

From The Pastor's Desk

In our Gospel today, the blind man, Bartimaeus had a decision to make. He could either say nothing, stay in his blindness, or he could call out to the Lord. He called out and he was cured. The Lord is always ready to help us, but he will not force himself on us. We need to have the humility to recognize our neediness and to call out for help.

When a baby gets sick one of the major problems that the medical people have is in knowing exactly how the baby is feeling. Since the little one can't talk to them, it can be very difficult to know what the symptoms are, and how to properly treat them. As we get older, we develop the ability to tell the doctor about where the aches and pains are, when they come, how strong they are, and so on. This gives the doctor a much better chance of helping us.

The same sort of thing applies when we are in need of personal help. Some of us are like infants. We don't tell anyone what the real problem is. People often see some of our symptoms. We may be acting differently, either withdrawing or perhaps getting angry for no apparent reason. But we don't let anyone in on what the real problem is, so they are not able to help us. If we don't want to remain in our pain and confusion, we have to be like Bartimaeus and call out for help. Start by talking to one other person – someone you trust, and who will take care to either help you himself, or lead you to someone else who can give you the care you need.

Over the last decades our society has come to recognize how many of us have been wounded by different circumstances and people. The need for healing in the face of these wounds has become more obvious with each passing day. And yet one thing has not changed. Unless we acknowledge those wounds and reach out for help, nothing will change.

God does not want us to remain in our emotional and spiritual pain. The Sacrament of Reconciliation and the Anointing of the Sick are both signs of God's desire to bring health and healing to our lives. Allow me to remind you of the words from the first reading, from the prophet Jeremiah – words expressing God's care for us:

They departed in tears, but I'll console them and guide them; I will lead them to brooks of water, on a level road, so that none shall stumble. For I am a father to Israel, Ephraim is my first-born.

May we feel the constant and life-giving love of God, as we make our journey from brokenness to healing.

Fr. Joe

Masses, Readings and Activities

Sunday, October 25 30th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Readings Jer 31: 7-9; Heb 5: 1-6; Mk 10: 46-52
 8:00 am Mass—Intentions of the Legion of Mary
 8:30 am Sunday Morning Food & Fellowship
 9:00 am 3rd Grade Family Session
 9:15/11:15 am Children's Faith Formation / Adults Clusters 1,2,3,4
 9:30 am Mass—Marina Pineda
 11:30am Mass—People of Holy Spirit
 1:00 pm Lector Training
 5:30 pm Mass—Anne Marie Burg Prost
 6:30 pm Youth Ministry

Monday, October 26

Readings Rom 8: 12-17; Lk 13: 10-17
 8:30 am Mass—For All Church Volunteers
 9:15 am Monday Morning Scripture Study
 9:30 am Low-Impact Exercise Class
 7:00 pm Young Adult Meeting

Tuesday, October 27

Readings Rom 8: 18-25; Lk 13: 18-21
 8:30 am Mass—Nancy Houdek
 7:00 pm Consoling the Heart of Jesus Christ
 7:00 pm Knights of Columbus 1st Degree Team

Wednesday, October 28 Sts. Simon and Jude

Readings Eph 2: 19-22; Lk 6: 12-16
 8:30 am Mass—Faye Survil
 9:00 am Legion of Mary
 9:30 am Low Impact Exercise Class
 10:00 am Craft Workshop
 6:00 pm Family Prayer Group
 6:00 pm Confessions
 6:00 pm King and His Kingdom Make-Up
 6:30 pm Team Spirit
 6:30 pm Endow Girl Genius
 7:00 pm RCIA Session
 7:00 pm Wednesday Evening Scripture Study: Matthew

Thursday, October 29

Readings Rom 8: 31b-39; Lk 13: 31-35
 8:30 am Mass—Joy Marie Tilley Watson
 7:30 pm Choir Practice

Friday, October 30

Readings Rom 9: 1-5; Lk 14: 1-6
 8:30 am Mass—Eddy Coto
 9:15 am Holy Hour
 6:00 pm ACTS Fall Women's Retreat Leadership

Saturday, October 31

Readings Rom 11: 1-2a, 11-12, 25-29; Lk 14: 1, 7-11
 8:00 am Ministry of Consolation
 8:30 am Mass—Intentions of Elvira Marin
 9:15 am Homebound EM Enrichment
 3:30 pm Confessions
 5:30 pm Mass—Javier Sobalraro
 7:00 pm Spooktacular

