

WEEKLY MASS INTENTIONS

Sunday, Oct. 24, 2021 9:00 am Mass
 Monday Oct. 25th NO MASS
 Tuesday Oct. 26th 9:00 am
 Wednesday, Oct. 27th, 9:00 a.m.
 Thursday, Oct. 28th, 9:00 a.m.
 Friday, Oct. 29th, 9:00 a.m.
Saturday, Oct. 30th, 4 p.m.
Reconciliation by appointment

(N.B. You can request Mass to be offered for you, your love ones, or any deceased or living person. Speak with the Pastor or call the office to schedule your mass intention).

ATTENTION EVERYONE

The Sanja Popillion Youth Ministry will partner with the Jackson Community Center for a fun day, October 30th from 2 pm to 3:30 pm, ages 8 to 16 years in the family life center. It's a Halloween theme. These students within that age-group are welcomed and invited to come and join the fun.

READINGS FOR THIS WEEK

Sun. Oct. 24 - Jer 31:7-9 Ps 126:1-2, 2-3, 4-5, 6 Heb 5:1-6 Cf. 2 Tm 1:10 Mk 10:46-52

Mon. Oct. 25 - Rom 8:12-17 Ps 68:2 & 4, 6-7ab, 20-21 Jn 17:17b, 17a Lk 13:10-17

Tues. Oct. 26 - Rom 8:18-25 Ps 126:1b-2ab, 2cd-3, 4-5, 6 Mt 11:25 Lk 13:18-21

Wed. Oct. 27 - Rom 8:26-30 Ps 13:4-5, 6 Thes 2:14 Lk 13:22-30

Thurs. Oct. 28 - Eph 2:19-22 Ps 19:2-3, 4-5 Te Deum Lk 6:12-16

Fri. Oct. 29 - Rom 9:1-5 Ps 147:12-13, 14-15, 19-20 Jn 10:27 Lk 14:1-6

Sat. Oct. 30 - Rom 11:1-2a, 11-12, 25-29 Ps 94:12-13a, 14-15, 17-18 Mt 11:29ab Lk 14:1, 7-11

October Birthday List
Happy Birthday to::

E'Rettrious Gus Jr.	1
Andre Robertson	2
Clayona Pillette	3
John Judge	4
Ann Richard	5
Fredrick Green	6
Janice Semien	8
Rick Orebo	10
Justin Jackson	16
Jaquez Turner	18
Johnathan Hampton	18
Troy Hayes	23
Roy Hayes	23
Craig Orebo	26
Mary Ware	26
Happy Anniversary	
Paul & Zena Thibodeaux	24th
George & Mary Alexander	30th

LECTORS SERVING IN OCTOBER

Saturday's/ one reader

Oct. 23th - Leo Jackson
 Oct. 30th - Gary Mims

Sunday's/ one reader

Oct. 24th - Cindy Hampton
 Oct. 31st - Eva Platt

Bishop Faith Appeal
Goal : 17,049.

While we are facing challenging times, keeping safe and preventing the spread of the coronavirus. God challenges us to share what we have with others, to make a commitment to serving His people. Romans 8:28 say's "For those who love God, all things work together for the good." Making your pledge to the BFA is one of the ways we are all called together, one parish, supporting others with what we have. Thank you for your support.

Chairpersons, Adam & Dorothy Jacobs and Fr. Donatus.

COORDINATORS OF MINISTRIES

Activities * Brushelle Scott
BINGO * Evangeline Platt
Bishop Faith Appeal
 * Adam Jacobs & Dorothy Jacobs
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 * Rose Bottley
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 *Deacon Melvin Payne
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 * Jada Semien
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Life Center * Adam Jacobs
Maintenance * Joseph Ware Sr.
Mission/Retreat * Cecilia Davis
Music Director * Leo Jackson
Pastoral Council * Lester Popillion
Stewardship * Gary Mims

Last week Income & Expenses

Attendance Sat: 20 Sun: 52
Collection

Saturday \$ 237.00
 Sunday \$ 3,390.00

Total Deposit \$ 3,627.00

Expenses paid out

Spectrum buis <\$ 188.00>
Center Point <\$ 138.60>

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Office Hours
 Tuesday thru Friday
 9:00 a.m. - 12:00 noon
 Lunch 12-1:00 pm
 1:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.



