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**HAVE MERCY**

This story of Jesus’ encounter with Bartimaeus is a favorite of children, and should also be one of the favorites of adults. When our oldest son was about three years old, we had been reading Bible story books to him regularly. He was more familiar with the story of blind Bartimaeus than we realized. At a room packed family reunion he had a profusely runny nose. After urgently calling to his mom for a tissue several times without getting her attention he proclaimed, “Mommy, have mercy on me, my nose is running!” He had learned the lesson well, that a cry for mercy did not go unheeded with Jesus, and he expected that it would not go unheeded with his mom either.

But as adults we are more like the multitudes that followed Jesus than like Bartimaeus. He was physically blind, knew it, and knew that only God’s mercy would be able to meet his need. The multitude was equally blind in a spiritual sense as they so clearly demonstrate later in Jesus’ life and ministry by turning their back on him and consenting to his crucifixion. But they were oblivious to who Jesus was and unaware of their spiritual blindness, not knowing their condition, and not humble and needy enough to plead for mercy. Similarly, we often stumble our way through life not recognizing our own blindness.

Jesus’ response to Bartimaeus should give us great hope, and his response stands out in great contrast to the many who surrounded him and blind Bartimaeus. They all heard Bartimaeus’ cry but from many the response was a verbal rebuke to be silent and not disturb Jesus, or them, with his pitiful condition. Jesus on the other hand not only heard Bartimaeus with his ears but he also heard him with his heart. Jesus always hears us. Jesus always will hear the lone voice in the crowd crying out for help.

No doubt in all of his years of blindness, Bartimaeus had spent much time contemplating his condition. I doubt if he ever really expected to be healed of his blindness, but when Jesus passed by he must have realized that this person was different. His call for mercy this time was not the ordinary beggars cry for spare coins, but genuine awareness that this “prophet” was purported to really heal people. So out of his need he called out in faith and hope, “Son of David, have mercy on me!” And we know the rest of the story.

Jesus is still asking us, “What do you want me to do for you?” In John’s gospel he says, “Ask and you shall receive that your joy may be complete.” Do we believe that Jesus really wants us to ask? Do we believe that he really cares enough to answer? Do we care enough, to ask for the proper things and avoid the mistake of which James speaks, asking and not receiving “because you ask wrongly, to spend it on your passions.” (James 4:3) I must confess it is easy to lose sight, if you’ll pardon the pun, of who Jesus is and of who we are in him. It is easy to lose sight of the privilege we have to bring our needs to him. And as Francis de Sales explains, Jesus is always present to hear our cry: “Although faith assures us of his presence, yet because we do not see him with our eyes we often forget about him and behave as if God were far distant from us. We really know that he is present in all things, but because we do not reflect on that fact we act as if we did not know it. This is why before praying we must always arouse our soul to explicit thought and consideration of God’s presence... Therefore, when you prepare to pray you must say with your whole heart and in your heart, ‘O my heart, my heart, God is truly here!’”

Emmanuel Journey Reflections

Bishop of the Diocese

Most Reverend Gerard Bergie, D.D.

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Rev. Father Christopher Gerard Gillen P.P.

Diocesan Social Justice Rep

Sunday Masses

Saturday 5:00 pm

Sunday 10:00 am

Weekday Masses

Tues, Thurs & Fri @ 9:00am

Wed @ 6:30 pm

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

To be Re-scheduled

Reconciliation/Confessions

Sat 4:00—4:30 p.m. or on request

Baptism

Catechesis and appointment necessary

Marriage

Contact the parish office

Sacrament of the Sick

Please call the office

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Ministry Schedule—Nov 3/4

Hospitality Ministers

5:00 pm - Dos.seh & Claudette S

10:00 am - Helen & Andy Lipiec

Altar Servers

5:00pm - Needed

10:00 am - Needed

Children's Liturgy

Next Hospitality Sunday

November 4th

October 28, 2018

The 30th

Sunday in

Ordinary

Time

Lectors

5:00 pm #1 - Katrina Shields

#2 - Tom Shields

10:00 am #1 - Andrew Steger

#2 - Caroline Steger

Extra-ordinary Eucharistic Ministers

5:00 pm - Tom S. & Yolanda B.

10:00 am - Nick, Victoria & Marcel

Stewardship Counting

Sandy J. & Beth D.