Sunday, November 1 All Saints Day

Readings Rv 7: 2-4, 9-14; 1 Jn 3: 1-3; Mt 5: 1-12a
 8:00 am Mass—Raymond Dominguez
 8:30 am Sunday Morning Food & Fellowship
 9:00 am 2nd Grade Family Session
 9:15/11:15 am Children's Faith Formation / Adults Clusters 1,2,3,4
 9:30 am Mass—Don Barnes
 11:30am Mass—Tyler Timms
 5:30 pm Mass—People of Holy Spirit
 6:30 pm Youth Ministry

Faith Formation—Youth

Thank you for your donations for us to make the blessing bags for the homeless! As a reminder we are collecting socks, lotion, beef jerky, gallon sized Ziploc bags, lip balm, baby wipes and trail mix. We are collecting them through Wednesday, October 28.

Next Sunday, November 1 is our "Bring Your Parent to Youth Day!" Parents of all 7th-12th graders are invited to come and see what all of our teens do on Sunday evenings! HSY parents will be learning about homelessness and making the blessing bags. JHY parents will be talking about the Saints!

Today 20 teens are attending the World Youth Day North Texas event in Arlington with Matt Maher! Try not to be too jealous!



All Souls Day Remembrance Novena Masses are scheduled from November 2 through November 10. If you would like Masses said for your deceased loved ones during this time, please pick up an envelope from the Narthex. Fill out the names of your loved ones and place in the envelope with your donation, then drop it in the collection basket from now until October 30. Please print legibly as these names will be placed on the altar during the Novena.

November 1, Sunday — All Saints Day
Normal Sunday Mass Schedule

November 2, Monday — All Souls' Day
Masses at 8:30 am and Commemoration of All the Faithful at 6:00 pm. Potluck dinner follows the Mass by invitation only for those who have lost a loved one this year.

The Sanctuary Lamp will burn this week in celebration of **Juanita Ramsden's** birthday, requested by Mary Flusche.



Daylight Savings Time is next Sunday, November 1. Set your clocks back one hour.

Sacramental Preparation

The next Confirmation Parent & Student session is scheduled for Sunday, November 8 from 1:30-3:45 p.m. in the gym. Please mark your calendars/put it in your phones now. Contact Sharon Bush at 972.298.9460 for childcare needs. Contact Devyn Buschow if you have a conflict with the meeting date.

Our next session for the Sacrament of Reconciliation is Sunday, November 15 from 1:30-3:45 p.m. in the gym and does include both parent and child. Please mark your calendars/put it in your phones now. Contact Sharon Bush at 972.298.9460 for childcare needs. Contact Lisa Estrada if you have a conflict with the meeting date.

Information and paperwork regarding infant Baptism (ages 6 and under) may be directed to Lisa Estrada. Our next baptismal preparation class for parents and godparents is Saturday, November 14, 2015, from 9 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Please contact Lisa for the required paperwork, which must be completed and turned in two weeks prior to the class date.



This weekend, October 24/25, there will be a special collection for **Diocesan Priests Retirement Fund.** There will be special envelopes on the table in the Narthex. Thank you for your generous donation.

Third Quarter Statements for January 1 through September 30, 2015 have been mailed out. Please review and call the office, 972-298-4971, if there are any discrepancies in your statement. Your continued generous contributions are greatly appreciated.

We are accepting resumes for the position of Business Office Associate (Part-Time). College degree preferred; this role is responsible for parishioner census, financial contributions, facility scheduling and security, and variety of finance and administrative duties. Must be highly proficient in technology and office database systems, organized and possess strong verbal and written communications skills. Please send resume and cover letter to attention of Ann Picha at annpicha@holyspiritcc.org


CHILDREN'S FAITH FORMATION



Grab your "mummy" and make plans to join us Halloween night, Saturday, October 31 from 7-9 p.m. in the Community Center gym for our annual

HALLOWEEN SPOOKTACULAR!

There'll be lots of games, snacks, lots of treats and maybe even a few tricks. Be sure to bring a treat bag and your cutest costume (let's keep it from being too creepy) and enjoy an evening of ghostly fun!

