

OUR LADY OF THE DESERT



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Confesión el Sábado:
Con cita previa (Español y Inglés)

Rosario el Sábado: En la iglesia
(privadamente) 3:20pm

Misa el Sábado: (Vigilia) / Inglés 4:00pm
Rosario el Domingo: Con las Letanías de la
Santísima Virgen María— 9:40am
Misa el Domingo: Español /10:00am

Liturgia en los Días de la Semana

Cada Día a las Doce: Angelus

Lunes, Martes, Miércoles, Viernes:
Adoración 7:30am y Misa 8:00am

Jueves: Misa 6:00pm Para Vocaciones:
Soltero Vida Consagrada, Matrimonio,
Sacerdocio

Viernes: A Las 6:00pm, Rosario Reina de la Paz
con Adoracion

El padre Víctor tiene previsto asistir
a “Nuestra Señora del Desierto” el segundo y
cuarto domingo de cada mes*.
(*Las fechas están sujetas a cambios)

Rev. Victor C. Yakubu, Parochial Administrator

Rev. Julius Kayiwa, Parochial Vicar

Confession on Saturday:
By appointment English/Spanish

Saturday Rosary: At the Church (privately) 3:20pm

Saturday Mass (Vigil): English -4:00pm

Sunday Rosary: With Litanies of the Blessed
Virgin Mary—9:40am

Sunday Mass: Spanish 10:00am

Liturgy of the Weekdays

Every day at Noon: The Angelus

Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Friday:
Adoration 7:30am & Mass 8:00am

Thursday: Mass 6:00pm for Vocations: Single
consecrated Life, Matrimony, Priesthood

Friday: 6:00pm Rosary of Queen of Peace with Adoration

Fr. Victor is scheduled to be at “Our Lady of the Desert”
the 2nd & 4th Sunday of every month*.

(*Dates are subject to change)

SUNDAY, October 27th, 2024



30TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

“Go your way; your faith has saved you.”
- Mk 10:52

Reflection for Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time: Year B

Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time – October 27, 2024

Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS

Readings: • Jer 31:7-9 • Ps 126:1-2, 2-3, 4-5, 6 • Heb 5:1-6 • Mk 10:46-52
<https://bible.usccb.org/bible/readings/102724.cfm>

Everyday Stewardship - RECOGNIZE GOD IN YOUR ORDINARY MOMENTS

Giving as God does

Ask yourself this question — what would you pray for if you really believed God could and would do anything for you? In my experience, we all have something. We all have that miracle we're afraid to request, afraid we will be disappointed.

Do we doubt God's readiness to give because we ourselves have such an imperfect understanding of charity and love? Maybe if we had better faith in God we would be more ready to give of ourselves — and maybe if we were more ready to give of ourselves, we would understand more clearly the ways of God.

Because we're not really afraid that God can't do something. We know He can do anything. What we're afraid of is that He will do what He always does: give us what we need, not what we want.

Have you ever had a friend in need and you just wanted to give them something — a meal, a phone call, a text? Not because you knew it would help, but simply because you wanted to reach out. And have they ever said to you: It wasn't so much what you gave, but the fact that you did. You gave them what they needed even if it wasn't what they specifically asked for.

When we give in this manner, we are giving as God does. Sometimes we are afraid to ask because we don't want to be disappointed. But remember, the blind man on the road got what he asked for, but he would have gotten what he needed even if his answer had been the opposite. God's generosity is always reckless, and it's always perfect.

--Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS

Corresponsabilidad diaria - RECONOZCA A DIOS EN SUS MOMENTOS ORDINARIOS

Dar como lo hace Dios

Hazte esta pregunta: ¿qué pedirías en oración si realmente creyeras que Dios puede y haría cualquier cosa por ti? En mi experiencia, todos tenemos algo. Todos tenemos ese milagro que tememos pedir, tememos ser decepcionados.

¿Dudamos de la disposición de Dios a dar porque nosotros mismos tenemos una comprensión tan imperfecta de la caridad y el amor? Tal vez si tuviéramos más fe en Dios estaríamos más dispuestos a dar de nosotros mismos, y tal vez si estuviéramos más dispuestos a dar de nosotros mismos, entenderíamos más claramente los caminos de Dios.

Porque en realidad no tememos que Dios no pueda hacer algo. Sabemos que Él puede hacer cualquier cosa. Lo que tememos es que Él haga lo que siempre hace: darnos lo que necesitamos, no lo que queremos.

