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THIRTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME ~ OCTOBER 27, 2024

WEEKEND MASS TIMES

Saturday, Nov. 2 (All Souls) - 6:00 - St Joseph - ♥*For the Faithful*

Sunday, Nov. 3 - 9:30 a.m - St. Agnes Hall - †*Wilfred & †Elizabeth Bouchie*
- 11:00 a.m. - Star of the Sea Vestry, Canso - †*Eddie Garcia*

WEEKEND MASSES: This weekend will be the last Mass in St. Vincent de Paul, Queensport, till the Spring of Next Year. Masses will continue in St. Agnes Little Dover but with a revised schedule for the Winter Period.

WEEKDAY SCHEDULE: No weekday Masses this week.

COMMEMORATION OF ALL THE FAITHFUL DEPARTED: (All Souls) will be celebrated at St. Joseph Church, Saturday, November 2 at 6:00 p.m. **Please advise the parish who will be representing your family if you have received a letter.** An invitational letter has been sent to family members of deceased parishioners who have been buried in our parish cemeteries.

MEMORY TREES - November 2nd - Sunday, January 12, 2025. Minimum donation will be \$5.00 and a loved one's name will be written on a ball. Donations will be deposited to the parish of your choice. Memorial cards are available in the entrance of the Church.

COMMUNION CALLS - Available when requested, please contact the parish office.

REFLECTION ON TODAY'S READINGS:

Expect To Receive What You Pray For ~ It is indeed fascinating to know that the blind man was not spiritually blind! He was able to recognize Jesus and what he could do for him. All the other people with Jesus saw this blind man as a habitual beggar, and so they all thought that he was going to ask Jesus for alms. Alms he asked for but not with the hands or lips but with his faith, and Jesus immediately responded to him, saying, "Your faith has healed you". Faith connects us to God, and it makes us the recipient of the power of God. The blind man healed by Jesus is asked to go his way, and surprisingly, he chooses to follow Christ. A true God experience keeps us always with Him, and His ways become our ways. We who have sight and claim to have faith either fail to recognize Jesus or are too embarrassed to call out his name. Let us have the courage to acknowledge Jesus and shout his name so that we too may hear Jesus telling us, "Your faith has saved you".

SUNDAY COLLECTIONS - THANK YOU!

Star of the Sea (24)	400.00
Loose	10.00
Evangelization of Nations (4)	52.00
St. Agnes (14)	170.00
Loose	10.00
Evang of Nations (1)	10.00
St. Joseph (16)	300.00
Loose	5.00
St. Vincent de Paul (5)	105.00
Loose	10.00

THANK YOU to Councillors Fin Armsworthy (Dist 8) and Dave Hanhams (Dist 4) for their support in achieving donations of \$500.00 to Star of the Sea and \$300.00 to St. Vincent de Paul from MODG . It is much appreciated.

STAR OF THE SEA NEWS

Free items - a microwave and a microwave stand, located in the vestry of Star of the Sea Church.

Property/Finance Committee - will meet Tuesday, November 5 at 6:15 p.m. We need members for this committee.

Ministries Schedule, November 3

Lector - Paul Smith

Cleaners - Oct 27 - Nov 2 - Harry Delorey

Grocery Prize Bingo Profit was \$786.00, thank you so very much, we appreciate your support.

Trivia Night - will be held Saturday, November 16 at 7:00 p.m. at Canso Hazel Hill Fire Hall. Pre-register with a committee member. Looking for donations of homemade pizza for this event, participants love homemade pizza.

Ticket Sale - a grocery certificate from the Canso Coop. Tickets are available from committee members November 1.

ST. AGNES NEWS

Fall Fun Day - realized a profit of \$4,001.00! Just amazing, this will give the bank account a much needed boost! A huge thank you to the organizers, those who donated and those who helped in any way. **Thank you so much!**

NOTES

The gift shop at Mother of Sorrows Pioneer Shrine in Mabou, Cape Breton is now open seven days a week as follows: Mon to Sat - 10am to 4pm; Sunday - 11am to 5pm. The Shrine is open daily for visitation. For inquiries 902-945-2221
The Mother of Sorrows Pioneer Shrine is a place of prayer and devotion, of piety and faith, a Catholic Shrine which welcomes visitors of all faiths and interests. Become a "Friend of the Shrine", enroll a friend as a gift or "In Memory" of a loved one. Our goal is \$50,000. "We need your help"

Women's Cursillo weekend November 7-10 Camp Bretondean. For more info 902-317-5425

Healing Mass - Nov. 30, 2:30 pm; Our Lady of Grace Monastery. With Fr Albert MacPherson, 940 Monastery Rd., Monastery

