

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

Monday, October 28, 2024

- 7:30 AM Eileen Hendrikson
- 12:30 PM Timothy Gill
- 7:30 PM Spanish Intentions

Tuesday, October 29, 2024

- 7:30 AM Caterina & Nicolo Mircovich
- 12:30 PM Antonio Fernando Barbosa

Wednesday, October 30, 2024

- 7:30 AM Joseph & Frieda Cantileno
- 12:30 PM Rick Matthews (Living)

Thursday, October 31, 2024

- 7:30 AM Antonio & Maria Josefa da Fonseca
- 12:30 PM Maria & Antonio Cirne
- 5:00 PM Nugent J. Cantileno

Friday, November 1, 2024

- 7:30 AM John de Almeida
- 12:30 PM Boland-Murphy Family
- 7:00 PM Michael Peppard

Saturday, November 2, 2024

- 12:30 PM All Souls
- 5:00 PM Catherine Hogan
Ana Santos
Grasa Martinho
Patrice DeStefano
Antonio Fernando Barbosa
Chuck Carney

Sunday, November 3, 2024

- 7:00 AM John Oxios
- 8:30 AM Portuguese Intentions
- 10:00 AM Josephine & Stephen Petrowski
- 11:30 AM People of the Parish
- 5:00 PM Spanish Intention
- 7:00 PM Katherine & Joseph Maksanty

PRIEST CELEBRANTS' SCHEDULE

Saturday, November 2, 2024

- 12:30 AM Fr. Ngozi (All Souls Day)
- 5:00 PM Fr. Malcolm

Sunday, November 3, 2024

- 7:00 AM Fr. Malcolm
- 8:30 AM Fr. Milciades
- 10:00 AM Fr. Ngozi
- 11:30 AM Fr. Ngozi
- 5:00 PM Fr. Tomaz
- 7:00 PM Fr. Malcolm

(Schedule is subject to change)

STEWARDSHIP CORNER

Sharing Time, Talent and Treasure

“And Jesus said to him, ‘Go your way; your faith has made you well.’ And immediately he received his sight and followed him on the way.” - (MARK 10:52)

Faith is believing in something even though you may not be able to physically see it. Many people think that miracles don't happen anymore. This is hard, but try to focus on the positive and not the negative things in your life. When you focus on your blessings instead of your hardships, miracles will seem common. You will see God's active presence in your daily life. You will begin to develop an attitude of gratitude.

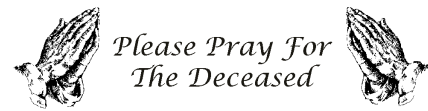
- October 20th Actual Collection = \$8,630**
- October 20th Mail-In Donations = \$974**
- October 20th Electronic Donations = \$515**
- October 13th Total Collection = \$10,119**
- Attendance = 1,103**
- World Missions Collection = \$3,690**



CMA Numbers for 2024

- Goal = \$95,900**
- Pledges = \$38,105 Payments = \$36,910
- Donors = 148 Average = \$257

Thank you to all the families who already have made a sacrificial gift. Please consider a yearly offering.



Souls in Purgatory



Friday 1 November
(Holy Day of Obligation this year)

Mass schedule
Thursday October 31 at 5:00 PM
Friday 1 November 7:30 AM, 12:30 PM & 7:00 PM



Saturday 2 November

Mass schedule
12:30pm

All Souls Day is when we remember all those loved ones that have gone to be with the Lord. Please write the names of your deceased loved ones on the All Souls envelopes you received in the mail. There are additional envelopes by all the doors of the Church. We will keep these names on the Altar and by the Tabernacle for the whole month of November.



Mass of Anointing of the Sick
Misa de unción de los enfermos
Missa de unção dos enfermos

Sunday November 17, 2024
11:30 AM Mass

Please mark in your calendars the date of Sunday 17 November at the 11:30 AM Mass, when we will celebrate the “Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick” for all those parishioners in need; the aged, the infirmed, those with serious medical or addiction issues, and those facing upcoming surgery are all welcome to receive the Sacrament of the Sick.

Corpus Christi Knights of Columbus Council 2502
& Columbiettes **FOOD DRIVE**
Sunday November 10th from 8:00 AM – 1:30 PM



The Corpus Christi Knights of Columbus Council 2502 and the Columbiettes kindly ask for your support of our Annual Food Drive. This food drive will help benefit the food pantries of Corpus Christi and St. Aiden’s churches. The Food drive will be held on Sunday November 10, 2024 from 8:00am to 1:30pm. The location for the drive will be the Corpus Christi garage. We ask you to donate any non-perishable items to the garage on that date for the less fortunate in our communities during the holiday season.



