



The Path to Faith

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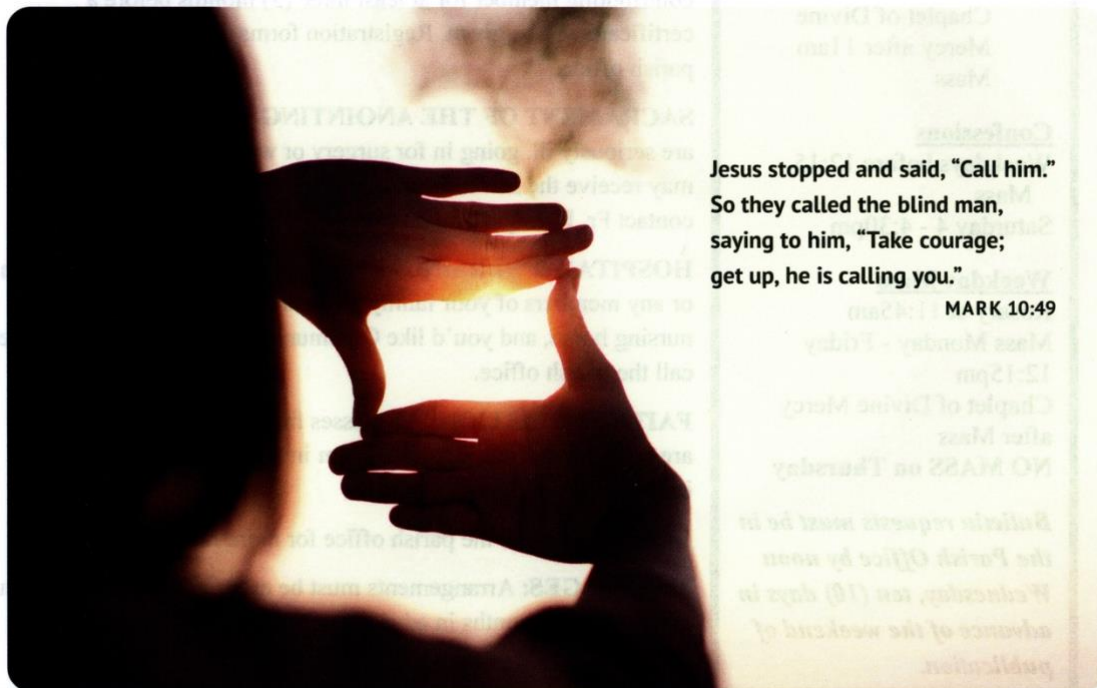
The story of blind Bartimaeus is an illustration of how we come to be people of faith. Like Bartimaeus, we may find ourselves helpless and on the side of life's road as we watch the world go by. And like him, we too then turn to God for help. Just as Jesus called Bartimaeus, we may sense that God is calling us to trust and surrender to his vision of life for us. Throwing aside the cloak that he would use to gather alms by the roadside, Bartimaeus comes to Jesus. That simple action displays his willingness to leave his old way of life behind in order to follow Jesus.

This is how we come to faith—we are given a glimpse of life from God's perspective and must trust

enough to cooperate with whatever God may bring our way. Such pivotal moments in life may come with the death of a loved one, the end of a relationship, or the loss of a job, when we need to trust that there is more to life in what lies ahead. Or it may come in those times when we need to learn how to cope with a lifelong illness, a failed dream, or growing old. It's all about how we come to faith—by trusting that God will bring us to new life, even though we may be blind to the ways he will bring it about. ●

Reflect

Have you ever experienced a hard ending that turned into a good beginning?



**Jesus stopped and said, "Call him."
So they called the blind man,
saying to him, "Take courage;
get up, he is calling you."**

MARK 10:49

Saint Benedict Catholic Church

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Parish Office Hours: 9:00am-2:00pm on Wednesday and Friday

PARISH MISSION STATEMENT: As the Roman Catholic Mother Church of Greensboro, St. Benedict's Parish mission, responding faithfully to Christ's call, is to bring all people closer to God through liturgy, fellowship, service, outreach, and works of charity.

