



The Path to Faith

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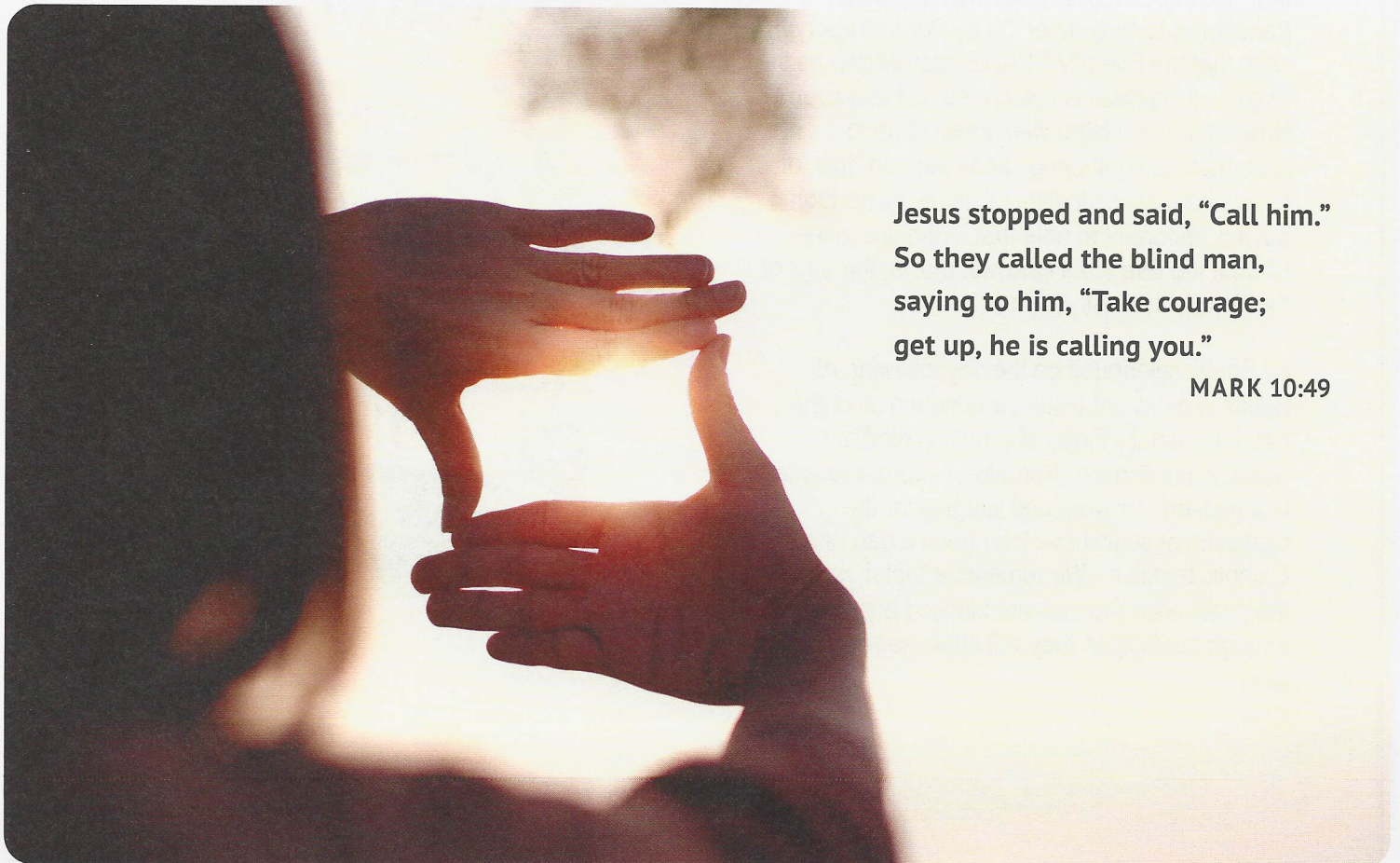
The story of blind Bartimaeus is an illustration of how we come to be people of faith. Like Bartimaeus, we may find ourselves helpless and on the side of life's road as we watch the world go by. And like him, we too then turn to God for help. Just as Jesus called Bartimaeus, we may sense that God is 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