"A Catholic Daughter is charity in action. She offers her time and talents for the betterment of mankind. She gives rather than receives and expect no 'bouquets' for her charitable deeds while doing the work of her Divine Master through His Blessed Mother." Author Unknown.

This quote speaks volumes as to who we are internationally, and in particular, as Court Immaculata #444, in our parish. We welcome all women of faith to join us at our next business meeting on Thursday, November 14, 2024, in FitzGerald Hall. Come and explore what we do as a Catholic organization. There need not be a commitment on your part, but what better way for you to get to know us. We look forward to welcoming YOU. Please contact Gloria Sullivan, Regent, 516.580.2491 for more information.

THANK YOU FROM PARISH OUTREACH



All of us in Parish Outreach wish to thank those parishioners who donated or attempted to donate blood at our Blood Drive held last Sunday.

We collected 41 pints of blood and blood products which will be used to help cancer patients, burn and accident victims, cardiac and emergency surgery patients, sickle cell anemia patients & mothers and babies post-delivery when needed.

There is no substitute for human blood; it can't be artificially made. Patients requiring a blood transfusion rely solely on the kindness and generosity of volunteer donors to provide them with this life-saving gift. In the United States, more than 15 million pints are transfused each year. One pint of blood can save 3 lives. Due to your generosity in rolling up your sleeves, your donations helped 123 people!!!!

It is deeply gratifying to see that we, members of Corpus Christi, The Body and Blood of Christ, responded to this vital need and embodied our parish motto, ***You Together are My Body.***

Our next blood drive will be Sunday March 2nd, 2025. It starts at 7:30am and ends at 1:30pm, in Fitzgerald Hall. Please consider donating and help save lives!





Religious Education

Sunday, Oct. 27, 2024 **9:30 AM** Gr. 3-4 (*Safety lesson*)
10:00 AM Class Mass

Tuesday, Oct. 29, 2024 First Communion *Teacher* Meetings

Wednesday, Oct. 30, 2024 First Communion *Teacher* Meetings

Thursday, Oct. 31, 2024 *No classes-All Hallow's Eve*

Sunday, Nov. 3, 2025 **9:30 AM** Gr. 5-6 (*Safety Lesson*)
10:00 AM Class Mass

Congratulations to the following volunteers in the Religious Education Program who were honored at St. Agnes Cathedral on October 24th.

Mother Cabrini Award

Mrs. Lois Basile
 Ms. Carmen Velazquez

St. John Paul II

Mrs. Virginia Scheidel

St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Award

Mrs. Paula Hartlett
 Mrs. Pat Moyett

St. Joseph Award

Mr. Jim Crennan
 Mrs. Deborah DaSilva

St. Pius X Award

Mrs. Deyaniris Mercado
 Ms. Kelen Rosier

Junior Lectors

10:00 AM Mass

Sunday, October 27, 2024 **Kylie Cunha and Michael Marketti**

Sunday, November 3, 2024 **Michael Perro**

Sunday, November 10, 2024 **Diana Lima and Alcina Lima**



**BLESSING BAGS ARE AVAILABLE
IN THE LOBBY OF THE CHURCH**



Actual Blessing Bag

Help **BLESS** our Parish Outreach guests' tables with your generous offerings.

This Thanksgiving please
Adopt a Family
and pick up a Blessing Bag with an attached shopping list.

Fill the bag and return it to the Church or Outreach Office by
Sunday, 11/24/24

*Outreach hours: Mon-Fri 9AM-3PM



What does it mean to form my conscience?

Catholics have a long tradition of engagement in the public square. Sometimes that engagement requires making difficult moral decisions that impact our own lives and those of others. Our conscience can help guide the decisions we make. The Second Vatican Council guides us: “Always summoning [one] to love good and avoid evil, the voice of conscience can when necessary speak to [one’s] heart more specifically: do this, shun that” (*Gaudium et Spes* 16). However, our conscience doesn’t just come to us when we are born. We must work throughout our lives to form it through prayer, learning, and conversation.

How do I form my conscience?