Rev. James Duong, Pastor

Lynne McGrath, Secretary & Faith Formation Coordinator

Weekend Mass

Sat. Miraculous Medal

Novena at 4:45pm

Mass at 5:00pm

Sun. Mass at 8am & 11am

Chaplet of Divine

Mercy after 11am

Mass

Confessions

Weekdays before 12:15

Mass

Saturday 4 - 4:30pm

Weekday Mass

Rosary at 11:45am

Mass Monday - Friday

12:15pm

Chaplet of Divine Mercy

after Mass

NO MASS on Thursday

Bulletin requests must be in

the Parish Office by noon

Wednesday, ten (10) days in

advance of the weekend of

publication.

PARISH REGISTRATION: Welcome all new families and individuals. Membership is a condition for the reception of the Sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation and First Communion at St. Benedict, and for the parish to issue a sponsorship certificate for those asked to be sacramental sponsors. You must be a registered, contributing member for at least three (3) months before a certificate will be given. Registration forms are available in the parish office.

SACRAMENT OF THE ANOINTING OF THE SICK: If you are seriously ill, going in for surgery or weak from old age, you may receive the sacrament of the anointing of the sick. Please contact Fr. Duong if you desire to receive this sacrament.

HOSPITAL & NURSING HOME & SHUT-IN VISITS: If you or any members of your family are sick and, in the hospital, or a nursing home, and you'd like Communion brought to them, please call the parish office.

FAITH FORMATION: All classes from pre-K to high school are on Sundays from **9:15-10:30am** in the parish hall. For more information call Lynne McGrath.

RCIA: Please call the parish office for more information.

MARRIAGES: Arrangements must be made with a priest/deacon at least six (6) months in advance. Call the parish office for more information.

THIRTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - OCTOBER 27, 2024

For the U.S. Catholic Bishops:

May the Lord grant them strength to be holy shepherds in protecting
and leading their sheep.

MASS SCHEDULE

INTENTIONS

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|-------|-----------|---------|---|--------------------------|
| 10/26 | Saturday | 5:00pm | | For the Parishioners |
| 10/27 | Sunday | 8:00am | + | Gregory Brown |
| | | 11:00am | | The McGrath Family |
| 10/28 | Monday | 12:15pm | | Intentions of Father Duc |
| 10/29 | Tuesday | 12:15pm | | Room at the Inn |
| 10/30 | Wednesday | 12:15pm | | Eric Hofer |
| 10/31 | Thursday | 6:30pm | | Vigil – All Saints |
| 11/1 | Friday | 12:00pm | | All Saints Day |
| 11/2 | Saturday | 5:00pm | | For All Souls |
| 11/3 | Sunday | 8:00am | + | Rita Bliden |
| | | 11:00am | | For the Parishioners |

Keeping Our Military in Our Prayers

Kharll Skycer Villarin
Sgt. W.R. Williams III
Maj. Russel Henderson
Sgt. Bryanna Spade
Sgt. Kyle Spade
April Ducote
Aaron Gaither
Phillip Kiniery
Christopher Simmons
Kris Guffey
Jennifer Kmiecinski

Sick and Shut-In

Please remember our brothers and sisters
in your prayers and at Mass: Carol Camp,
Lynn Clay, Richard Collings, Virgil
Dotson, Martha Eakes, Tracy Edwards,
Bonnie McIntyre, Barbara Parsons,
George Pickett, Dan Popik, Cam Reitzel,
Luke & Heather Robinson, Manny &
Laura Rodrigues, Kim Snyder, Vivian
Speetjens, Marvin Tomlin Jr., Teresa Thu
Tran, Frank Williams, Beth Wilson,
Brian Wilson, Deborah Wilson, Jean
Wilson

WEEKLY COLLECTION

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|-----------------------|-------------|
| Weekly Offertory | \$ 4,029.00 |
| World Mission | \$ 1,657.00 |

**** There will be a second collection next weekend for the Maintenance Fund.**

THANK YOU!

