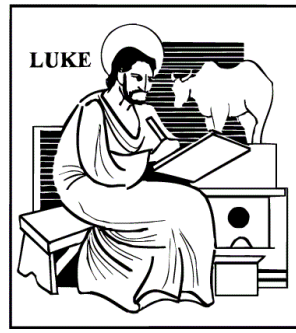
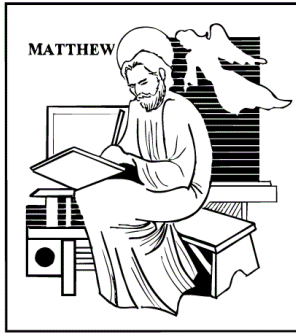


Breaking Open the Word



October 25, 2015 Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time Lectionary: 149 Gospel [Mk 10:46-52](#)

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.

Spiritual Reflection: The sad part in today's Gospel is that it is the followers of Christ who are trying to prevent Bartimaeus from coming to Christ. Are we preventing anyone from coming to Christ?

Spiritual Questions:

1. Why do you think the crowd was shunning Bartimaeus?
2. Name a time in which someone in the Church had tried to prevent you from coming to Christ?
3. How did you overcome that person?
4. Name a time in which you might have prevented someone from coming to Christ/
5. How can you bring more people to Christ?