

Thirtieth Week in Ordinary Time

A vision of comfort and healing is offered for the **Thirtieth Sunday of Ordinary Time**. In Jeremiah, we see the Lord gathering “his people” - the blind, the lame and the helpless innocents, bringing them together to console and guide them. In **Mark’s Gospel**, Bartimaeus, the blind beggar has the courage to beg for healing from Jesus. He is hushed by the crowd but continues to call loudly for Jesus, who hears him and heals him. “Go your way; your faith has saved you.”

Monday is the **Feast of Saints Simon and Jude, apostles**. Friday is the **Solemnity of All Saints**. Saturday, we remember **All the Faithful Departed (All Souls)**. Both days have special readings.

The **Gospel of Luke** offers a glimpse of Jesus healing and teaching the people, even as he continues to clash with religious leaders. He cures the “bent woman” on a Sabbath and tells of the tiny mustard seed which develops to become a full-grown bush. He repeats that it will not be easy to enter the Kingdom: “For behold, some are last who will be first, and some are first who will be last.” He defies those who bring word of threats on his life and defies the silent Pharisees who watch as he cures a man on the Sabbath. Jesus encourages us to be humble: “For everyone who exalts himself will be humbled, but the one who humbles himself will be exalted.”

Daily Prayer

Please, Lord, anything but humility! Our instinctive reaction to humility might be the result of a culture that exalts riches, honors and pride. Yet all this week Jesus teaches that the way to salvation is through humility.

The first step might be simply asking for the desire to be humble. As we move through the simplest of moments in our everyday lives, we can stop and ask God to help us *want* to be humble. As we sit on the edge of the bed in the morning, as we head to work, sort laundry or do our errands, we can keep a running prayer in the background of our consciousness: “Lord, help me to desire the humility that will make me more aware of your saving grace.”

These same background moments offer ways for us to recognize opportunities to practice humility as we go through our days. Perhaps I can stop myself from correcting my spouse. In a disagreement, I might make an extra effort to listen to the other person's side rather than planning my rebuttal as they speak. I can let a person in line in front of me, hold the door for someone or make an extra effort to recognize and thank those who serve me. Here in the US, it is the season of politics and elections. Maybe I can even admit that I may not fully understand the opinions of others and that there may be some legitimate points to them. Even these tiny gestures, when done in the spirit of Jesus' teachings this week, offer us a special grace.

All week we can continue to speak to the Lord as we would to a loving friend who listens to us. And always, we can end our day in gratitude, for the merciful God who loves us so compassionately and longs to be in our hearts.

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Cribbage at St. Matthews Hall Wednesday evenings @ 7pm - ALL WELCOME!!

Our Sacred Stories

Becoming a Synodal Church - The Legacy of Vatican II

Mark’s Gospel tells a wonderful story of the healing and conversion of Bartimaeus, a blind beggar (Mk.10:46-52). As much as it is one of the many Gospel stories of Jesus healing, this one is very much an account of a conversion. In this, it helps us to recognize our own conversion process. In so many ways, Bartimaeus is all of us, personally and as a church community of faith. Mark’s story relates how Bartimaeus was gradually becoming a disciple of Jesus.

Our personal conversion has never been a point in time. It is in fact, a life-long process. Whether we were baptized as infants or as adults later in life, our relationship with Jesus the Christ is always growing and changing. It is not unlike the many relationships that we have in our personal life. No friendship endures without change and growth.

The Catholic faith community into which we entered with our baptism holds this same relational quality. If we can understand this, we can begin to comprehend our current Synodal experience. Like Vatican II, the Synod on Synodality reveals a vision of a church that is always becoming in a world that is ever-changing.