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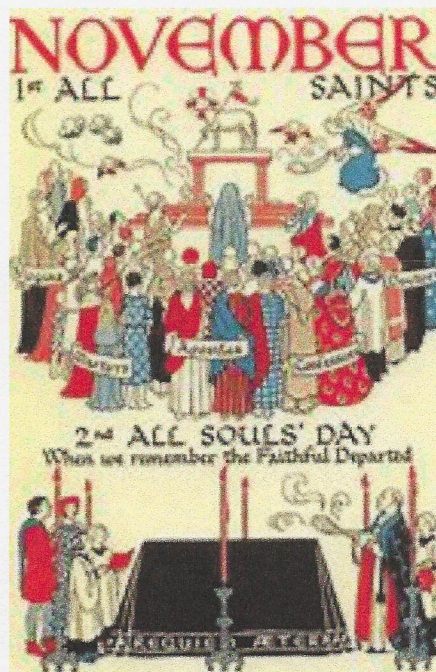
During November Catholic Christians remember their deceased loved ones in a special way. The month begins with the Solemnity of All Saints on Friday, November 1st. In general this liturgical celebration is a Holy Day of Obligation in the United States. The following day, November 2nd, is the Commemoration of All the Faithful Departed, also known as All Souls Day. These two celebrations at the beginning of the month set the tone for Catholic Christians in the respect shown our beloved deceased loved ones.

Although millions of people may already be saints, All Saints Day is a focus on the known saints, those recognized in the canon of the saints by the Roman Catholic Church. All Saints Day was established by Pope Boniface IV on May 13, 609. This holy day was eventually transferred to November 1st by Pope Gregory III. Note that the Eve of All Saints, also known as the Eve of All Hallows, is celebrated as Halloween. Now often associated with dressing up in costumes and gathering candy through "trick or treat," the day has lost its religious association, but it is important to note that it remains in the Church the Eve of All Hallows, that is, the Vigil of the Solemnity of All Saints.

All Souls, celebrated on the day following All Saints is a day set aside for honoring all of the dead, especially those who having died are awaiting purification (Purgatory) in order to enter into heaven. Prayers and liturgies for the cleansing of souls have long been a part of our Catholic tradition. We remember that those in the purification process are blessed because through purification they will attain heavenly glory.

Although these two special liturgical celebrations focus on our beloved dead, the entire month is a time of remembrance and of prayers for them. Many churches have a Book of Remembrance in which we are allowed to write the names of all our deceased loved ones so that they can be remembered at mass during the month. At the core of both celebrations is the realization that God, having created us in love, desires that we be with him forever in eternity.

From Father Ken



My Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Time flies – the Thirtieth Week in Ordinary Time is here. We celebrate the Feast of Saints Simon and Jude, both Apostles, during Mass on Monday. On Friday we celebrate All Saints Day, which is a Holy Day of Obligation. The Celebration of the Faithful Departed (All Souls Day) is on Saturday during our First Saturday Mass at 9:00 AM.

On Friday November 1st, we will have the Solemnity of All Saints Day. As mentioned above, it is a Holy Day of Obligation. The Mass will be celebrated at 9:00 AM. Adoration and will be offered during Mass. Confessions will be heard from 10:15 AM until 11:30 AM and again from 6:00 PM to 7:00 PM.

During the First Saturday 9:00 AM Mass on November 1st, we will commemorate all our Faithful Departed (All Souls). Saint Odilo of Cluny established this memorial in 980 and it was accepted by Rome in the Thirteenth Century. It calls us to reflect on the fragility of life and the inevitability of death. It encourages empathy and a sense of connection with those who have gone before us. It is a time to remember the impact they had on our lives and to be grateful for their presence. Please remember to sign names of your deceased loved ones in the Book of Remembrance on the table at the front of the Chapel. If you wish to bring a picture of your loved one, place it on the table next to the Book of Remembrance. Our Faithful Departed will be prayed for during all November Masses.