It takes time to form our consciences so that we can make well-reasoned judgments about particular, real-life situations. The Church teaches that it is important to work continually on conscience formation so we can be prepared to make decisions whenever the opportunity arises. Some specific ideas to form your conscience are:

- 1) Begin by **being open to the truth** and what is right.
- 2) **Study Sacred Scripture** and the **teaching** of the Church.
- 3) **Examine the facts** and **background information** about various choices and be discerning in where we gather information.
- 4) **Prayerfully reflect** to discern the will of God (*Forming Consciences for Faithful Citizenship*, no. 18).

Additionally, it is important to consider how our community of faith can help us form good consciences through some of these steps:

- 1) Seek the **prudent advice** and **good example** of trusted leaders and others to support and enlighten our conscience.
- 2) Learn about the **authoritative teaching** of the Church.
- 3) Pray for the **gifts of the Holy Spirit** to help us develop our conscience.
- 4) Regularly partake in an **examination of conscience** to hear God’s voice in your life.¹

Doing the work of forming our consciences can seem daunting. Fortunately, we have many church teachings that can help us in this important task. *Forming Consciences for Faithful Citizenship* is an important resource for U.S. Catholics and helps us prayerfully reflect on how we can apply Church teaching in our civic life. “Conscience is not something that allows us to justify doing whatever we want, nor is it a mere “feeling” about what we should or should not do. Rather, **conscience is the voice of God resounding in the human heart**, revealing the truth to us and calling us to do what is good while shunning what is evil.”²

Here are some questions for further reflection:

1. When has my conscience guided me to “do good and avoid evil”?
2. What are some key resources I can use to form my conscience?
3. Forming conscience is a “lifelong task.” What do I do to *regularly* form my conscience? What more should I do?

¹ Catechism of the Catholic Church (2nd ed.). Washington, DC: Libreria Editrice Vaticana—United States Conference of Catholic Bishops (USCCB), 2000, no 1777

² USCCB. *Forming Consciences for Faithful Citizenship*. Washington, DC: 2015, no. 17



Announcement for All Masses - October 26 – 27

Proposal One - Ballot initiative to amend the NY State Constitution

Dear Brothers & Sisters in Christ:

As you may know, on the back of this year's general election ballot, you are asked to vote regarding a proposed amendment to the New York State Constitution.

Known as "Proposal One," if approved, this amendment would make it illegal under the New York State Constitution for any institution, public or private, to discriminate against an individual based upon such person's so-called "gender identity" or "gender expression."

The creation of a new constitutional right based upon gender identity and expression would have far-reaching negative implications for Catholic parishes, schools and health care facilities, as well as for secular institutions such as local and youth sports teams, gyms and restaurants.

The amendment contains broad and vague language that is supposed to prevent discrimination based upon "reproductive healthcare and autonomy." These terms could be read by courts to require Catholic health care facilities to perform abortions because the refusal to do so could be construed as a form of illegal discrimination against a person's "reproductive autonomy."

The religious liberty of the Church is, therefore, directly threatened, as this proposal could be used to force Catholic institutions to employ persons, or to engage in practices, that are manifestly contrary to the Church's teachings. Failure to adhere to these practices will expose our parishes, schools and hospitals to lawsuits for unconstitutional discrimination.

I ask you to visit the diocesan website, drvc.org, to read Bishop Barres' letter on Proposal One and to view a short video of his recent remarks on the matter.

In union with all the bishops of New York, Bishop Barres asks that all of us inform our consciences on this issue. Proposal One is a threat to our religious liberty and should be voted down in this year's election.

Corpus Christi Parish

BABY BOTTLE CAMPAIGN TO BENEFIT LIFE CENTER OF LONG ISLAND

The Baby Bottle Campaign to benefit the Life Center of Long Island will be completed with collection of the filled bottles on the weekend of:



NOVEMBER 9TH & 10TH

Please continue to say the prayer attached to the bottle.

Thank you for your continued prayers and financial support. Be assured it is making a **BIG, POSITIVE DIFFERENCE** with the mothers and fathers served by our pregnancy care centers!

Our Lady of Fatima

Nossa Senhora de Fatima

Nuestra Senora de Fatima

We are thankful for Our Lady appearing to the three shepherd children in Fatima. We are also very grateful to the people who come to be part of this very special Mass and procession and those who always work tirelessly to make this celebration so beautiful!