He Really Wants to Know

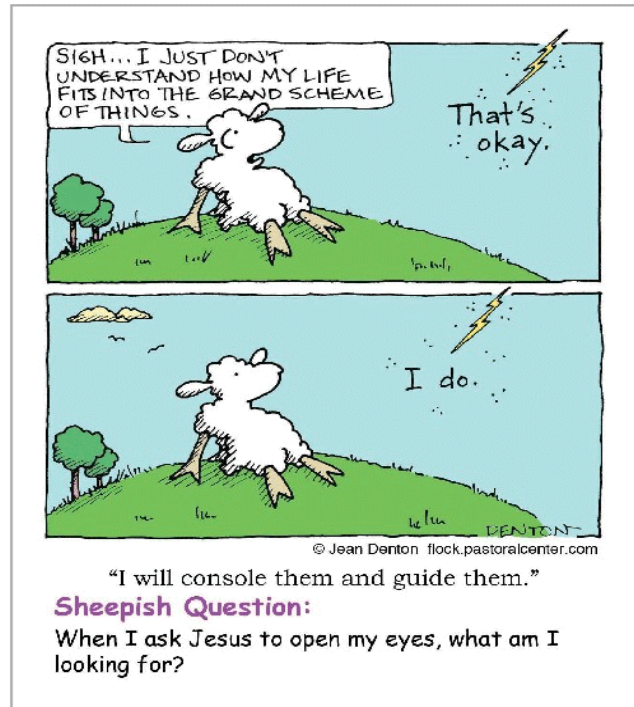
This Week's Readings at Mass

- ▶ Jeremiah 31:7-9 - The restoration
- ▶ Hebrews 5:1-6 - Jesus, the high priest
- ▶ Mark 10:46-52 - The blind Bartimaeus

In the middle of the Gospel reading today, Jesus asks Bartimaeus the question “What do you want me to do for you?” It was the exact same question he asked James and John in the reading we heard last week. In that story, the two brothers responded that they wanted to be seated in places of honor at Jesus’ right and left hand.

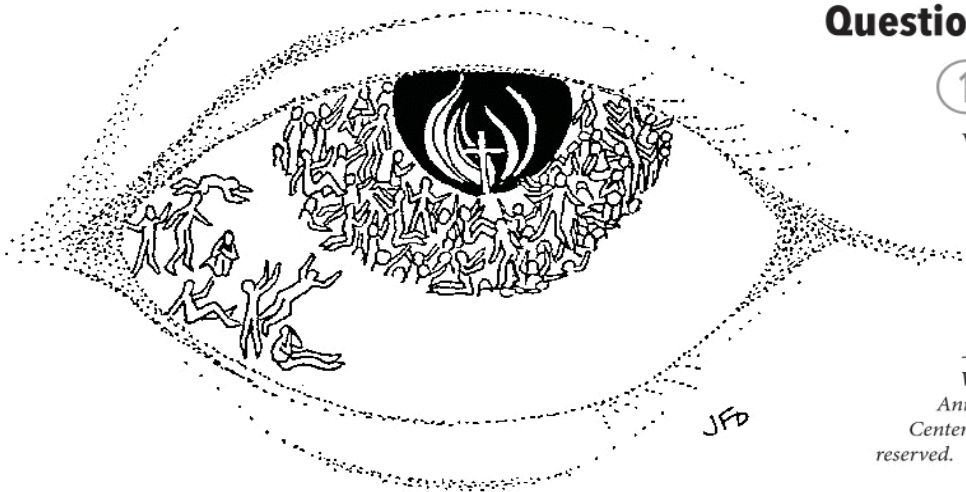
However, when Jesus asks Bartimaeus the question, Bartimaeus answers simply, “Master, I want to see.” In the next moment, Jesus grants his request and tells him “Go your way; your faith has saved you.” Interestingly, Bartimaeus did not “go on his way.” Instead, he followed Jesus “on the way” which would entail much suffering to come.

It is easy to overlook Jesus’ question to the apostles last week and to Bartimaeus here: “What do you want me to do for you?” The idea that Jesus is interested in us individually and personally and that he invites us to ask for what we want is hard for many of us to accept. Often, people think that it is selfish to pray for themselves, so they only pray for others. Or they assume that there’s no need to ask because God al-



ready knows what they want. This story suggests the opposite.

We believe that God knows what we want and need before we ask for it *and* we believe our God is a relational God, so why wouldn't he want us to ask for what we want? At other times Jesus told his followers that God wants to give us good things and we should pray for them (e.g. “Ask and you shall receive” and “Give us this day our daily bread”). Bartimaeus took Jesus’ question seriously. Do we?



Questions of the Week

- 1 Do you ever ask God directly and openly for what you want? Why or why not?
- 2 If Jesus asked you today “What do you want me to do for you?” what would you answer?

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