This coming weekend is Pack the Pantry Weekend. The Pantry is in need of canned fruits: peaches, apricots, etc. Thanks for your continued generosity.

Special acknowledgment and thanks goes out to Julie Miller and her team for putting on our first Catholic Chapel-sponsored SFV Picnic last Sunday. All participants enjoyed the food, fellowship, games, and music.

Please fill out the Chapel Record Forms available at the entrance to the Chapel. We are updating our records for those attending Chapel services. Note that on the bottom of the form is a listing the variety of ministries in

which you can you can volunteer to serve. Please give your completed forms to Cat in the office or deposit them in the “Suggestion Box” at the entrance to the Chapel.

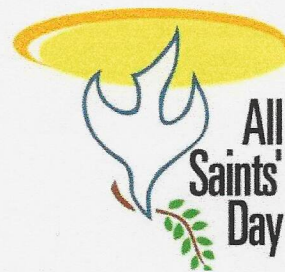
This coming month of November is a special time to remember the deceased. Many Catholics traditionally focus on visiting the graves of their deceased friends and loved ones.

The Catechism states:

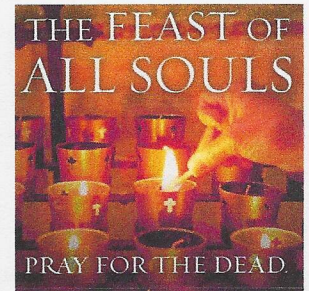
The dying should be given attention and care to help them live their last moments in dignity and peace. They will be helped by the prayer of their relatives, who must see to it that the sick receive at the proper time the sacraments that prepare them to meet the living God (2299).

May Christ's will be done on earth as it is in heaven.

*God Give You Peace
Mike Pierson*



Friday November 1st
Holy Day of Obligation



Saturday November 2nd

Mass Intentions	
<u>Oct. 27, 2024</u>	SFV Catholic Chapel Community
<u>Oct. 28, 2024</u>	Repose of the Soul of Deacon Ricardo Chavez By Deacon Howard Herring
<u>Oct. 29, 2024</u>	Father Bob Strittmatter
<u>Oct. 30, 2024</u>	Repose of the Soul of Sudi Regan By Bill Ruzicka
<u>Oct. 31, 2024</u>	Repose of the Soul of Mabel Groh By Jim Groh
<u>Nov. 1, 2024</u>	SFV Catholic Chapel Community All Saints Day Holy Day of Obligation
<u>Nov. 2, 2024</u>	Celebration of All SFV Residents with November Birthdays (First Saturday 9:00 AM Mass)
<u>Nov. 2, 2024</u>	Repose of the Soul of Bill Miller By Mel & Julie Miller (5:00 PM Vigil Mass)

Dear Padre,

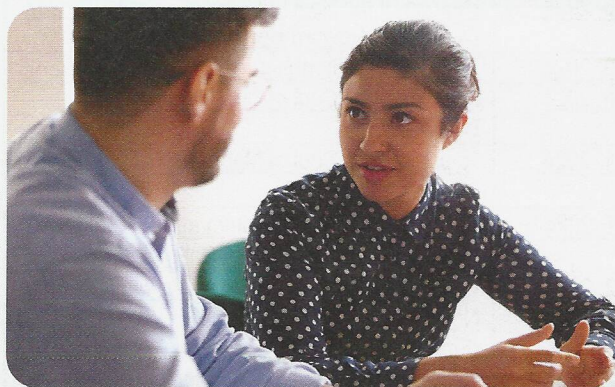
I am an eighty-year-old with painful knee replacements. Am I allowed to remain seated during Mass? Also, at what age am I free to watch a televised Mass at home instead of going to Mass?

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. ●

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>Sts. 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



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!

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