In the final declaration of Vatican II, *Gaudium et spes – The Pastoral Constitution of the Church in the Modern World* the council expressed its openness to and its concern for the world in which our church lives and acts. The declaration’s beginning words clearly understand and express that the world in which we live is where we work to build God reign of love and compassion, peace and justice for all:

The joy and hope, the grief and anguish of the [people] of our time, especially of those who are poor or afflicted in any way, are the joy and hope, the grief and anguish of the followers of Christ as well. Nothing that is genuinely human fails to echo in their hearts. For theirs is a community composed of men [and women] who united in Christ and guided by the holy Spirit, press onwards towards the kingdom of the Father and are bearers of a message of salvation intended for all.... (Gaudium et Spes, 7 Dec 1965)

Vatican II presents us with a vision of church that is open to the world. No part of God’s creation and certainly no member of the human family is outside the concern, the care and the saving vision of the Vatican II church. Our call is to show our love and compassion to all corners of the earth. We are all God’s children. No nation, no race, no religion, no culture is beyond God’s loving care. Vatican II presents us with a vision of church that lives in a communal, collegial relationship. We are co-responsible for responding to our call from God and serving all creation. This vision of church is less hierarchical and more respectful of the common baptism which we all share. By our shared baptism, together we are God’s People, priests and prophets, bringing God’s Reign to fruition in our world. This vision of our church in the modern world lies at the foundation of our synodal church.

Session #2 of our current synod taking place in Rome, as well as all levels of our global church are being called to an awareness of openness, listening and accompaniment. In doing so, we are open to the Spirit who guides us in our direction and response to the needs of our world. For it is in the world that we live as disciples and it in this world where we respond to our call to build God’s reign for all time.

John Jennings - 30th Sunday of Ordinary

MASSES

(Due to unforeseen circumstances pre-booked Masses may have to be rescheduled)

Oct 30, 2024	Wed	St. Matthews Worship Site	7pm	Regina Legacy
Oct 31, 2024	Thur	St. Rose Worship Site	12:10pm	Barb Leger
Nov 02, 2024	Sat	St. Rose Worship Site	4pm	Mary MacDougall Joe Flynn Jonathan O'Brien
Nov 03, 2024	Sun	St. Rose Worship Site	9am	Medric Hachey Margaret Norwood
Nov 03, 2024	Sun	St. Matthews Worship Site	11am	Malcolm McGovern Duncan MacDonald Leo Gallant

*THIS WEEKEND WE WELCOME INTO OUR FAITH COMMUNITY THROUGH
THE WATERS OF BAPTISM.....JACK DAVID FALKJAR*

Holy Spirit Parish's 'Legion of Mary' are changing their day and time for the winter months. This becomes effective on Oct. 31, 2024, 1:30pm @ St. Matthews Worship Site. All are welcome to recite the Rosary.

For more information, please contact Amanda Muise at 506-738-3108

"Eternal Rest Grant unto them O Lord" ...Our prayers and condolences go out to the family of Denis Gauthier

COLLECTION – OCT 20, 2024

Regular - \$2,575 Loose - \$313.45 Missions Canda - \$496.00

Picnic Donation - \$100.00 Food Bank \$120.00

PAD Weekly Average - \$1,580.00 PAD Buildings - \$148.00

THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY

The Prayer Shawl Group meets each Friday at the Rectory from 10am to 12pm. We provide all the materials as well as lots of fun. **New people are always welcome!** Prayer Shawls, hats, and mittens can also be made from the comfort of your own home. Please contact Jill @ 506-639-0007 or Angie @ 506-639-6582 for any questions.

Holy Spirit Parish – Oct 27, 2024

30th Sunday in Ordinary Time

"Where we WELCOME everyone, WORSHIP together and WITNESS to Jesus Christ"

OFFICE HOURS 9 am to 4 pm

SMWS – Wed & Thur – 506-738-2320 SRWS - Tue -506- 653-6850

Mon & Fri: BOTH OFFICES CLOSED

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RELIGIOUS EDUCATION CONTACT INFORMATION

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St. Matthew Worship Site (SMWS) (506)738-2320

Civic Address: 45 Dollard Drive

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Pastor – Rev. David J. Martin

THE SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION AT ST. ROSE WORSHIP SITE BEGINNING AT 3:15PM
PRIOR TO THE 4PM SAT MASS

Gentle Path – Counselling Services – Pathways to Hope

Gentle Path Counselling Services provides counselling at the 199 Chesley Drive, Saint John Office and is now scheduling appointments at Horizon's Market Place Wellness Centre in the Lower West Side

We offer counselling for:

Anxiety	Addictions	Grief & Loss	Domestic Violence
Couples Counselling	Sexual Assault Trauma	Self Esteem & Body Image	Sexual Identity & Orientation
PTSD	Parenting	Depression	First Nations
Kids & Teens	Blended Families	Anger Management	Work Related Issues

(Subsidies are available)

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