MINISTER SCHEDULE: NOVEMBER 2 AND 3, 2024

| <u>MASS</u> | <u>LECTORS</u> | <u>E.M.</u> | <u>CANTOR</u> |
|-------------|-----------------|-----------------|---------------|
| 5 PM | Kim Garcia | Gloria Foley | Lori Hodges |
| 8 AM | David Kolosieke | Geoff Stephany | |
| 11 AM | Myra Vazquez | Bill McCutcheon | Choir |

REFLECTION



Today's Psalm says, "The Lord has done great things for us; we are filled with joy." Good stewards demonstrate by their living and giving that they understand God as the source of all they are and have.

LEAVE A LEGACY

Gifts of stock avoid capital gain tax. If you own appreciated stock, you may wish to consider giving the stock to St. Benedict's. You are able to deduct the full value of the stock, avoid the capital gain tax, and make a substantial gift to our parish. A good steward uses his or her assets in a way that does the most good. To make this tax-savvy gift, contact your broker or accountant, complete the stock transfer form, and submit to stockgifts@rcdoc.org

QUESTION OF THE WEEK:

What will I do this week to discern the way for me? What else do I want to see?



PARISH NEWS

**DIOCESAN
SUPPORT
APPEAL 2024**

ONE *Body in* **CHRIST**

DSA 2024 - DIOCESAN SUPPORT APPEAL We are now 10 months into the Diocesan Support Appeal campaign and *as of today 41 families have contributed*. We need each of you to help us reach our goal of \$28,753.00. Thank you.



MONTH OF THE ROSARY October is designated by the Catholic Church as the "Month of the Rosary" because in this month the Church celebrates Our Lady of the Rosary on Oct. 7. At St. Benedict's, the Rosary is prayed at 11:45 a.m. before each weekday Mass. Everyone is encouraged to pray the Rosary daily as an individual and especially as a family.

THIS FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 1 is the Feast of All Saints. *It is a Holy Day of Obligation*. The vigil Mass will be at 6:30pm Thursday. Friday's Mass will be at 12:00pm. It is also First Friday. We will have the Chaplet of Divine Mercy, Adoration and Benediction following 12:00pm Mass.

ALL SOULS DAY is next Saturday, November 2. The Book of Remembrance will be placed in front of the altar so that the names of our beloved deceased can be added and prayed for in a special way the month of November.

A Prayer for Life to Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament

O Jesus, you came that we might have *life*—and have it in abundance. Together with the Father and the Holy Spirit, you form us in our mothers' wombs and call us to love you for all eternity. As your most precious gift of human life is attacked, draw us ever closer to your Real Presence in the Eucharist. Dispel the darkness of the culture of death, for you are the light that shines in the darkness, and the darkness cannot overcome it.

By the power of your Eucharistic Presence, help us to defend the life of every human person at every stage. Transform our hearts to protect and cherish all whose lives are most vulnerable. For you are God, forever and ever. Amen.

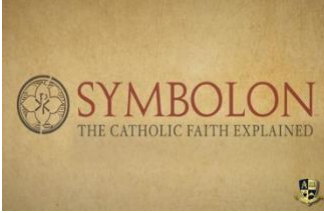
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Find more prayer resources at: respectlife.org/respect-life-mon

**REMINDER – Daylight Savings Time ends next weekend.
Remember to set your clocks back one hour on Sunday morning!**



NEEDED: We are in need of substitute catechists for Faith Formation and altar servers (adults and children) at all Masses. Please prayerfully consider helping with these ministries as a means of honoring God and giving back to our parish. Call Lynne McGrath in the parish office for more information.



SPIRITUAL ENRICHMENT FOR ADULTS continues each Sunday from 9:15 to 10:30 a.m. in the parish hall. This program will be beneficial for:

- Those wishing to become Catholic
- Those adults wishing to receive the sacrament of Confirmation
- Anyone who wants to learn more about the catechism

Symbolon: The Catholic Faith Explained is a systematic presentation of our Catholic faith. It will lead you through the "big picture" of the Catholic faith and our Creed is the guide. Symbolon brings together some of the most trusted Catholic teachers in the world to guide you through the breadth and richness of the Catholic faith.