# October 28, 2018

## The 30th Sunday in Ordinary Time - Year b



*Lord, may the request of your people  
rise before you like a fragrant offering*

Monday	Oct 29	****Clergy Study Days****
Tuesday	Oct 30	****Clergy Study Days****
Wednesday	Oct 31	****Clergy Study Days****
Thursday	Nov 1	<b>All Saints Day</b> 9:00 am +In memory of all the past Benefactors of St. Martin's
Friday	Nov 2	<b>All Souls Day</b> 9:00 am +For the repose of all the souls in the Book of Remembrance 12:00 pm +For the repose of all the souls in the Book of Remembrance 6:30 pm +For the repose of all the souls in the Book of Remembrance
Saturday	Nov 3	<b>The 31st Sunday in Ordinary Time</b> 5:00 pm +For the repose of the soul of Andy Wirth +For the repose of the soul of Florentina Pereira
Sunday	Nov 4	10:00 am For the special intentions of St. Martin's Parish family

### ST. MARTIN CATHOLIC ELEMENTARY

#### **SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION**

Wednesday, November 28, 2018 at 7:00 pm

#### **FIRST RECONCILIATION**

Tuesday, December 11 & 18, 2018  
7:00 pm

#### **PARENT MEETING**

Thursday, November 15 at 7pm in the Church

### PARISH DISERNMENT GROUP V

Next Parish Team Meeting is  
Saturday November 17, 2018 - 9:30 am to 12 noon

At Gethsemane Centre Wellandport.

### PARISH MEETINGS

Tuesday, November 6th—7:00 pm  
Thursday, November 15—7:00 pm

### REMEMBRANCE OF OUR LOVED ONES

November is a privileged month that the Church all over the world unites in "Prayers for the Repose of the Souls" for our loved ones who have passed on. If you wish to have your loved one's name written in the **Book of Remembrance**, which will be kept at the altar for daily prayers and Masses throughout November, please fill out the **All Souls Offertory Envelope** and drop it in the collection basket or drop it off at the parish office before the end of October.

**We will be having 3 Masses on All Souls Day at 9:00 am, 12 noon and 6:30 pm.**

### PRIEST STUDY DAYS

October 29th to 30th  
Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday  
No celebration of weekday Masses for those dates.  
Sorry for the inconvenience.

### SEPARATED AND DIVORCED HEALING MINISTRY

The Diocesan SEPARATED AND DIVORCED HEALING MINISTRY support group monthly meetings are held on the second and fourth Mondays from 7pm to 9pm at Mount Carmel Spiritual Centre, 7020 Stanley Ave. Niagara Falls. For a pamphlet or information:

Call 905-356-4113 or 905-684-0154 or email [separatedanddivorced@saintcd.com](mailto:separatedanddivorced@saintcd.com)

No preregistration required.

November Topics are:

- Nov 12: Pastoral Care
- Nov 26: Sadness and Depression

### ANNULMENT FACTS AND MYTHS

Fr. Ben Weber and Margaret Jong, canon lawyers from our diocesan Marriage Tribunal, will discuss true facts and false claims about Catholic marriage annulment. The presentation will be offered once in each deanery, and is open to anyone interested in applying for an annulment of learning about annulments and the ministry of the Marriage Tribunal. For more information, call 905-687-8817 or email [tribunal@saintcd.com](mailto:tribunal@saintcd.com).

All meetings are 7pm to 8:30pm.

For the Haldimand Deanery our parish will be host on Thursday, November 8, 2018. Parish Events Group (PEG) will be providing refreshments and preparing the hall for this diocesan/deanery gathering.

Thank you.

### PARISH WEEKLY BIBLE STUDY

We would like to once again start a weekly Bible Study on Thursday mornings following the 9 am Mass. The study material is quite simple and relates to the Liturgical Readings for the Upcoming Sunday. Refreshments and treats are offered in making it a time of encounter and fellowship as well as learning.

If you would be interested in attending, please call Marg Van Geest at: 905-957-2803 in the next week or so. Thank you, Marg.

### CHRISTMAS URN WORKSHOP

St. Martin's CWL is hosting a Christmas Urn Workshop on Wednesday, November 21 from 6:00 - 9:00 pm in the parish hall. All ladies are welcome. Please sign up after mass or contact Helen for more information at 289-956-0148 by November 4 or before class fills up.

Approximate cost \$40.00.