

THIRTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

OCTOBER 24, 2021



The blind man said, "Master, I want to see."
Jesus told him, "Go your way;
your faith has saved you."

MARK 10:51-52

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Initial A: Christ Wiping the Tears from the Eyes of the Saved, Florence or Pisa, Italy, c. 1330-1340

CONSOLATION FROM GOD

Today's reading from Jeremiah, Israel's sorrowful and suffering prophet, whose readings usually signal and prepare us to hear Jesus' Gospel suffering, is from Jeremiah's "Book of Consolation." Jeremiah sets aside traditional sorrow and instead bids God's chosen people—and us, as God's baptized covenant people—to celebrate the Lord's miraculous "harvest": "Shout with joy; exult; proclaim your praise" (Jeremiah 31:7). In this "harvest," God declares Israel already "delivered," while promising to transform a "remnant" (31:7) into "an immense throng," "gathered from the ends of the world" (31:8). Though these people are still in need, Jeremiah declares their tears already gone, replaced by God's consolation and guidance to living waters. As a fitting response, the great "Harvest Psalm" makes us, at least spiritually, former "captives," whose joyous return feels like "dreaming" (Psalm 126:1). Then, Mark's Gospel—again—shows the prophetic vision for the world fulfilled as Jesus heals, and we ourselves are once again challenged to live more faithfully our baptismal covenant.

SIGHTLESS BARTIMAEUS' VISION

At first, Bartimaeus is not yet "on the way"—Mark's "Gospel code" for Jesus' journey to Jerusalem and our journey of discipleship—but at least near the way, "by the roadside" (Mark 10:46). Still only on the sidelines, Bartimaeus cries out what becomes Christianity's "Jesus Prayer": "Jesus, son of David, have pity (most translations, mercy) on me" (Mark 10:47-48). Sightless, Bartimaeus is nonetheless fearless: "many rebuked him, telling him to be silent" (10:48). Sightless, Bartimaeus is already insightful: "son of David" acclaims Jesus Messiah. Seen in the context of baptism and discipleship, sightless Bartimaeus's response resembles both journey to baptism as catechumen and pilgrimage from baptism as what Pope Francis calls "missionary disciples" (*Evangelii Gaudium*, Joy of the Gospel, 119-121).

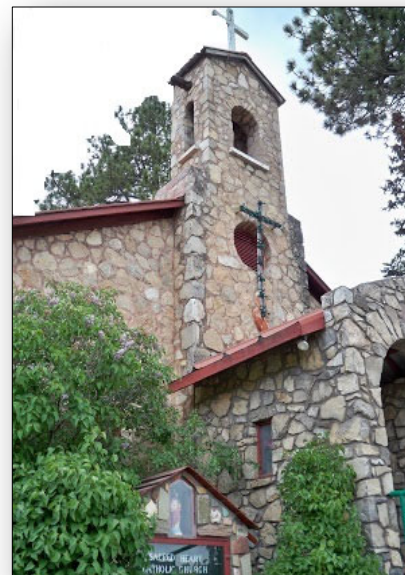
RESPONDING LIKE BARTIMAEUS

Once healed, "illuminated" as in Baptism, Bartimaeus' discipleship response to Jesus challenges us to examine our own. Again this week, Hebrews reminds us that Jesus is our merciful high priest. Though sinless, Jesus "is able to deal patiently with the ignorant and erring" (Hebrews 5:2) like all high priests. Hebrews invokes Melchizedek, whose meeting with Abraham signals the joining of God's primeval cosmic covenant made with Noah and God's scriptural covenant with Israel, leading to "the new and eternal covenant" sealed in Jesus' Blood. Like Melchizedek, Jesus transcends history's boundaries of race and nation to gather earth's fragmented, even warring factions into the great harvest of a humanity renewed and redeemed. So our baptismal commitment and discipleship's journey bid us become instruments of Christ's unity and peace to all whom we encounter "on the way."

Are we sitting still, isolated, safely on the sidelines? Or do we cry out, like Bartimaeus, for Jesus' mercy, understanding that we are bound to extend to others, ceaselessly and unconditionally, the mercy that we ourselves need? As part of that mercy, then, are we cowed into safe, respectable silence by a world rejecting Christ's countercultural teachings, or do we dare speak up and speak out on behalf of others?

TODAY'S READINGS

Jeremiah 31:7-9
Psalm 126:1-2, 2-3, 4-5, 6
Hebrews 5:1-6
Mark 10:46-52



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Intentions of the Holy Father for October: Missionary Disciples

We pray that every baptized person may be engaged in evangelization, available to the mission, by being witnesses of a life that has the flavor of the Gospel.

Sunday Oct. 24, For all the Sacred
Heart Mission Benefactors

Wed. Oct. 27, For all the sick

Church Committee Members

Chair - Joe Barcevac
Vice-Chair - Bob Balog
Secretary - Mira Pepper
Finance - Steve Pepper
Social Coordinator - Lourdes Blette

Please remember to notify Teresa Stevenson or John Conner if you are unable to serve as Scheduled, even if you have arranged for someone to take your place.

Sacred Heart Mission Catholic Church

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Office hours: Monday-Wednesday
(at Immaculate Conception Church)
(575) 437-3291

9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. (closed 12-1:00 p.m.)

Thursday and Friday 9:00-12:00 p.m.

Pastor: **Very Rev. Martin Cornejo**

Vicar: **Fr. Emmanuel Stephen**

Deacon: **Gary Perkins**

Sunday Mass: 9:30 a.m.

Confessions prior to Mass

Wednesday Mass: 9:30 a.m.