Somos gratos pela aparição de Nossa Senhora aos três pastorinhos em Fátima. Somos também muito gratos às pessoas que vêm fazer parte desta missa e procissão tão especiais e aos que sempre trabalham incansavelmente para tornar esta celebração tão bonita!



Rosary Altar Society

The Rosary Altar Society Membership Meeting is on Monday, October 21, 2024, in a private home in Mineola at 6:30 PM for light refreshments. Please call the number below for the address and additional information. The Rosary will be said at 7:15PM. The Ladies of the Corpus Christi Rosary Altar Society would like to extend an invitation to those women of the parish who have a special devotion to our Blessed Mother's Rosary. We also would like to extend an invitation to those women who would like to learn about the Rosary and how to incorporate the Rosary into your daily life. In this Month of Our Lady, the need for the Rosary is self-evident. New members are always welcome. For further information call Carol at 516 456 8823 or Lisa at 516 770 8201.



The Rosary Altar Society extends an invitation to our fellow parishioners to join us:

October 26, 2024

5:00 PM Mass

INVESTITURE of new members

INDUCTION of new officers

REDEDICATION of MEMBERS

Members are asked to sit in the right front pews.



DIOCESE OF ROCKVILLE CENTRE
OFFICE OF THE BISHOP

September 23, 2024

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

At this year's general election, New York voters will decide whether to approve a proposed amendment to the State Constitution. Officially known as "Proposal One", the amendment would add new language to the State's version of the "Bill of Rights" that, if approved, could insert gender ideology into child and adult sports, schools, hospitals, and even our churches.

The proponents of Proposal One refer to it as the "Equal Rights Amendment" and claim that the amendment is intended to protect the right to access an abortion. Proposal One, however, does nothing to ensure "equal rights" nor does it have anything to do with the legality of abortion in New York.

Since 1938, the State Constitution has guaranteed the right to the equal protection of the laws and has barred discrimination against any individual by a public or private institution based upon "race, color, creed or religion." Now, eighty-five years after the adoption of the Constitution's prohibition on discrimination, the State Legislature has discovered that we need an "Equal Rights Amendment" that ensures a "right" to an abortion in New York.

New York's abortion laws are already among the most permissive in the nation. Proposal One does nothing to alter the abortion laws or to further liberalize them. In fact, the word "abortion" does not appear anywhere in the proposed amendment. New Yorkers who vote in favor of Proposal One because they believe it will provide additional legal guarantees related to abortion are victims of a misleading campaign that masks the true purpose of the amendment.

Voters need only to read the language set forth in Proposal One to learn its actual purpose and to discern its potential for harm. While they will find no mention of abortion, voters will discover that, if adopted, Proposal One would prohibit discrimination based upon "gender identity" or "gender expression." This language would transform the laudable and longstanding anti-discrimination article in the State Constitution into a legal weapon that would force institutions across the state—public and private, religious, and secular—to accommodate the most radical forms of gender ideology.

Under this language, for example, a CYO girls' basketball team, or a local girls' soccer club, could be forced to allow a biological male to participate on the team if he wishes to do so because of his "gender expression." To bar such a person from the team would constitute an act of illegal discrimination.

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The same language can be employed against health clubs, public and private schools, restaurants, and other public places to mandate that these institutions open their bathrooms and locker rooms to anyone, regardless of biological sex, based upon an individual's "gender identity." To restrict access to a bathroom or locker room according to biological sex would be another form of unconstitutional discrimination.

Furthermore, Proposal One would undermine the bedrock religious liberty protections that the State Constitution is supposed provide for Catholic parishes, schools, and hospitals, as well as for the religious institutions administered by other faiths. The amendment would expose a church or school to a lawsuit if, for example, it refused to hire a "transgender" catechist or dismissed an employee for the promotion of notions about gender that are antithetical to Church teaching. A teacher could demand to be called by a "preferred pronoun", as could any student, regardless of age. A refusal to adopt this sort of language regime would violate the Constitution.

Catholic hospitals that do not perform gender-related surgeries could be sued for illegal discrimination against people who wish to express their gender identity through a medical procedure.

Supporters of Proposal One dismiss these concerns as far-fetched fearmongering. Yet they cannot offer any other plausible application of the language in the amendment. Unlike proposals in other states that were designed to limit the power of a state legislature to regulate access to abortion, Proposal One never mentions abortion, nor does it expressly restrict the power of the State Legislature to pass laws related to abortion. Instead, the amendment adds a "word salad" of terms to the State Constitution that would turn the shield of anti-discrimination protection into a sword that can be used to pierce religious and secular institutions in order to impose, by force of law, a gender ideology that voters have never endorsed.