This week's altar flowers were donated by the Nutt Family. Thank you!

This week we say HAPPY BIRTHDAY to:

Raul Garcia-Delgado (10/27), George Huber (10/28),
Jelyssa Ruiz-Sosa (10/31), Monse Espitia-Garcia (11/1)

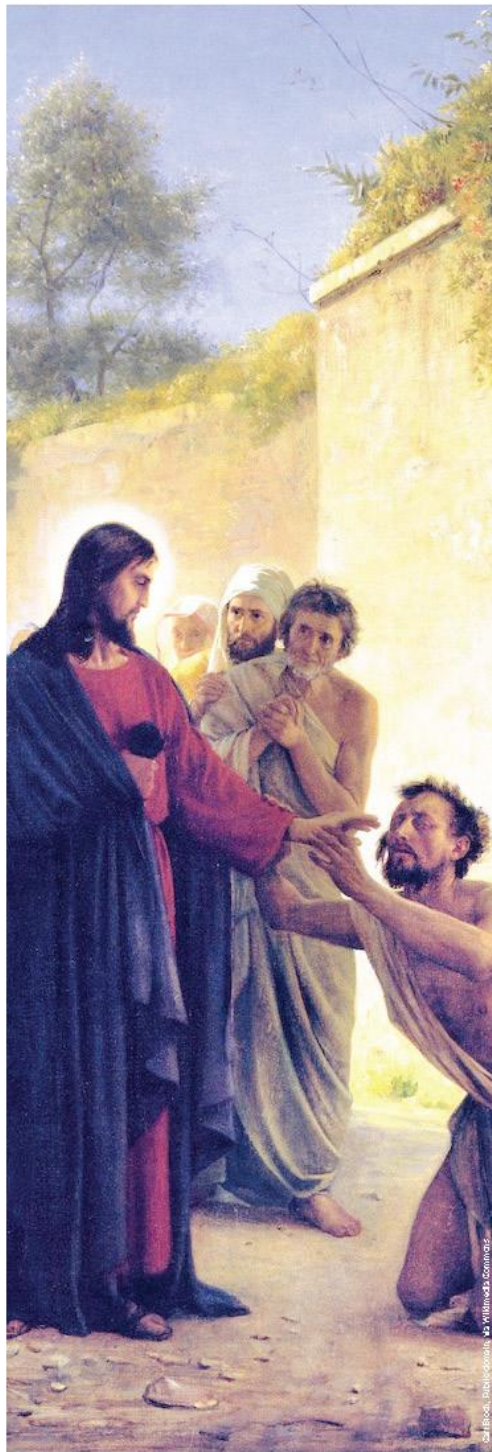


FAITH FORMATION NEWS

Faith Formation grades pre-K through high school
9:15 a.m. –10:30 a.m. Sundays in the parish hall

Today – In honor of All Saints Day, all Faith Formation youth are encouraged to come dressed as a saint. All children of the parish are invited to participate.





October 27, 2024

Written by
THE
FAITHFUL
DISCIPLE

Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Jer 31:7-9 | Heb 5:1-6 | Mk 10:46-52

GROW AS A DISCIPLE | PRAY, STUDY, ENGAGE, SERVE

Although today's Gospel recounts the healing of Bartimaeus' physical blindness, the story is a summons for each of us to be healed of our spiritual blindness. Spiritual blindness, an effect of sin, clouds our ability to perceive who we are and who God is. Paradoxically, Bartimaeus' spiritual eyesight is clear; he recognizes who Jesus is and he sees his own desperate need for Jesus' help. For us, however, sin acts like dust, obstructing our vision and preventing us from perceiving God's presence. We find it difficult to recognize God in other people and in the sacraments; and we likewise become incapable of perceiving ourselves as God sees us. If we wish to have our spiritual eyesight restored, we would do well to imitate Bartimaeus' humble, confident prayer: "Master, I want to see." Acknowledging our need before God and begging for his help, we invite him to heal our hearts, so that we, like Bartimaeus, may follow Jesus "on the way."

