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# ASK EVERYTHING OF JESUS, WHO CAN DO EVERYTHING

THIRTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - OCTOBER 27, 2024

The Gospel of today's Liturgy tells of Jesus who, when leaving Jericho, restores the sight of Bartimaeus, a blind man begging by the roadside (cf. Mk 10:46-52). It is an important encounter, the last one before the Lord's entry into Jerusalem for the Passover. Bartimaeus had lost his sight, but not his voice! Indeed, when he heard that Jesus was about to pass by, he begins to cry out: "Jesus, Son of David, have mercy on me!" (v. 47). And he shouts and shouts. Annoyed by his shouting, the disciples and the crowd rebuke him to make him be quiet. But he shouts even louder: "Son of David, have mercy on me!" (v. 48). Jesus hears, and immediately stops. God always listens to the cry of the poor and is not at all disturbed by Bartimaeus' voice; rather, he realises it is full of faith, a faith that is not afraid to insist, to knock on the door of God's heart, despite not being understood and being reproached. And here lies the root of the miracle. Indeed, Jesus says to him: "Your faith has made you well" (v. 52).

Bartimaeus' faith is evident from his prayer. It is not a timid and standard prayer. First and foremost, he calls the Lord "Son of David": that is, he acknowledges Jesus as the Messiah, the King who would come into the world. Then he calls Him by name, confidently; "Jesus". He is not afraid of Him, he does not stay at a distance. And thus, from the heart, he shouts out his entire drama to God, his friend: "Have mercy on me"! Just that prayer: "Have mercy on me"! He does not ask for some loose change as he does with passers-by. No. He asks for everything from the One who can do everything. He asks people for loose change; he asks everything from Jesus who can do everything. "Have mercy on me, have mercy on all that I am". He does not ask for a grace, but presents himself: he asks for mercy on his person, on his life. It is not a small request, but it is very beautiful because it is a cry for mercy, that is, compassion, God's mercy, his tenderness.

Bartimaeus does not use many words. He says what is essential and entrusts himself to God's love which can make his life flourish again by doing what is humanly impossible. This is why he does not ask the Lord for alms, but makes everything be seen — his blindness and his suffering which was far more than not being able to see. His blindness was the tip of the iceberg ; but there must have been wounds, humiliations, broken dreams, mistakes, remorse in his heart. He prayed with his heart. And what about us? When we ask for God's grace, do we also include in our prayer our own history, our wounds, our humiliations, our broken dreams, our mistakes and our regrets?

"Jesus, Son of David, have mercy on me." Let us, too, recite this prayer today. Let us repeat it and ask ourselves: "What is my prayer like"? Let each of us ask ourselves: "What is my prayer like"? Is it courageous, does it contain the good insistence of Bartimaeus, does it know how to "take hold" of the Lord as he passes, or is it rather content with making a formal greeting every now and then, when I remember? Those lukewarm prayers that do not help at all. Furthermore, is my prayer "substantial", does it bare my heart before the Lord? Do I take my story and life experience to him? Or is it anaemic, superficial, made up of rituals, without feeling and without heart? When faith is alive, prayer is heartfelt: it does not beg for spare change, it is not reduced to the needs of the moment. We must ask everything of Jesus, who can do everything. Do not forget this. We must ask everything of Jesus, with my insistence before Him. He cannot wait to pour out his grace and joy into our hearts; but unfortunately, it is we who keep our distance, through timidity, laziness or unbelief.

Many of us, when we pray, do not believe that the Lord can work miracles. I am reminded of the story — which I have seen — of the father who was told by the doctors that his nine-year-old daughter would not survive the night; she was in hospital. And he took a bus and travelled 70 kilometres to the Shrine of Our Lady. It was closed and, clinging to the gate, he spent the whole night praying: "Lord, save her! Lord, give her life"! He prayed to Our Lady all night long, crying out to God, crying out from his heart. Then in the morning, when he returned to the hospital, he found his wife weeping. And he thought: "She is dead". And his wife said: "No one understands, no one understands, the doctors say it's a strange thing, she seems to have healed". The cry of that man who asked for everything was heard by the Lord who had given him everything. This is not a story: I saw this myself in the other diocese. Do we have this courage in prayer? Let us ask everything to the One who can give us everything, like Bartimaeus, who was a great teacher, a great teacher of prayer. May Bartimaeus, with his genuine, insistent and courageous faith, be an example for us. And may Our Lady, the prayerful Virgin, teach us to turn to God with all our heart, confident that he listens attentively to every prayer.