New York's Constitution has, for nearly a century, expressly prohibited discriminatory practices. Proposal One does nothing to enhance the universally accepted principle of equality before the law. Proposal One is, instead, a deceptive effort to impose an ideological agenda upon the State disguised by popular and inoffensive rhetoric about "equal rights" and by appealing to voters who believe the state's abortion laws are at risk of change. But, to paraphrase the Gospel, by its language you shall know it. The words of Proposal One reveal its true intent and the effects it would have if adopted.

New Yorkers who do not wish to see the State Constitution used to implement a harmful gender ideology that would reach into nearly every facet of ever day life, from sports to schools, from bathrooms to gyms to hospitals—even into churches, synagogues and mosques—must vote "NO" on Proposal One.

Sincerely in Christ,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "John O. Barres". The signature is written in a cursive style with a cross at the beginning.

Most Reverend John O. Barres
Bishop of Rockville Centre



Please remember the sick in your daily prayers, including the following who have asked to be included in our list:

Connie Altvater, Aurora Antunes, Armandina Araujo, Vinnie Benedetto, Violeta Bernal, Anne Boland, Diane Bombardi, Erin Burke, Marie Byrnes, Jeanne Carroll, Jackson Carvalho, Michael Castalino, Frank de Carolis, Sue Citro, Emmanuel Colon, Joann Cornacchioli, James Cunney, Jerry Daraio, Kate Donovan, Virginia Fallon, Laurie Fefta, Lilly Fuentes, Anne Gallagher, Kenneth Gallagher, Elba Garcia, Vanessa Gomes, Filomena Iavarone, Sue Krebs, Pat Kober, Diane LaBianca, Joseph LaBianca, Lorraine Liquy, Vincent Lodato, Christine Lucivero, Augustus & Camella Lodato, Jason Lopes, Thomas Mitchell, Susan O'Brien, Gabriel Palhete, Linda Pires, Charles Procaccini, Dennis Radovic, Elizabeth Rose, JoAnn Russo, Mary Santucci, Robert Santucci, Ann Schwarz, Victoria Sheridan, Lisa Simeone, Lucy Elena Sivorichi, Paul Tubito, Lorraine Verdade, and any other members of our parish who are sick at this time.

MEMORIAL MASS AND COMMUNION BRUNCH

The Nassau County Knights of Columbus will hold its annual Memorial Mass for Deceased Members on Sunday, October 27th at 10:00 am in St Martin of Tours Church (220 Central Ave, Bethpage, NY 11714). The main celebrant of this Mass will be Most Reverend Andrzej Zglejszewski. A Communion Brunch will be held following Mass at the Hardigan House (517 Central Ave, Bethpage). The main speaker for the breakfast is Msgr. Jim Vlaum, President & CEO of Catholic Faith Network. Brunch (including Bloody Marys and Mimosas) is \$ 35 per person. For reservations (by October 21st) contact Rich Carl at (516) 306-7540 or via email at rpc121047@gmail.com.



An Unlikely Optimist

Although Bartimaeus was blind, Jesus stayed where he was and let the blind man come to Him. If he really wanted to be cured, he would find a way to get to Jesus.

It was obvious that the man was blind, and yet Jesus asked him “What do you want me to do for you?” The man had to clearly name his problem, and do so himself. If one of us needs to be cured of something, whether blindness, alcoholism, depression or any addiction, then we need to come to Jesus and tell Him what’s wrong. We need to NAME it. Of course he knows our needs, and yet he says “Ask and you will receive.” “Your heavenly Father will surely give to those who ask.”

Bartimaeus’s words were simple and uncomplicated. There was no long speech, no haggling or wheedling. “I want to see” was his direct reply. And Jesus told him that his faith had healed him. Rightly, this blind man knew that Jesus would not turn away from the cry of the poor. He threw aside his old cloak, got up, and ran to Jesus. The old cloak may be a symbol for his past, his darkness, his despair. He made an act of hope-filled faith, and Jesus did not disappoint him. He was clear about what he wanted, and knew who could help him. That’s why Bartimaeus has a lesson for us all.

The St. Vincent de Paul Corpus Christi Conference is temporally suspended due to a long awaited and necessary reorganization. We will no longer be accepting requests for assistance.