GO EVANGELIZE

PRAYER, INVITATION, WITNESS, ACCOMPANIMENT

Where can we seek the healing of our "spiritual sight"? We should look for it from the same person from whom Bartimaeus begged to be cured of his physical blindness: Jesus. But whereas Bartimaeus' encounter with Jesus took place amid noisy crowds of followers and curious onlookers, our most intimate relations with Our Lord take place in the quiet context of prayer and the sacraments. Above all, confession and Eucharistic adoration offer us opportunities to meet God and petition him for the cleansing of our hearts. In confession, we humbly acknowledge our need for conversion and invite God to heal us. In Eucharistic adoration, we approach Jesus with the faith of Bartimaeus, seeing past the appearance of bread and declaring that the consecrated host is indeed God himself. Through these eyes of faith, the Lord heals any blindness, and we can see "and [follow] him on the way."

PRAY Choose a regular time to take advantage of the two opportunities for healing we've discussed – confession and Eucharistic adoration. If you do not already go to confession regularly, consider making it a monthly commitment. Finally, set aside time this week to visit Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament, either in Eucharistic adoration or before the tabernacle in your church. Try visiting him weekly – and then watch how your time in his presence transforms you.

Dear Padre,

I am an eighty-year-old with painful knee replacements. Am I allowed to remain seated during Mass? Also, at what age am I free to watch a televised Mass at home instead of going to Mass?

Your health condition permits you to remain seated while others in the congregation kneel or stand. Of primary importance is your valued presence, and your full, active participation with fellow members of your Catholic faith community. At Mass, “the faithful form a holy people...so that they may give thanks to God and offer the unblemished sacrificial Victim not only by means of the hands of the Priest but also together with him...” (*General Instruction of the Roman Missal*, 95).

However, if someone is incapable of attending Mass, then the obligation is abrogated, regardless of age. The Church allows a televised Mass primarily for people who are homebound, in hospitals, nursing homes, and prisons. “The televised Mass is never a substitute for the Church’s pastoral care for the sick in the form of visits by parish ministers who share the Scriptures and bring Communion, nor is it ever a substitute for the Sunday Mass celebrated within a parish faith community each week” (*Guidelines for Televising the Liturgy*, USCCB, 2014). If you are unable to be present at Mass, you have an opportunity to identify with a worshiping community, hear the word of God, be moved to expressions of praise and thanksgiving, and unite with Christ in spiritual communion. ●



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Fr. Byron Miller, CSsR / DearPadre.org

| Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday | Saturday | Sunday |
|-------------------------------------|----------------------------|--------------------------|----------------------------|--|---|---|
| October 28 | October 29 | October 30 | October 31 | November 1 | November 2 | November 3 |
| <i>Ss. Simon and Jude, Apostles</i> | <i>Weekday</i> | <i>Weekday</i> | <i>Weekday</i> | <i>All Saints</i> | <i>Commemoration of All the Faithful Departed (All Souls)</i> | <i>Thirty-first Sunday in Ordinary Time</i> |
| Eph 2:19–22 Lk 6:12–16 | Eph 5:21–33 Lk 13:18–21 | Eph 6:1–9 Lk 13:22–30 | Eph 6:10–20 Lk 13:31–35 | Rv 7:2–4, 9–14 1 Jn 3:1–3 Mt 5:1–12a | Wis 3:1–9 Rom 6:3–9 Jn 6:37–40 | Dt 6:2–6 Heb 7:23–28 Mk 12:28b–34 |



FIZKES / SHUTTERSTOCK

A WORD FROM POPE FRANCIS

Jesus hears [Bartimaeus'] plea. When he goes to him... he takes time to listen. This is the first step in helping the journey of faith: listening. It is the apostolate of the ear.... For Jesus, the cry of those pleading for help is not a nuisance but a challenge. How important it is for us to listen to life!

HOMILY, ROME, OCTOBER 28, 2018