

## THIRTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

OCTOBER 24, 2021

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

— Psalm 126:3

### RECOGNIZING JESUS

The star of today's Gospel is a panhandler. Bartimaeus is blind, yes, but he is probably also homeless and filthy, a real nuisance to respectable citizens. Even so, it is Bartimaeus who recognizes Jesus as the Messiah, places all his faith in him, throws aside everything he has (his cloak), begs him for mercy, receives new vision, and follows Jesus on the way to suffering and death in Jerusalem. How desperate will we have to get before we can do the same?

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### TODAY'S READINGS

**First Reading** — I will lead the people to brooks of water, on a level road, so that none shall stumble (Jeremiah 31:7-9).

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

**Second Reading** — It was not Christ who glorified himself, but rather the one who said to him: You are my son: this day I have begotten you (Hebrews 5:1-6).

**Gospel** — Immediately the blind man received his sight and followed Jesus on the way (Mark 10:46-52).

### OUR GIFTS RECORD

Offertory                      Development

Last Week's Collection	\$4,363.00	\$3,642.00
Number of Families contributing	106	84
Total Pledge for 2021	\$161,051.00	\$162,928.00
Pledged to Date (38 Weeks)	\$129,862.00	\$132,198.00
Received to Date	\$128,972.00	\$101,418.00
Envelopes Outstanding	\$890.00	\$30,780.00

### LADIES OFFERTORY RECORD

Amount given last week	Amount given to Date in 2021
\$216.00	\$8,226.00

Twenty ladies made a contribution last week.

### PARISH LIFE CENTER HALL FUND WEEKLY REPORT

Amount given last week	Amount given to Date in 2021
\$10,360.00	\$117,145.00

Four people made a P.L.C. contribution last week.

### BICENTENNIAL CAMPAIGN

GOAL	\$165,000.00
Total Pledged	\$210,300.00
Total Received	\$63,780.00

**POOR BOX** totaled \$198.00.

13 **CHILDREN** contributed \$149.00.

**BAA** totaled \$100.00.

**SPECIAL COLLECTION** The second collection this weekend will be for *Propagation of Faith*. Please be generous in this collection.

### THOUGHT OF THE WEEK

A woman named Anna was sitting in a café. When she looked out of the glass window, she saw a man with tattered clothes counting his money. After he walked inside the café, he ran his eyes over the elaborate menu. He knew that he didn't have enough money to buy a simple breakfast. Now, Anna walked to him and ordered a breakfast for him. Then they sat down and started talking about themselves.

The man said his name was Chris. He told her how he became homeless and what his life was like. His mother had passed away when he was barely 2 years old. After his mother's death, his father had neglected him. One day, his father beat him so much that he couldn't breathe. So, he packed a few of his belongings and ran away from home. He was just 9 years old. Life on the street was hard. All his life, he had only one friend – a dog. The dog had passed away just 2 days ago.

Anna asked him why he didn't have a job. He told her that he had really tried hard to find jobs, but no one cared to hire him. After they finished eating, Anna paid the bill. Chris got a piece of paper from the clerk and wrote something on it and passed it to Anna and left. The note said: "Today, I had finally given up on life. I wanted to end my life, but now, I don't want to do it anymore. Thank you, wonderful person."

Anna couldn't control her tears. She rushed outside to look for Chris again. She found him playing with stray dogs. Anna walked up to him and offered him a job. She even looked for a place for him to stay.

With time, the two became best friends. Chris was a smart man and soon he was well-settled in his job. Gradually Anna and Chris fell in love. Chris proposed to her, and she said yes. They got married and have been living happily in their home.

*Chris and Anna's story only goes on to show that every person has his/her own story. You can never judge a person based on his/her appearance, job, or economic status. There's always more to everything than meets the eye.*

### FLOWERS IN THE CHURCH ARE OFFERED BY:

1. the Family of Johnny Shack Riley in loving memory of him on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Anniversary of his death;
2. the Sons and Family of Rosie Bunk Carroll in loving memory of her on the 18<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of her death;
3. and a Parish Family Member in thanks to St. Expedite.

**BANNS OF MARRIAGE** The Banns of Marriage are announced for the second time for Jack Patrick Sherlock and Vegas Sherlock.

**FEAST OF ST. JUDE** will be celebrated this Thursday, October 28<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 A.M. Mass.

### TEN COMMANDMENTS

1. What a scarcity of news would there be if everybody obeyed the Ten Commandments.
2. The Ten Commandments were given to men in tablet form, and by following their direction, we could save a lot of other tablets from being used.
3. When the Lord gave us Ten Commandments, He didn't mention amendments.
4. Someone has tabulated that we have put 35 million laws in the books trying to enforce the Ten Commandments.

