

# ST IGNATIUS & ST LUKE'S

24 October 2021



## MASSES

4:30 pm [anticipated] Saturday  
8 am, 9:30 am, 11 am Sunday

Daily Mass *in the chapel*  
Monday-Friday at 9 am  
Saturday at 10 am

## CONFESSIONS

Tuesday 7-7:30 pm  
*in the chapel*

Saturday 9-9:45 am  
*in the chapel*  
3:30-4:15 pm  
*in the church*

## RESPONDING TO THE LORD'S CALL

“As Jesus was leaving Jericho with his disciples and a sizable crowd” — Jericho is the lowest place on earth, more below sea level than any other location. Jesus was passing through the depths of the human experience in order to ascend the 15 mile road up hill that leads to Jerusalem, where he would suffer and die to lift us up. There's no depth to which Jesus wouldn't descend for us. And he has, in fact, kenotically bent down for us so many times in life, like he did in today's Gospel.

“Bartimaeus, a blind man, the son of Timaeus, sat by the road side begging” — Bartimaeus was not born blind, but had become blind over the course of time. We see that in the verb he uses later — *anablepo* — asking Jesus in the Greek to “see again.” But he hadn't just lost his sight. To some degree, he had lost the dignity he would have had. He was sitting by the road side begging. He could not rely on himself anymore. He needed help. He had hit rock bottom. He was in the depth of the valley of darkness in the lowest place on earth. But it was precisely in that spiritual poverty that Jesus would come to meet him, as many times he has likewise come to us.

“On hearing that Jesus of Nazareth was passing by” — Not coincidentally at all, so many times in our life Jesus comes into our life right when we need him most, right when we're at our weakest and most desperate. But he “passes by.” He doesn't intrude. He draws near but he still wants to engage our freedom, rather than force himself and his love upon us.

“He began to cry out, ‘Jesus, son of David, have pity on me!’” — Bartimaeus didn't cry out for alms, which would have been small. He didn't cry out at that point for a miracle. He cried out simply for mercy. He had doubtless heard of Jesus' reputation for working miracles to the north in Galilee and was responding in faith. The fact that he called him “Son of David” was a sign he believed Jesus was the Messiah. The word St. Luke uses for crying out means basically an animal cry, something coming deep from his woundedness. And his prayer would be answered. How often we, too, meet Jesus in his mercy, in the Divine Physician's coming to heal us in our woundedness. ... God calls us not because of our worthiness, but calls us in his mercy, in response to our pleas for him who is Mercy Incarnate.

Jesus stopped and said, “Call him.” — Like rabbis were accustomed to do on all their pilgrimages to Jerusalem for the major feasts, Jesus was teaching the crowds

along the journey. But when he heard Bartimaeus' pleas, he stopped in his tracks and ordered that Bartimaeus be brought to him. For Jesus, caring for this man was more important than what he was teaching at that moment, because he was about to show the Gospel rather than just verbally describe it. He was also going to show how he responds to persistent prayer. So many times in life as well, when Jesus was passing by us waiting for us to call upon him, he stopped and gave us all we needed.

They said to Bartimaeus, “Take courage; get up, Jesus is calling you.” — What a beautiful expression, something that should be part of our vocabulary with everyone in the Church! “Take courage, get up, Jesus is calling you.” It would have been very easy for Jesus to come to meet Bartimaeus exactly where he was begging. But Jesus loved him too much and understands the human heart too well to do that. Instead he drew near, he got close, but then he had Bartimaeus get up to come to him, to exercise Bartimaeus' freedom, to stoke his desire, to give him greater participation in the miracle Jesus himself was about to accomplish. It takes courage to get up and leave our comfort zone to respond to the Lord. Bartimaeus had that courage and did. Similarly, on many occasions we needed a similar courage to respond to the Lord. It might have been getting up and going to the Church rather than remaining in our room. It may have been helping out with some form of charity rather than remaining isolated. But when Jesus calls he always challenges us to move. He never says to us, “Stay exactly where you are. Don't budge an inch.” Rather he, who is always on the move, he who is always passing by waiting for an invitation, perpetually invites us to get up from where we are and follow him. ...



*From the sermon Taking Courage, Getting Up and Responding to the Lord's Call  
By Fr. Roger J. Landry, given at the Retreat for the Priests of the Diocese of Lincoln, 28 May 2015*

## REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

All who are suffering or sick and all caregivers who minister to the sick: Pamela Taggert, Marie Norment, Andy Luther, Paula Luther, Marian Luther, Harold Joyce, Levi Harris, Gary Schenk, Joanne Newsom, Anne Marie Whittaker, Greg and Felicia Yohe, Joe Coleman, John Hogan, Deirdre McQuade, Danny Hart, Amy Howard, Mary Morehead and family, Curtis Bailey, Leondre Massey, Sister Constance Ward, George Cochran, Mark Anthony Turner, Rachel Fisher, Patricia Ransom, Beverly A. Woods, Kerianna Prather, Domingo G., Adrian and Barbara.; D.K.C., M.M., R.M., K.M., C.M., C.A., E.D., E.G., W.B., J.M., H.G., and J.G.

*Please call or email the office to add a name to the prayer list.*

***Before calling, please be sure you have spoken to the person [or a member of his family] about adding the name—we do not want to inadvertently disregard someone's desire for privacy.***

Names of those who are sick or suffering will be kept on the list for one month; to keep a name on the list for longer, you must email the parish office.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### **THE MASS OF THE FIVE WOUNDS**

We are gathering the names of our beloved dead to offer prayers for them throughout the month of November, but particularly on November 2nd, All Souls' Day, and during the week of November 15-20, when we will be offering the Votive Mass of the Five Wounds five times for the repose of their souls.

The Mass of the Five Wounds, whose origin legend contained the assurance that any soul for whom five Masses of the Wounds were celebrated would be freed from his purgation, was during the Middle Ages one of the most requested masses to be specified in wills requesting prayer for the deceased.

### **ALL SAINTS AND ALL SOULS**

The Feasts of **All Saints** and **All Souls** will be next month. Because it is on a Monday, *All Saints is not a holyday of obligation this year*. We will have Mass at 9 am that day *in the church*, and hope all will attend on this important day. Tuesday November 2nd, we will have two Masses to commemorate the dead. There will be a Mass at *9 am in the church* and another Mass at *7:30 pm in the chapel*.

## MASS INTENTIONS

### **Saturday, 23 October**

*Anticipated Mass for the 21st Sunday after Trinity*  
4:30 pm Judy Murphy + [Karen Lanetti]

### **Sunday, 24 October**

*The 21st Sunday after Trinity*  
8 am pro populo  
9:30 am Helen Tierney [Jane Slattery]  
11 am Mary Petry

### **Monday, 25 October**

*Feria*  
9 am Rev. Arthur Woolley + [Jane and Steve Lawrence]

### **Tuesday, 26 October**

*Feria*  
9 am James Hawkins + [Rosemary Coller]

### **Wednesday, 27 October**

*Feria*  
9 am Jane Slattery

### **Thursday, 28 October**

*Simon and Jude, Apostles*  
9 am Maria Lopez +

### **Friday, 29 October**

*Feria*  
9 am Tim Burnette +

### **Saturday, 30 October**

*Feria*  
10 am special intention [Rosemary Coller]  
*Anticipated Mass for the 22nd Sunday after Trinity*  
4:30 pm Lina Privitera + [Louise Lyon and family]

### **Sunday, 31 October**

*The 22nd Sunday after Trinity*  
8 am pro populo  
9:30 am Pat Alfredson + [Rosemary Coller]  
11 am Jose A. Trujillo, Jr.

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