



October 27, 2024

Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Respect Life Month Continues

Building Faith @ HOME

1st Reading - Is 53:10-11

Responsorial Psalm - Ps 33:4-5, 18-19, 20, 22

Second Reading - Heb 4:14-16

Gospel - Mk 10:35-45

In Mark 10:46-52, the story of Bartimaeus highlights the importance of both hearing and seeing in following Jesus. Bartimaeus, a blind man, hears that Jesus is passing by and calls out to Him with faith. Though blind, he recognizes Jesus as the one who can heal him. Jesus then calls for Bartimaeus, and the disciples relay the message, "Take courage: get up, Jesus is calling you." In response, Bartimaeus throws aside his cloak and moves toward Jesus. After being healed, Bartimaeus gains his sight and follows Jesus on the way. This passage shows the deep connection between hearing Jesus' call and receiving the clarity of sight to follow Him. Hearing signifies the openness of the heart, while sight represents the ability to follow the path of discipleship that Jesus sets before us. Both senses work together in the spiritual journey, leading to faith and action.

Family Table Talk

Why is it important to listen for Jesus in our lives, just like Bartimaeus did?

When have you felt that Jesus was calling you to do something good? How did you respond?

What would you say if Jesus asked you, "What do you want me to do for you?"

October 28

Feast of Saints Simon and Jude, Apostles
Learn about these apostles here.

bit.ly/Sts-Simon-and-Jude



Prayer inspired by Sts. Simon and Jude

O God,
who by the blessed Apostles
have brought us to know you more,
graciously grant, through the intercession
of Saints Simon and Jude,
that the Church may constantly
grow in unity and joy.
Amen



30th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Jesus
And
Bartimaeus



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Three things to know about Halloween

Vigil - A night to prepare for the celebration of the Communion of Saints. (All Hallow's Eve)

Offerings of kindness and prayer in the world.
(History of Trick or Treating)

Remembrance and prayer for those deceased.
(Votive Candles in carved pumpkins)



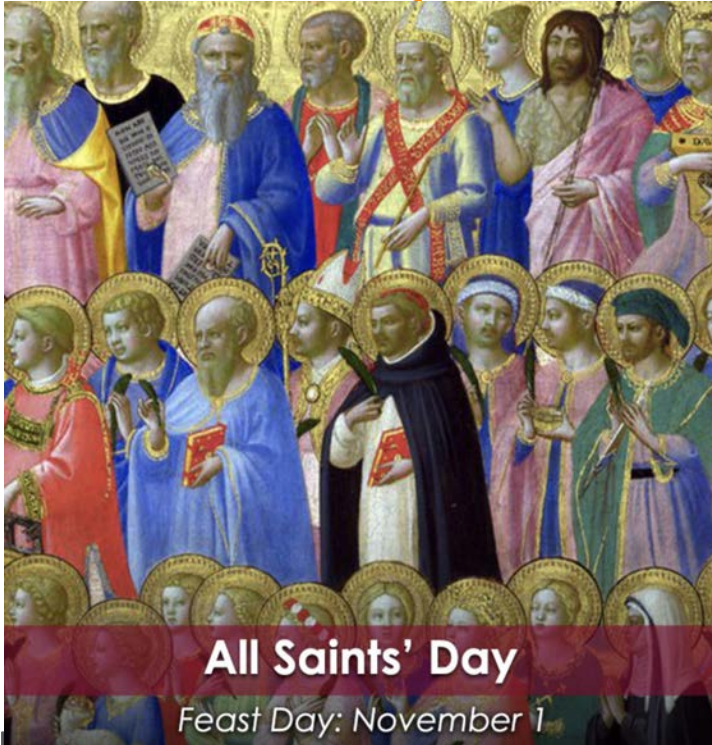
Learn more about these roots of Halloween at the following website



bit.ly/Roots-of-Halloween



More Faith Builders!



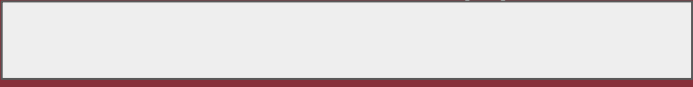
All Saints' Day

Feast Day: November 1

On All Saints' Day, the Church commemorates the communion of saints in a special way. The commemoration of All Saints' Day stems from a belief that there is a powerful spiritual bond between those in heaven, and the living. All Saints' Day celebrated the saints of the Church, both those that are well-known and those unknown. The day has been celebrated in some capacity since at least the 4th century. All Saints' Day is a Holy Day of Obligation, meaning Catholics are required to attend Mass.

AT HOME:

Who is your favorite Saint? Use the website below to learn more about some popular saints.



Meet the Saints!

For younger members of the family, visit MyCatholicKids to read a very short story about selected saints and download a coloring sheet.

bit.ly/Saints-for-kids



For older members of the family, try this quiz to see which saint is most like you!

bit.ly/My-Patron-Saint



LOOK in Church for this:



The Book of Remembrance

From All Soul's Day through November, church's display the Book of Remembrance. The Book of Remembrance is often used in churches to remember and pray for those who have died. People can write the names of their loved ones in this book, and during Mass or special prayers, the community can pray for them.

Look for this book in your church. As a family, add the name(s) of those loved ones who have died and say a prayer for them.

"Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them.

May their souls and the souls of all the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace.
Amen."



Cooking with Faith! Soul's Cakes



Soul cakes are small round cakes that are made for *Halloween*, *All Saints' Day* and *All Souls' Day* to commemorate the dead. They are flavoured with baking spices and currants and have a deep cross cut into the top of them. They are fun to make – get the children involved as they will love cutting the crosses into their All Saints Day cakes. Here is a simple recipe for your family. Try it!



bit.ly/Soul-Cake-Recipe