks the compassionate love of God in Jesus: "Jesus, son of David have mercy on me. Through the gift of faith, Bartimaeus recognizes that his need for God's grace is far more important than the ability to physically see. He is seeking a deeper healing of his soul and spirit. He is able to 'see' in faith the God's compassionate love while the 'seeing' disciples are missing out. During this time of the pandemics, COVID 19 and fear, our society is focused on protection of self, self-absorption, lack of compassion, avoidance of 'unpleasant others,' as well as making excuses for our hurtful actions or inactions. Do we seem more like the apostles seeking to deny others the compassion of God, or humble Bartimaeus who truly seeks to follow Jesus and freely share that love and compassion with all others. May Bartimaeus's cry be truly our prayer: "Master, I want to see" with a compassionate heart, humbleness of spirit, and openness to comprehend God's wisdom
Jesus, Son of David, have mercy on us all!

Fr. Mike

Dear Padre,

Why does Jesus refer to himself as the Son of Man? What does the title mean?

Jesus refers to himself as the Son of Man seventy-six times in the Gospels, so it's clearly one of his favorite titles. When people call him the Messiah, Jesus often corrects them by calling himself the Son of Man. That title has at least three meanings: the Son of Man in all his humanity, the suffering Son of Man, and the Son of Man who will come again.

Jesus uses the title to stress his true humanity and identify with us. Jesus as Son of Man must suffer and die. Every time Jesus prophesies about his death, it is as the Son of Man. Jesus connects the title with his passion and death, linking it to Isaiah 53, the great Song of the Suffering Servant. Also, in using that title Jesus is explicitly saying that he is the one fulfilling those prophecies of Isaiah and Daniel, as when he said in the synagogue, "Today this scripture passage is fulfilled in your hearing" (Luke 4:21).

The Son of Man is God's powerful representative (Daniel 7:13) coming to establish the kingdom of God. To do so, the Son of Man suffers, dies, and rises. That one title, Son of Man, summarizes much of Jesus' work of redemption. He became fully human, suffering and dying to establish the kingdom of God.

Fr. John Murray, CSSR / Sundaybulletin@Liguori.org



CHRIST AS THE GARDENER (DETAIL), TITIAN / WIKIMEDIA

Do you have a question for the Padre?

Go to DearPadre.org to send your question and to learn more about *Dear Padre*.



A WORD FROM *Pope Francis*

In the biblical tradition, the Son of Man is the one who receives from God "dominion, glory, and kingship" (Daniel 7:14). Jesus fills this image with new meaning. He shows us that he enjoys dominion because he is a servant, glory because he is capable of abasement, kingship because he is fully prepared to lay down his life.

HOMILY, OCTOBER 18, 2015

Calendar

Monday

OCTOBER 25

Weekday

Rom 8:12-17

Lk 13:10-17

Tuesday

OCTOBER 26

Weekday

Rom 8:18-25

Lk 13:18-21

Wednesday

OCTOBER 27

Weekday

Rom 8:26-30

Lk 13:22-30

Thursday

OCTOBER 28

*Sts. Simon and Jude,
Apostles*

Eph 2:19-22

Lk 6:12-16

Friday

OCTOBER 29

Weekday

Rom 9:1-5

Lk 14:1-6

Saturday

OCTOBER 30

Weekday

Rom 11:1-2a, 11-12,
25-29

Lk 14:1, 7-11

Sunday

OCTOBER 31

*Thirty-first Sunday
in Ordinary Time*

Dt 6:2-6

Heb 7:23-28

Mk 12:28b-34

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