

The Church's Calendar This Week

Sunday, October 24

30th Sunday in Ordinary Time

2nd Collection for World Mission Sunday

Masses at 6:00/8:00/10:00a/12:00/6:00p

Live-Streamed Mass at 10:00 a.m.

Cathedral closed after each Mass

Monday, October 25

Monday of the 30th Week in Ordinary Time

Masses at 6:30 a.m. and 12:00 p.m.

Cathedral closed after Mass

Tuesday, October 26

Tuesday of the 30th Week in Ordinary Time

Masses at 6:30 a.m. and 12:00 p.m.

Cathedral closed after each Mass

Wednesday, October 27

Feast of Ss. Simon & Jude

Sacrament of Reconciliation at 10:00 a.m.

Masses at 6:30 a.m. and 12:00 p.m.

Cathedral closed after each Mass

Thursday, October 28

Thursday of the 29th Week in Ordinary Time

Masses at 6:30 a.m. and 12:00 p.m.

Cathedral closed after each Mass

Friday, October 29

Friday of the 30th Week in Ordinary Time

Masses at 6:30 a.m. and 12:00 p.m.

Cathedral closed after each Mass

Saturday, October 30

Saturday of the 30th Week in Ordinary Time

Live-Streamed Mass at 7:00 a.m.

Sacrament of Reconciliation at 10:00 a.m.

Mass at 12:00 p.m.

Vigil Mass at 5:00 p.m.

Cathedral closed after each Mass

Sunday, October 31

31st Sunday in Ordinary Time

Masses at 6:00/8:00/10:00a/12:00/6:00p

Live-Streamed Mass at 10:00 a.m.

Cathedral closed after each Mass

Scripture Reflection

"What do you want me to do for you?" (Mark 10:51).

Stewardship of Treasure

Offertory Collection

10/11 – 10/17

Sunday Offering	\$ 5,889.14
Weekday Offering	\$ 791.51
Online Giving	\$ 2,789.38
Other Feasts & Solemnities	\$ 36.00
Total Offertory	\$ 9,506.03

Other Collection

Repair & Maintenance	\$ 617.70
Ohana in Christ	\$ 910.00
Catholic University	\$ 1.01
World Mission Sunday	\$ 25.00
Mass Intentions, Baptisms	\$ 1,735.00
Others (Gallery, Candles, Funerals, etc.)	\$ 971.00
Total	\$ 13,765.74

Living the Liturgy

- Ask someone you know what piece or writing or what film helps them trade tears for joy. Find a copy of the resource and keep it handy for the next time you need to transition out of a tearful period.
- Design a prayer service in which you and others can call out to Jesus like Bartimaeus. This Sunday's Gospel might be the centerpiece of the prayer in which everyone names that thing they most desire Christ to do for them and everyone else supports them in their prayer.
- Many people have old pairs of prescription eyeglasses that they're no longer using, while other people need glasses that they can't afford. Most people don't know that quite a few prescription lens franchises accept donated glasses for charity. Locate one in your community, ask your parish to host a "gift of sight" drive, and offer to transport collected glasses to the participating store.

Sharing the Faith

- God self-identifies as "father to Israel" (Jeremiah 31:9). Does your image of God encompass this identification, which was so pervasive in Jesus' own relationship with God? In what ways does the image of a father speak to you of God?
- If Jesus stood before you and asked, "What do you want me to do for you?" what would you say?
- What are your weaknesses, how does God strengthen you for the journey, and how can your vulnerability serve God?

Saint of the Week

Keep yourselves in the love of God and wait for the mercy of our Lord Jesus Christ that leads to eternal life. On those who waver, have mercy; save others by snatching them out of the fire; on others have mercy with fear, abhorring even the outer garment stained by the flesh. - St. Jude (d. 65 AD), Patron of desperate situations, Feast Day October 28.

October 24, 2021 – 30th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Exegesis on this Sunday's readings

Jeremiah 31:7-9 | Psalm 126:1-2, 2-3, 4-5, 6 | Hebrews 5:1-6 | Mark 10:46-52

We must ask for what we want and want what we ask for — in school, at work, in relationships, and even with God. Stated crisply, that seems an obvious truth; but oh, the games we play with ourselves and others, and even with God! Give me this, we say. Help me here. Then, nothing seems to happen. The letter of James, which we heard not so long ago on the Twenty-fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time, tells us that when we ask, we sometimes “ask wrongly” (4:3). Insincerity might be what’s wrong with our prayer, because sometimes we don’t really want what we ask for. The blind man’s sincerity, his longing for healing and his faith, get Jesus’ attention and, more importantly, the healing he genuinely desired. But could it have been otherwise? Could a “blind” person ask for “sight” insincerely? Of course! Darkness can become a comfortable place to hide. Change requires courage and faith. Lacking those, the status quo is better. Those who have battled addiction, for example, know how hard it is to really want to change.

Change is unsettling. Often, our greatest enemy in the struggle to change is ourselves. That’s the hard truth. But the good news is that we are never alone. It’s God who provides the grace, not us. Desire is needed, but it won’t work miracles by itself. God always steps in when invited. He tells us that he is our Father and we are his children. Jesus asks us the same question that he asks Bartimaeus: “What do you want me to do for you?” (Mark 10:51).

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Next Sunday’s Readings: “31st Sunday in Ordinary Time”

Deuteronomy 6:2-6 | Psalm 18:2-3, 3-4, 47, 51 | Hebrews 7:23-28 | Mark 12:28b-34

From the Rector’s Desk

Dear Cathedral Basilica Ohana,

Greetings of peace, love, and joy!

“Master, I want to see!”

Bartimaeus, a blind man, asks Jesus for his sight to be restored. Jesus in turn responds to his plea and heals him. This miracle story that we read or hear this Sunday relays to us a message for our reflection. His desire to be healed conveys to us our desire to be healed of our blindness. Blindness that is not physical but spiritual. Despite all the truth that Jesus has conveyed to his disciples and for all of us today, still we shut our eyes in accepting all what he has taught and called us to do.

The gift of sight is a tremendous gift from God. More often, we do everything to take care of our eyes so that we can have a clear vision. In reality, there are many of our brothers and sisters who have impaired eyesight. And many have even a clearer vision than anyone with those who have twenty-twenty vision. As such, they have better directions in life built on sound principles and moral values. They live a life filled with so much goodness because though physically blind, their lives are enlightened by Christ as they carry out Gospel values.

If we go back to the time when we were baptized, we received the light of Christ at our Baptism. We are called upon to walk in the light of Christ not in the light of darkness of sin. To be healed from our blindness is to live in fidelity on what the Lord has taught us. If we are enlightened by Christ, we see clearly the things that need to be changed, the works need to be done, and most especially, the life that we need to live. A life with a clear vision can direct our thoughts to be more concerned with the lives of those who are in need, and able to rebuild our world geared towards the Truth of Jesus Christ.

Let this Sunday’s story lead us to realize that we are blind in many ways. Let the words of Bartimaeus be our prayer in order to see once again what the Lord has in store for us not only in the next life but here and now.

Your friend in Jesus,
Fr. Pascual

Ohana in Christ

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