

**Welcome to Holy Mass at Holy Cross Church
30th Sunday in Ordinary Time**

**Sunday, October 18, 2009
11:00 am**

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and all others in need of healing in our parish community

The Liturgy of the Word

Reading I

Jeremiah 31: 7-9

A reading from the book of the prophet Jeremiah

I shall lead them back in mercy – both the blind and the lame.

Thus says the Lord: shout with joy for Jacob, exult at the head of the nations; proclaim your praise and say: The Lord has delivered his people, the remnant of Israel. Behold, I will bring them back from the land of the north; I will gather them from the ends of the world, with the blind and the lame in their midst, the mothers and those with child; they shall return as an immense throng. They departed in tears, but I will console them and guide them; I will lead them to brooks of water, on a level road, so that none shall stumble. For I am a father to Israel, Ephraim is my first-born.

This is the Word of the Lord.

Responsorial Psalm

Psalm 126: 1-2, 2-3, 4-5, 6

R: The Lord has done great things for us; we are filled with joy.

When the Lord brought back the captives of Zion, we were like men dreaming. Then our mouth was filled with laughter, and our tongue with rejoicing.

R: The Lord has done great things for us; we are filled with joy.

Then they said among the nations, "The Lord has done great things for them." The Lord has done great things for us; we are glad indeed.

R: The Lord has done great things for us; we are filled with joy.

Restore our fortunes, O Lord, like the torrents in the southern desert. Those that sow in tears shall reap rejoicing.

R: The Lord has done great things for us; we are filled with joy.

Although they go forth weeping, carrying the seed to be sown, they shall come back rejoicing, carrying their sheaves.

R: The Lord has done great things for us; we are filled with joy.

Reading II

Hebrews 5: 1-6

A reading from the letter of Hebrews

You are a priest forever according to the order of Melchizedek

Every high priest is taken from among men and made their representative before God, to offer gifts and sacrifices for sins. He is able to deal patiently with erring sinners, for he is himself beset by weakness and so must make sin offerings for himself as well as for the people. One does not take this honor on his own initiative, but only when called by God as Aaron was. Even Christ did not glorify himself with the office of the high priest; he received it from the One who said to him, "You are my son; today I have begotten you"; just as he says in another place, "You are a priest forever, according to the order of Melchizedek.

This is the Word of the Lord.

Gospel

Mark 10: 46-52

A reading of the holy gospel according to St. Mark

The prayer of the humble man will penetrate the heavens.

As Jesus was leaving Jericho with his disciples and a sizable crowd, there was a blind beggar Bartimaeus ("the son of Timaeus") sitting by the roadside. On hearing that it was Jesus of Nazareth, he began to call out, "Jesus, Son of David, have pity on me!" Many people were scolding him to make him keep quiet, but he shouted all the louder, "Son of David, have pity on me!" Then Jesus stopped and said, "*Call him over.*" So they called the blind man over, telling him as they did so, "You have nothing whatever to fear from him! Get Up! He is calling you!" He threw aside his cloak, jumped up and came to Jesus. Jesus asked him, "*What do you want me to do for you?*" "Rabboni," the blind man said, "I want to see." Jesus said in reply, "*Be on your way! Your faith has healed you.*" Immediately he received his sight and started to follow him up the road.

This is the gospel of the Lord.

Thoughts from the Pulpit

[Mark 10: 46-52]

Blindness

The Gospel today reveals the presence of a blind man by the name of Bartimaeus at the side of the road. When he met Jesus, his prayer was: 'Lord, that I may see.'

In fact, the Gospel today reveals the blindness in this world being in the ditch at the side of "the road". The story of Bartimaeus is as much a call story as a healing story. The peak point of the story is not a moment of healing from physical blindness but the moment when Bartimaeus started to "see" the Way of the Lord. He immediately "followed Him along the way."

Jesus said that his mission was 'to open the eyes of the blind.'

He also said 'They have eyes but fail to see.' – about those who live in the darkness of unbelief.

The Gospel story today is more a discipleship story, a call story, than a story of healing.

When Bartimaeus was cured he could have gone off to live own life, forgetting about Jesus. Instead, he became an immediate and enthusiastic disciple of Jesus. He didn't go to his 'own life', but entered the life of joy, of enthusiasm, the life of full meaning! He followed Jesus along the road! This is the climax of the story!

The Gospel today is also our story of encountering Jesus in our lives, the story of our healings.

But we have to answer the question for ourselves: Are we following Jesus along the way? Or, do we keep returning into the shadow of blindness of this world? Amen.

The Communion

Welcome to participation in the Holy Eucharist. By receiving Holy Communion, the Body and Blood of Our Lord Jesus Christ, we fully participate in the celebration of the Holy Eucharist.

We are encouraged to receive Communion devoutly. In order to be properly disposed to receive Communion, participants should be baptized, should not be conscious of grave sin, and normally should fast for one to two hours. A person who is conscious of grave sin is not to receive Communion without prior Sacramental Confession.

We always welcome our fellow Christians to this celebration of the Holy Eucharist and Holy Communion. We pray that our common Baptism and the action of the Holy Spirit in this Eucharist will draw us closer to one another and begin to dispel the sad divisions separating us.

Announcements for October 25, 2009

ALL SOULS' MEMORIAL REQUESTS DUE TODAY!

Please join us today after Holy Mass for coffee hour. Next Sunday, the YMS of R will hold their monthly breakfast.

ATTENTION, PARISH COMMITTEE MEMBERS: The monthly meeting will be on Sunday, November 2. Please mark your calendars. Thank you.

Names for All Souls' Day Remembrance will be read next Sunday at the conclusion of mass. If weather permits, we will process to the cemetery grounds for the observance. Please wear suitable shoes. Request forms are available on the small table in the back of the sanctuary, if you still need to submit your list. Please give them to Carol during coffee hour or place them in the collection plate. Thank you.

The PNU Special Offer of 10 Paid Life Insurance has been extended until November 30. If you wish to take advantage of this opportunity, see Joe.

If you have names of individuals in need of our prayers and support as they heal, please let Pat know by Thursday of each calendar week. Thank you.

Weekly Calendar

Tuesday, October 27	6:00 pm	Choir practice
Wednesday, October 28		FEAST – SS. SIMON AND JUDE, APOSTLES
Thursday, October 29	5:30 pm	Weight Watchers
Saturday, October 31		VIGIL OF ALL SAINTS
Sunday, November 1		SOLEMNITY OF ALL SAINTS
		Intention: All deceased members of our parish family
		Readings of Names for All Souls Remembrance
	10:30 am	Bible Study for Children
	11:00 am	Holy Mass with Benediction to the Blessed Sacrament
	12:00 pm	Cemetery Service with Reading of Names
	12:30 pm	YMS of R Breakfast

Monthly Financial Summary

Week of	Weekly Income	Weekly Income Needed	Balance
October 4	\$437	\$642	-\$205
October 11	\$420.65	\$642	-\$221.35
October 18	\$548	\$642	-\$94
TOTAL	\$1405.65	\$1926	-\$520.35