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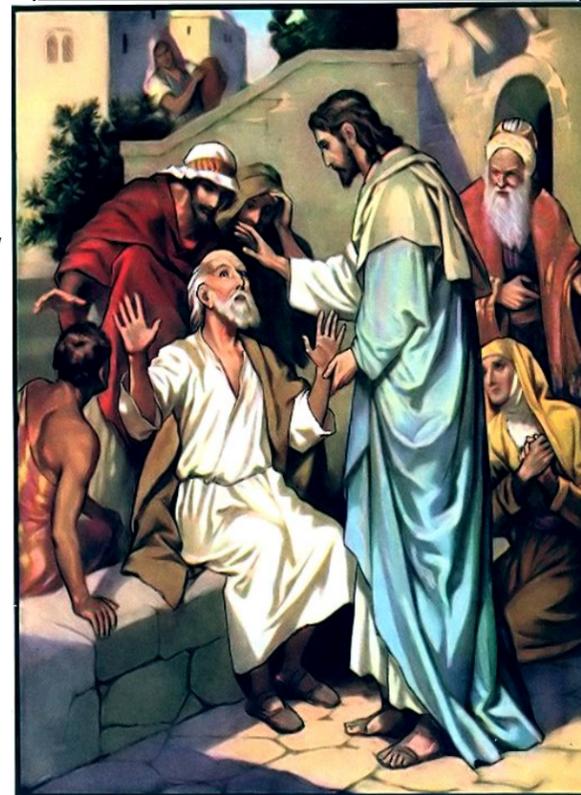
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The 30th Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year B

October 24, 2021

“Jesus, Son of David, have pity on me”



Eucharistic Celebration

Weekends:

Saturday Vigil 4:00 p.m.
 Sunday 9:00 a.m.

Weekdays:

Tuesday-Friday
 9:00 a.m.

Reconciliation:

Saturdays
 3:20 p.m. - 3:55 p.m.

Adoration & Benediction

1st Tuesday of each month
 5:30 p.m.— 6:30 p.m.

Exposition & Adoration Of the Blessed Sacrament

every Tuesday
 at 5:30 p.m.

Infant Baptism:

Please contact the Pastor two months prior to desired date of baptism

Marriage:

Please call the Rectory six (6) months prior to proposed date

THIRTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Seeing

In our everyday language, we easily move from literal sight, as in seeing a cardinal in the trees, to the sight that is insight or understanding. We see a solution, we see an ideal or a principle. We understand the meaning of the inner eye. Insight hints at this understanding. Even blind people will easily and unself-consciously say that they see. All of us are blind and all of us see in complex ways.

FIRST READING: Jeremiah 31:7-9 RESPONSORIAL PSALM: Psalm 126:1-2, 2-3, 4-5, 6

SECOND READING: Hebrews 5:1-6 GOSPEL: Mark 10:46-52

Comment

Jeremiah's prophecy is no doubt placed here because it pairs up so nicely with the Gospel. God's compassion for the battered and fragile exiles is evident, as is Jesus' compassion for blind, desperate Bartimaeus. We have in both readings the image of a road and of an unmistakable hum and buzz.

This is not any old day for the tribes of Ephraim. Captive people exiled in a strange land pay close attention to their captors. They detect the slightest nuance of change, and now they can feel change in the air. Their nostrils pick up the scent of smoldering fires. Something threatens their captors, who lack the strength to keep them captive. The Assyrians lose their grip as the Babylonians and Medes begin to overwhelm them. Exiles are not worth the time and effort of anybody, so they are sent home.

All this good news that buzzes over the heads of sons and daughters of Jacob is God's doing, says Jeremiah. The remnant is going home. Everybody receives the fullest extent of God's compassion. The lame and blind, as well as the resilient but more vulnerable expectant mothers—all, all of them will be consoled and guided by the Lord. The road will be smoothed out; it will pass by fresh brooks. Ease and refreshment are the order of the day. Thus the father of Israel speaks to Ephraim, Israel's first-born.

And as we see in the Gospel, something surely hums and buzzes above Bartimaeus' head. His other senses compensate for his lack of sight. He hears and feels and smells something in the air. Its very quality is charged with energy, because this day Jesus of Nazareth and his disciples and a sizeable crowd move out of Jericho into the open country.

Bartimaeus senses that this is his big chance and he makes the most of it, shouting out Jesus' name, throwing in a title for good measure. The crowds are embarrassed and strive to silence Bartimaeus. This serves the opposite end, and he makes more of a fuss. Finally, Jesus hears, and asks that Bartimaeus be brought near. Jesus talks to him. He does not presume to know what Bartimaeus really wants. What he wants is sight, and what he brings to this encounter is his firm, noisy faith.