**Viernes Primero del Mes** (1 de Noviembre): El Santísimo Sacramento se expondrá para adoración silenciosa después de la Misa de 12:00 pm hasta las 2:00 pm y nuevamente de 5 a 7p.m.

A las 6 de la tarde se tendrá una Hora Santa, que concluirá con la Bendición con el Santísimo a las 7pm.

Mientras el Santísimo esté expuesto, se ofrecerá el sacramento de Reconciliación.

**Rosario meditado:** Se ofrecerá por todos los difuntos el sábado 2 de noviembre a las 6:15 p.m.

**Celebración del día de los Fieles Difuntos / Día de los Muertos:** En el salón parroquial habrá un Altar de Muertos que se podrá visitar después de las Misas del fin de semana del 2 y 3 de noviembre. El domingo después de la Misa de 11AM, se venderá Pan de Muerto, nachos y elote/maíz en vaso. Habrá actividades para niños y adultos.

### **El Arte de la Escucha - padre Pablo Voisin**

Escuchar es un arte. Al igual que otros hábitos buenos, la escucha activa requiere tiempo, práctica y voluntad. Escuchar a Dios implica no sólo el uso de la mente: hace falta también el corazón y nos lleva a la obediencia auténtica, produciendo muchos frutos buenos en nuestra vida. El padre Pablo nos guiará a crecer en el arte de la escucha: a Dios, a la iglesia, a los demás y a uno mismo. Esta actividad será el *domingo 10 de noviembre de 2 a 5pm.* en el salón parroquial.

### **ENGLISH SCHEDULE**

#### ***Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time***

Saturday, October 26 **5:00 PM**

+Fr. George Stortz +Nicola Scarfone

Sunday, October 27 **9:00 AM**

For All Parishioners Living & Deceased

Tuesday, October 29 **11:00 AM**

+Fr. George Stortz

Wednesday, October 30 **NO MASS**

Thursday, October 31 **11:00 AM**

Friday, November 1 **11:00 AM**

+Fr. George Stortz

+Family Deceased members of Dewan & Prendergast

#### ***Thirty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time***

Saturday, November 2 **5:00 PM**

+Edward Yutronkie +William & Stella Dombroskie

Sunday, November 3 **9:00 AM**

For All Parishioners Living & Deceased

### **HORARIOS EN ESPAÑOL**

#### ***XXX Domingo del Tiempo Ordinario***

Sabado 26 de octubre **7:00 PM**

+Donato Kuan

Domingo 27 de octubre **11:00 AM**

Domingo 27 de octubre **1:00 PM**

Por la Comunidad Parroquial

Martes 29 de octubre **12:00 PM**

Acción de Gracias por cumpleaños Agnes Córdoba

Miércoles 30 de octubre **NO HAY MISA**

Jueves 31 de octubre **12:00 PM**

+Cesar Martinez Maldonado

Viernes 1 de noviembre **12:00 PM**

#### ***XXXI Domingo del Tiempo Ordinario***

Sabado 2 de noviembre **7:00 PM**

Domingo 3 de noviembre **11:00 AM**

Domingo 3 de noviembre **1:00 PM**

Por la Comunidad Parroquial

**Food Drive:** St. John's Catholic Women's League will be hosting a food drive the weekends of October 26 & 27, and November 2 & 3 to help support our St. Vincent De Paul Society. There will be bins in the narthex of the church for your donations and if you're not sure what to donate, things like peanut butter, dry goods, pasta & pasta sauce, dish soap, laundry soap are always needed.

**First Friday of the Month**, November 1<sup>st</sup> Eucharistic Adoration will start at 10am, concluding with Benediction before the 11am Mass.

### **Day of Spirituality**

St. John's Catholic Women's League Day of Spirituality, *Saturday, November 9*, in the parish hall. Gather at 9:30 a.m. for coffee and refreshments. Guest Speaker 10:00 a.m. Rev. Deacon Moices Caballero speaking on "Make Your Life a Daily Eucharist". The morning ends with Midday Prayer and Adoration upstairs in the church. All are welcome to attend, including men. For further information, contact Wende Bedirian 226-972-0342 or [wendebedirian@gmail.com](mailto:wendebedirian@gmail.com)