**THANK YOU** to a parish member for a donation in thanks St. Expedite.

**TO LIVE A PEACEFUL LIFE YOU MUST:**

- LET GO of those who stress you.
- EMBRACE those who bless you.
- CHERISH those who you love.
- BE KIND to those around you.
- GIVE to those who need you.
- PRAY for those who hurt you.
- HAVE FAITH because God walks with you!

**JOKE OF THE WEEK**

A husband asked his wife what she would like for her 40<sup>th</sup> birthday.

“Oh, something that will make me look beautiful and feel good,” she said.

Hoping for an expensive new outfit or a trip to a spa, she was surprised but excited on her birthday morning when he left a large box waiting for her in the hallway.

Inside it was an exercise bike.

**SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES**

**Sunday:** World Mission Sunday

**Thursday:** Ss. Simon and Jude

**Saturday:** Blessed Virgin Mary

**MASS INTENTIONS**

**Monday:** *Wedding.*

**Tuesday:** In honor of the Infant Jesus of Prague and St. Joseph for all the sick and for all the holy souls in purgatory.

**Wednesday:** For the repose of the soul of Rose Pie Gorman on her Birthday.

**Thursday:** For the repose of the soul of Johnny Shack Riley on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Anniversary of his death.

**Friday:** For the repose of the soul of Cracker.

**PATIENCE**

***Patience is a virtue,  
Patience is a gift  
We give unto each other  
Our spirits up to lift.***

***Patience is a blessing  
Even to ourselves, indeed,  
For it brings satisfaction  
In meeting someone's needs.***

***And You, dear Lord, are patient  
With me in every way.  
At times I fall but You lift me up  
And guide me through each day.***

***So, help me to be patient, Lord,  
Yes, help me to be kind.  
May others seeking tenderness,  
True loving, in me find.***

**READERS**

**Sat. Oct. 23<sup>rd</sup>, 4:00 P.M.**  
Ritz & Savannah

**Sun. Oct. 24<sup>th</sup>, 10:00 A.M.**  
Jimmy Joseph & Jersey

**Sat. Oct. 30<sup>th</sup>, 4:00 P.M.**  
Christina & Julie Ann

**Sun. Oct. 31<sup>st</sup>, 10:00 A.M.**  
Jimmy Joseph & Jersey

**READERS – WEEKDAYS**

Monday	-	Taneil
Tuesday	-	Raid's Karen
Wednesday	-	Cathy Lisa
Thursday	-	Fallon
Friday	-	Julie Ann

**EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS - WEEKDAY**

Monday	-	Rose Melissa
Tuesday	-	Nora
Wednesday	-	Catherine Ann
Thursday	-	Mary Cat
Friday	-	Rosie Cat

**EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS – WEEKEND**

<b><u>Saturday 4:00 P.M.</u></b>	<b>October 23<sup>rd</sup></b>
Front	Winnie Ann
Right	Cathy Pole
Left	Catherine Ann

<b><u>Sunday</u></b>	<b><u>Sunday</u></b>
<b>October 24<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>October 31<sup>st</sup></b>
Rose Marie	Rose Marie
Mary Cat	Mary Cat

**IT'S NOT HOW LONG WE LIVE**

**A butterfly has only 14 days to live,  
still, it flies joyfully, capturing many hearts.  
Sometimes, it's not how long we live but it is how we live it.  
Each moment in life is precious, use it to glorify God.  
Be a channel of joy, be a blessing to others.**

**WISDOM OF ST. FULTON SHEEN**

*Politeness is a way of showing externally the internal regard we have for others. Good manners are the shadows cast by virtues.*

**DOZING IN CHURCH**

- Some churches seem to be sound in doctrine, but they are also sound asleep.
- All church buildings should be air-conditioned; it is unhealthy to sleep in a stuffy room.
- Preachers don't talk in their sleep, but they talk in other's people's sleep.
- A good sermon helps in two ways. Some rise from it greatly strengthened. Others wake from it greatly refreshed.

**~~~~~PRAYER CORNER~~~~~**  
**FOR ONE'S PARENTS**

*O God, as Christians we must always honor father and mother, not just in life but also in death. It is with this firm conviction that I seek your intervention for my beloved parent(s).*

*Now that their earthly struggle has ceased, please watch over them and forgive their faults. Offer them your merciful care and protection as you welcome them into full communion with all the faithful. I ask this in Jesus Christ our Lord, hopeful that one day I will see my parent(s) again in your glorious light. Amen.*