Reflection

That inner-seeing, that faith, saved Bartimaeus. And that faith brought the sunlit world into his eyes. His inner vision saved him and made possible the first sight he beheld: Jesus, the Son of David, the Rabboni, his savior, the object of his faith. Bartimaeus followed Jesus up the road. One can imagine that one road forked off into others, intersecting another, and another, and another. There is no telling where faith led Bartimaeus. He must never have tired of telling the story over and over and over. The story of his salvation was never an old story for him; it was always a source of amazement.

The play of sight and insight, of vision and faith, always holds our imagination. When we begin in faith, the world reveals gifts that might otherwise be hidden. We, like Bartimaeus, begin in faith, and then we see—and see and see. Faith comes before seeing. If we believe that God is with us in our world, we will see God operative in our world and in our lives. We begin believing and go on to ask ourselves how this faith sheds light on our everyday life as we go up the road following him.

PRAY FOR THE SHUT-IN

Mary Alexander
Mary Brown
Courtney Chavis
David J. Carey
Leon Cross
Lawrence Gant
Hollis Fain
Beatrice Guillory
Ella Mae Garrett
Mary Gray
Margaret Green
Mark Mitchell Jr.
Betty Odom
Westley Papillion
Gloria Richard
Mormon Richard
Rosa Scott
Alma C Thibodeaux



"My mission - to make God loved - will begin after my death," she said. "I will spend my heaven doing good on earth. I will let fall a shower of

roses." Roses have been described and experienced as Saint Therese's signature. Countless millions have been touched by her intercession and imitate her "little way." She has been acclaimed "the greatest saint of modern times." In 1997, Pope John Paul II declared St. Therese a Doctor of the Church - the only Doctor of his pontificate - in tribute to the powerful way her spirituality has influenced people all over the world.

PRAY FOR THE SICK

Jalen A. Chambers
Carroll Durio
Mable Durio
Mrs. Doris Hayes
Roy Hayes
Ruby Milton
Clayona Pillette
John Richard Sr.
Claudine Riggs
Tiffany Winphrey

ATTENTION EVERYONE

To all students, parents, grand-parents, and/or guardians. A kickoff meeting for our Religious Education program is planned for Saturday, November 20th. from 10AM to Noon. This will be an informational and fun morning for all students from the 2nd grade through high school. Along with their parents, grandparents, and/or guardians. The meeting will be held in the Family Life Center. All eligible students are strongly encouraged to participate in St. Therese Faith Formation for year 2021-2022, Registration forms are on the table in the vestibule of the church.

MASS SCHEDULE

The Masses for next week are as follows:

Sunday, October 31st 9:00 am
2pm at St. Mary's Cemetery,
Fr. Donatus will assist Fr. Daleo,

Monday, Nov. 1st 9:00 am - All Saints Day .
Tuesday, Nov. 2nd, 9:00 am & 6:00 pm - All Souls Day

At the Cemetery, no lawn chairs please, seating will be available. Anyone who wishes to have Mass in honor of a deceased person, please contact the parish office. The names of all deceased will be called at both Masses on Tuesday and the Masses for those persons will be said on a later day over time. The amount is \$10 each deceased person.

ATTENTION

The Parish Breakfast/Brunch will be next Sunday after the 9 am Mass everyone is encouraged to invite their family and friends to come out and fellowship.

ATTENTION EVERYONE

St. Therese will be participating in a parish survey about discipleship conducted by the Catholic Leadership Institute! We need your help!

Please help us by participating in a 10-15-minute survey online. The survey can be accessed through an online link at www.dioceseofbmt.org. from October 14 to November 22 and will ask you to reflect on your own spiritual growth and enable you to provide feedback on our parish's efforts to help you grow. All responses will be confidential, and the parish will only receive information about the community as whole. We will share the link with you a bit closer to the launch of the survey.

We are trying to get the highest response rate possible. This information will be invaluable to Fr. Donatus Mgebejwo, M.S.P., and our various ministries as we plan for the future and strive to be the best disciples we can be. We will receive the results this spring/summer at which time we will share what we have learned with the entire parish.

If you prefer a paper copy you may pick up a paper copy of the survey after daily, Saturday and Sunday Masses. They will be located at the rear of the church or at the parish office. Printable version of the survey is also available to at www.dioceseofbmt.org. To submit the completed paper survey, please drop off at rear of the church or at the parish office. To make special arrangements for getting a paper copy, please contact John Semien at 409-313-0594.

Thank you for helping with this important project