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

and Rosary: **Wednesday 9:00 a.m.**

Anointing of the sick: **On the**

First Wednesday of the month

Altar Servers (John Conner 687-2144)

Oct. 24, Gary & Hartley

EMOHC (Teresa Stevenson (281) 772-7450)

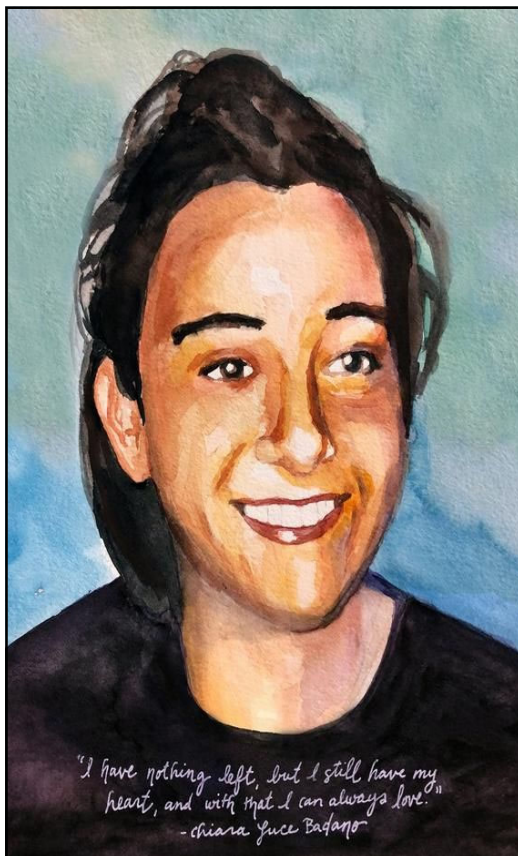
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Oct. 24, Mary Lou Barcevac

Ushers (John Conner 687-2144)

Oct. 24, Joe & Ken



BLESSED CHIARA LUCE BADANO

Feast Day October 29

Chiara was an active girl, enjoying tennis, hiking, swimming, singing and dancing. It was while playing tennis at the age of 16 that she felt severe pain in her shoulder; she was soon diagnosed with a rare form of bone cancer called osteosarcoma. This form of cancer is exceptionally painful, and the treatments she underwent were unsuccessful. Chemotherapy caused her hair to fall out, but even this did not stop her. Each time a lock of hair would fall out, she would offer it to God, saying, "For you, Jesus." Eventually losing the use of her legs, she was offered morphine for the extreme pain, but refused it, saying that it reduced her lucidity and that her pain was the only thing she had left to offer to Jesus. Though extremely sick herself, she spent her time in hospital cheering up other patients,

such as a young drug addict with severe depression. When encouraged to rest instead of doing such work, she replied, "I'll have time to rest later." She believed and accepted that Jesus had sent her cancer at exactly the right time.

On October 7, 1990, Chiara passed away. Her last words to her mother were, "Mamma, be happy, because I'm happy!" A huge crowd attended her funeral. At her request she was buried in a white dress, "like a bride going to Jesus."

Within a decade, the bishop of Chiara's diocese began working on proving her case for sainthood. She was declared "**venerable**," or "heroic in virtue" for her faith and love of others by Pope Benedict XVI on July 3, 2008. During his time as pope, Benedict talked about Chiara many times, once saying that, "Only love with a capital 'L' gives true happiness," and that's what Chiara did in her short life. It was an example to everyone of how to live a good Catholic life.

our parish
mission
statement

We are a community that comes together to model Jesus to all peoples by addressing physical concerns and spiritual matters, and to do as Jesus did, giving everything to bring people into a closer relationship with God, in celebration.

The LORD has done great things for us; we are glad indeed.

— Psalm 126:3

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Sunday: 30th. Sunday in Ordinary Time;

World Mission Sunday

Thursday: Ss. Simon and Jude

Saturday: Blessed Virgin Mary

SPIRITUAL COMMUNION PRAYER

My Jesus, I believe that you are present in the most Blessed Sacrament. I love You above all things and I desire to receive You into my soul. Since I cannot now receive You sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart. I embrace You as if You were already there, and unite myself wholly to You. Never permit me to be separated from You. Amen.

World Mission Sunday 2021

On Sunday, October 24, Catholics worldwide will participate in the annual celebration of World Mission Sunday. In prayer at Mass and through the contributions to this special collection, the faithful support the Missions and missionaries who build up the Church in Africa, Asia, the Pacific Islands, Latin America, and parts of Europe.



Jennifer Madl, Velia Perea, Ceci Borunda, Susan Walen, Leonor Rubalcava, Phyllis Madin, Helen Rigger, Yvett Tomeo, Joe Rogers, Margaret Bevins, Ann Blanchard, Dieter deBeyer, Lynn Skinner, Mike & Lourdes Blette, Robert Langford, Brendan Cronander-Ford, Bill Crouch, Manry Family, John Phillips, Bob Weiss.

SUGGESTION

We have a suggestion box for any new ideas or questions you may have for our church. The box is located on the table next to the kitchen.



October 17,

General Collection \$ 659.00

United in Ministry \$ 496.00

Today's second collection goes to

World Mission Sunday

Next week's second collection goes to

Building Fund

To report abuse in New Mexico:

If you suspect a child is in imminent danger from abuse, please call 911 Immediately.

To report known or suspected child abuse, contact:

Dial #SAFE (#7233) from a cell phone Or 1-855-333-SAFE (7233)

Elder Abuse Hotline: 1-866-654-3219 National Domestic Violence Hotline: 1-800-799-7233

Roman Catholic Diocese of Las Cruces Victims Assistance Coordinator (575)523-7577

Or Maria D Martin [Safe Environment Clerk](mailto:Safe.Environment.Clerk@rcdlc.org) (575) 523-7577 mmartin@rcdlc.org