On behalf of all the members of our Conference I would like to thank all of our parishioners for all of your support throughout the years.

Last weekend you donated \$671 and filled the large SVDP truck to the tune of 3000 lbs. of clothing! Thank you, and may God continue to bless this generous Parish!

*Jim O’Keefe,
Past-President*

Español

DOMINGO XXX DEL TIEMPO ORDINARIO



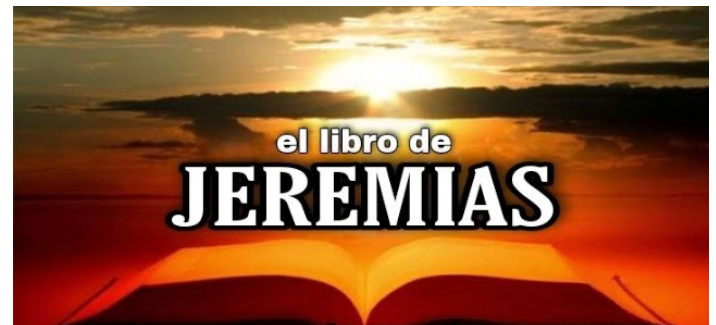
EVANGELIO: SAN MARCOS 10, 46-52

En aquel tiempo, al salir Jesús de Jericó en compañía de sus discípulos y de mucha gente, un ciego, llamado Bartimeo, se hallaba sentado al borde del camino pidiendo limosna. Al oír que el que pasaba era Jesús Nazareno, comenzó a gritar: *“Jesús, hijo de David, ten compasión de mí!”* Muchos lo reprendían para que se callara, pero él seguía gritando todavía más fuerte: *“Hijo de David, ten compasión de mí!”* Jesús se detuvo entonces y dijo: *“Llámelo”*. Y llamaron al ciego, diciéndole: *“Ánimo! Levántate, porque él te llama”*. El ciego tiró su manto, de un salto se puso en pie y se acercó a Jesús. Entonces le dijo Jesús: *“¿Qué quieres que haga por ti?”* El ciego le contestó: *“Maestro, que pueda ver”*. Jesús le dijo: *“Vete; tu fe te ha salvado”*. Al momento recobró la vista y comenzó a seguirlo por el camino.

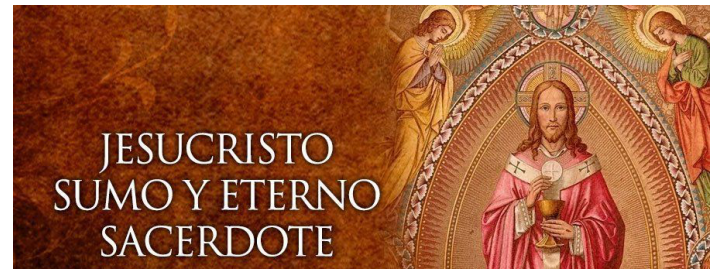


En el evangelio de hoy, Marcos nos relata la última escena de Jesús en su camino hacia Jerusalén. Se

sitúa en Jericó, la ciudad desde la que se subía a la ciudad santa en el peregrinar de los que venían desde Galilea. Jesús se encuentra al borde del camino a un ciego, que está marginalizado de la sociedad, como correspondía a todos los que padecían alguna tara física. No se contenta el ciego de Jericó con las limosnas que le ofrecen los numerosos viajeros que suben a Jerusalén; quiere algo más, que nadie le quiere facilitar. Incluso intentarán acallar su grito ante el paso del Hijo de David. A pesar de su ceguera sabía él que sólo el Mesías le podría curar su deficiencia; de ahí que su ansia por ver se convierta en grito clamoroso que llega hasta Jesús. La ceguera es una esclavitud de la que Bartimeo quiere liberarse. El grito de Bartimeo se centra en conseguir la luz que le falta. En esta experiencia de la necesidad, de la falta de visión ante tantas contrariedades y dificultades de la existencia, la que nos lleva a pedir a Dios con verdadero deseo que nos conceda ver.



La primera lectura del Libro de Jeremías 31, 7-9 nos ofrece un mensaje de salvación que es digno de resaltar, ya que a este profeta le tocó vivir la tragedia más grande de su pueblo: el destierro de Babilonia. La razón de este oráculo la encontramos al final de la lectura: *Dios es un Padre*.