¿Alguna vez tuviste un amigo en necesidad y solo querías darle algo: una comida, una llamada telefónica, un mensaje de texto? No porque supieras que lo ayudaría, sino simplemente porque querías ayudar. ¿Y alguna vez te dijo: No fue tanto lo que diste, sino el hecho de que lo hiciste? Les diste lo que necesitaban aunque no fuera lo que pidieron específicamente.

Cuando damos de esta manera, estamos dando como lo hace Dios. A veces tenemos miedo de pedir porque no queremos decepcionarnos. Pero recuerda, el ciego del camino recibió lo que pidió, pero habría obtenido lo que necesitaba incluso si su respuesta hubiera sido la contraria. La generosidad de Dios es siempre imprudente y siempre es perfecta.

--Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS

Our Lady of the Desert

Readings for the week of October 27, 2024

Sunday:

Jer 31:7-9/Ps 126:1-2, 2-3, 4-5, 6 (3)/
Heb 5:1-6/Mk 10:46-52

Monday:

Eph 2:19-22/Ps 19:2-3, 4-5/Lk 6:12-16

Tuesday:

Eph 5:21-33/Ps 128:1-2, 3, 4-5/Lk 13:18-21

Wednesday:

Eph 6:1-9/Ps 145:10-11, 12-13ab, 13cd-14/
Lk 13:22-30

Thursday:

Eph 6:10-20/Ps 144:1b, 2, 9-10/
Lk 13:31-35

Friday:

Rv 7:2-4, 9-14/Ps 24:1bc-2, 3-4ab, 5-6/
1 Jn 3:1-3/Mt 5:1-12a

Saturday:

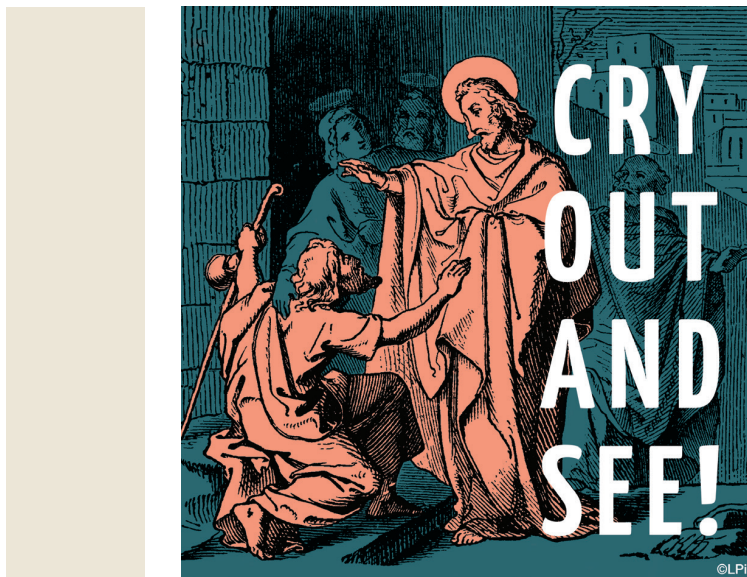
Wis 4:7-14/Ps 25:6, and 7b, 17-18, 20-21/
Rom 5:17-21/Mt 11:25-30

Next Sunday:

Dt 6:2-6/Ps 18:2-3, 3-4, 47, 51 (2)/
Heb 7:23-28/Mk 12:28b-34



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Gospel Meditation

Encourage Deeper Understanding of Scripture

Near my house there is a school for the blind. Often, I see blind people learning how to navigate the world with only a walking stick, even on a busy street with roaring traffic. I'm amazed to see how adept and carefully they get around without sight. Nevertheless, often a sadness arises in me that he or she cannot see all the beautiful colors, images, and persons filling the world around them. Those days, I find myself deeply grateful for the basic privilege of sight.

That's part of why the mystery of Jesus as the sight-giver is so moving to me. This week, it's wonderful how Bartimaeus the blind man is no longer content with his limitation and bellows out his desire for Jesus' mercy. In beautiful simplicity, he cries out to the Lord, **"Master, let me receive my sight."** Jesus quietly heals his sight. And off he goes, fully taking in the world around him. Imagine the delightful new way in which he is able to respond to the world.

Like blind Bartimaeus and the courageous people in my neighborhood, we may be able to get around reasonably well in our daily lives. But we are blind to the gestures of heroic love of people close to us. We can't see the desperate need of the hungry, thirsty, imprisoned, exploited, endangered, and so on, in our midst. We can't see Jesus drawing near to us in so many ways, but he is. This Sunday let's cry out to him: Lord have mercy on me! I want to see! And little by little — or perhaps in a flash — we'll see once again, or perhaps for the first time.

