

St. John Paul II Parish, Sellersburg IN

The First Fifteen

Here at JP II, we like to begin all of our parish meetings with some faith sharing focused on one of the upcoming Sunday's readings. To begin, one person in the group proclaims the reading provided below. Then everyone is invited to reflect and share on the readings. The questions provided below are a guide to stimulate your discussion. You can use these or anything that strikes you about the Word of God. Conclude your prayer with "Come, Holy Spirit".

Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Mk 10:46-52

October 24, 2021

As Jesus was leaving Jericho with his disciples and a sizable crowd,
Bartimaeus, a blind man, the son of Timaeus,
sat by the roadside begging.
On hearing that it was Jesus of Nazareth,
he began to cry out and say,
"Jesus, son of David, have pity on me."
And many rebuked him, telling him to be silent.
But he kept calling out all the more,
"Son of David, have pity on me."
Jesus stopped and said, "Call him."
So they called the blind man, saying to him,
"Take courage; get up, Jesus is calling you."
He threw aside his cloak, sprang up, and came to Jesus.
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."
Jesus told him, "Go your way; your faith has saved you."
Immediately he received his sight
and followed him on the way.

Thoughts to Ponder:

1. Why do you think the people rebuked the blind man? Have you ever been rebuked?
2. If you were to see Jesus, what would you do to get His attention?
3. The blind man had much trust in Jesus' ability to heal. What steps could you take to improve your trust in Christ?

End with Come, Holy Spirit...

Come, Holy Spirit
Fill my heart.
Enkindle in me
the fire of your love.
Send forth your Spirit,
and I shall be created.
And you shall renew the face of the earth.