La carta a los Hebreos sigue ofreciéndonos la teología de Jesucristo como sumo sacerdote, que es uno de los temas claves de esta carta. En la lectura de hoy, pues, se resalta especialmente que este sacerdote está entre los hombres, no está alejado de nosotros. Estando entre nosotros, percibe mejor que nadie que muchas veces nos equivocamos por ignorancia o por debilidad. No era así en las instituciones del pueblo judío.

Português

DOMINGO XXX DO TEMPO COMUM



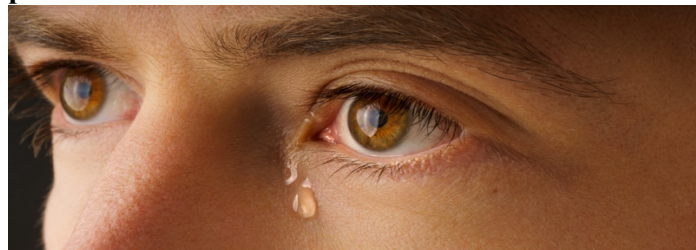
EVANGELHO: SÃO MARCOS 10, 46-52

Naquele tempo, quando Jesus ia a sair de Jericó com os discípulos e uma grande multidão, estava um cego, chamado Bartimeu, filho de Timeu, a pedir esmola à beira do caminho. Ao ouvir dizer que era Jesus de Nazaré que passava, começou a gritar: “Jesus, Filho de David, tem piedade de mim”. Muitos repreendiam-no para que se calasse. Mas ele gritava cada vez mais: “Filho de David, tem piedade de mim”. Jesus parou e disse: “Chamai-o”. Chamaram então o cego e disseram-lhe: “Coragem! Levanta-te, que ele está a chamar-te”. O cego atirou fora a capa, deu um salto e foi ter com Jesus. Jesus perguntou-lhe: “Que queres que eu te faça?” O cego respondeu-lhe: “Mestre, que eu veja”. Jesus disse-lhe: “Vai: a tua fé te salvou”. Logo ele recuperou a vista e seguiu Jesus pelo caminho.



Nos domingos anteriores, a liturgia apresentou/nos trechos tirados da parte central do Evangelho de Marcos. Ali, por três vezes, Jesus indica aos seus discípulos a meta da viagem: vai para Jerusalém para entrega a vida. Já percorreu uma boa parte do seu caminho: partiu da Galileia, desceu ao longo do rio Jordão e agora encontra-se em Jericó. Jericó, a cidade das Palmeiras, é um oásis situado na margem do rio Jordão, a cerca de 30 quilómetros de Jerusalém. Considerada a cidade mais antiga do mundo, está a cerca de 250 metros abaixo do nível do mar. Foi por

Jericó que os hebreus vindos do Egipto, conduzidos por Josué, entraram na Terra Prometida. Na época de Jesus, era uma cidade importante. Quando Jesus e os discípulos estão a sair de Jericó para retomarem o caminho para Jerusalém, deparam-se com um homem sentado à beira do caminho. Esse homem é cego e chama-se Bartimeu. Os cegos faziam parte do grupo dos excluídos da sociedade de Israel. As deficiências físicas eram consideradas como resultado do pecado. Os cegos eram impedidos de servir de testemunhas no tribunal e de participar nas cerimónias religiosas no Templo. O Evangelho, através da história do cego Bartimeu, propõe-nos uma parábola sobre a passagem da escuridão para a luz, da vida velha para a vida nova. O encontro com Jesus é sempre uma oportunidade para abraçar uma existência com horizontes mais amplos, uma vida plena de luz e de sentido.



“Eles partiram com lágrimas nos olhos e Eu vou trazê-los no meio de consolações”. (Jeremias 31, 8).

A primeira leitura é um convite à alegria. Para o Povo que caminha pelos vales sombrios da vida e da história, Deus é um Pai que acompanha, que ampara e que cuida. Ele não deixará ninguém para trás, nem sequer os mais débeis – o cego, o coxo, a mulher grávida. Guiados pelo amor paternal de Deus, todos chegarão à terra sonhada, à meta da Vida verdadeira.

2ª LEITURA: (Hebreus 5,1-6)



Leitura da Carta aos Hebreus.

Todo sumo-sacerdote é tirado do meio dos homens e instituído em favor dos homens nas coisas que se referem a Deus, para oferecer dons e sacrifícios pelos pecados.

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