— *Father John Muir*

Sunday's Readings

First Reading:

They departed in tears,
but I will console them and guide them. (Jer 31:9)

Psalm:

The Lord has done great things for us; we are filled with joy.
(Ps 126)

Second Reading:

*You are a priest forever
according to the order of Melchizedek.* (Hew 5:6)

Gospel:

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." (Mk 10:51)

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Saint of the week

Venerable Anne de Guigné (1911-1922) had a profound understanding of Jesus' presence in the Holy Sacrament. She developed a strong personal relationship with Jesus, declaring that she loved to talk with "little Jesus."

Prayer for Courage

"Take courage," we hear,
"Jesus is calling you!"
Jesus, give me the grace to
respond to your call — your
invitation to what I don't
understand, to the unknown,
the mystery. In these spaces,
your grace abounds. Be with
me, give me courage!
Amen.

Live The Liturgy Inspiration of the Week

Bartimaeus called upon Christ, even when everyone scolded him to be silent. He was not afraid to ask God for what he needed, and his courage was rewarded. Be like Bartimaeus. Be bold. Do not be content with the darkness. Call out for Christ.

Observances for the week of October 27, 2024

- Sunday:** 30th Sunday in Ordinary Time
- Monday:** Sts. Simon and Jude, Apostles
- Thursday:** All Hallow's Eve
- Friday:** All Saints
- Saturday:** All Souls' Day
- Next Sunday:** 31st Sunday in Ordinary Time;
Daylight Saving Time Ends;
National Vocation Awareness Week

(PRACTICING) CATHOLIC

The Safety of Darkness

Leprosy and blindness and deafness — oh, my. The disabilities cured by Jesus in his public ministry really are quite something, aren't they? Vividly symbolic and rich food for reflection. It just wouldn't be the same if Jesus had cured eczema or athlete's foot or compulsive nail-biting.

Blind Bartimaeus, sitting by the side of the road, in particular captures my imagination. Because I have a confession to make, sometimes, I like to sit in the darkness, even though I know it isn't very good for me.

Well, listen: it's just easier, isn't it? You don't have to care about or fix the problems you can't see. No one expects you to rush to someone's aid if you don't see their injuries. The darkness is a good place to be, if you don't feel very brave or very smart or very able.

And when Jesus passes you by, if your whole world is darkness, it's easy enough to pretend you just didn't notice him at all.

But Bartimaeus chose not to stay in his darkness. More than that, he cried out to be released from it, even when everyone around him told him to shut up. He was so persistent that he caught the notice of Jesus, and when he heard those words — "Take courage; get up, Jesus is calling you!" — what did he do? He didn't stammer and run away. He had courage. He got up.

It takes courage to ask for what you need to follow Christ. Because if you ask for it, you'll get it. And then begins the terrifying, wonderful journey of discipleship — testifying to what you have seen. Life in the light, no longer sitting by the side of the road but on the road, journeying toward the greatest destination of all.

"What do you want me to do for you?" Jesus asks us.

Do we have the courage to answer him?

- Colleen Jurkiewicz Dorman

Why do we do that?

Catholic Life Explained

Question:

November is called the month of All Souls. More recently, it has been called the Commemoration of All the Faithful Departed. Can you tell us more about this feast and the remembrances of this month?

Answer:

November 2, the Commemoration of All the Faithful Departed, dovetails with November 1st, the feast of All Saints. The saints, our models of Christian living, are one with God in heaven. All the faithful departed are those who have died with hope and trust in a loving God who calls us to greater growth and development, even beyond death. This growth and development occurs in a state of being that we have traditionally called purgatory.

While the Western Church has emphasized the cleansing and purifying nature of purgatory, the Eastern Orthodox Church has emphasized the growth and development aspect of it. Today, belief in purgatory allows one who has died in Christ to continue growing and developing before meeting God face to face. God continually invites communion with these loved ones, but some feel the need to continue growing and developing before entering into full communion with God.

These November feasts vividly remind us of the rich reality known as the communion of saints. This belief stresses the strong affirmation that the church is always one in Christ. Death does not sever any of the bonds that unite us in Christ. That is why it is a fitting practice to pray for the dead and to ask them to pray for us. Just as we do that for each other when we are alive, so, too, do we continue that bond and concern for each other even beyond death.

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