 **We still need candy and treats and lots of 'em!** This is one of our biggest children's events, as it is not only a parish event but a community event, and lots of little ones come from all around to enjoy the festivities. Donations are really lagging, so if you can help us out, we will very gratefully accept your donations at the front desk up till the event date. We also need a clean-up crew following the event (9-10 p.m.) to help with the room turnaround for Sunday's Faith Formation. Contact Deborah if you can help....please....

3rd Grade Family Sessions are this Sunday, October 25 in the dining room, so parents plan on joining your child during their normal Faith Formation class for a great hands-on, faith-filled experience! *As these sessions are intended for both the parent and child, please don't drop your child off and leave because you'll be missing out on a wonderful opportunity to spend some quality one-on-one time with your child. To ensure minimal disruption, our nursery is available for younger siblings.*

PARENTS: *These grade level Family Sessions ARE NOT associated with our sacramental preparation program, which is COMPLETELY SEPARATE. Our grade level Family Sessions are designed to give you an opportunity to actually experience what your child is being taught and learning in their Faith Formation class.*

2nd Grade Family Sessions are next Sunday, November 1 in the dining room.

If you still haven't returned the purple **Behavior Guidelines Form** that was distributed at Parent Orientation, we need those back...one per family. You can pick one up with your child's catechist or at the front desk.

Adult And Family Ministry

Community Life

SUNDAY MORNING FOOD & FELLOWSHIP

Today: Breakfast Casserole & Fruit (\$3/plate)

Join us in the Gym for a fresh baked breakfast casserole and fruit brought to you by our RCIA participants and volunteers – past and present! Come enjoy some delicious food and meet their great team!

Next Sunday, November 1

Breakfast sponsored by ACTS

Join us in the Gym for a delicious breakfast. More info next week!

WELCOME MINISTRY

A huge THANK YOU to all the Zone Board and Ministry Volunteers who helped make our first Autumn Family Social a great success!

We welcomed 20 of our latest 112 new families since April. Our next welcoming event will be in January at our Annual Winter Welcome. We hope to see you then!

ALL SOULS DAY POTLUCK DINNER

Monday, Nov. 2 - following the 6pm mass

There will be a potluck dinner following the All Souls Day Mass. Please RSVP by Friday, October 30 at noon if you plan on attending.

ThanksGIVING LUNCH

Thursday, Nov. 26 - 11am-1pm

Holy Spirit will be offering a Thanksgiving Day Lunch for all those who would like to attend. More information will be provided next weekend about donations and volunteers!



Marriage & Marriage Preparation

If you are planning to marry at Holy Spirit or are civilly married and want to marry in the Catholic Church, here are a few things that may be helpful to you:

- ◆ Please contact our marriage preparation coordinator, Richard Johnson (972-298-4971 x 23), at least 9 months prior to the proposed wedding date to set up a time to meet.
- ◆ At that meeting we'll determine if you are free to marry in the Church and what steps to take if you're not. If you are, we can set a date.
- ◆ At least one of the parties must be Catholic. We expect at least one of you to be a registered member of Holy Spirit.
- ◆ We do not schedule weddings during the liturgical seasons of Advent or Lent.
- ◆ The Catholic Church invests in the success of your marriage. Marriage Preparation is part of marrying in the Church. We have a wonderful preparation program for you here at Holy Spirit!
- ◆ If you're concerned that you can't afford to marry in the Catholic Church, please call and ask about how we may help you to celebrate the Sacrament of Matrimony. A simple wedding can be beautiful and very inexpensive. There is no charge for the Sacrament itself!

**Holy Spirit Catholic Church Women's ACTS Retreat
Coming Soon! December 3 -6, 2015**

Register online: <http://www.holyspiritcatholic.com/womens-acts-retreat>.
Register in person: At the front desk of the Community Center, or with:
Director, Brenda Garza, 979-484-9649, bgarza2004@yahoo.com

**Living Your Marriage As A Sacrament - Getting Your Marriage
Convalidated in the Catholic Church**

What does the Convalidation of a marriage mean?

For various reasons, a Catholic party or parties find themselves in a civil marriage or in marriage that took place before a non-Catholic minister, without the knowledge or permission of the Catholic Church or in a common-law marriage. In time, some seek to have their marriages approved or "blessed" by the Catholic Church. When this can be accomplished, the ceremony that constitutes the marriage as a true sacramental union is called a convalidation. A convalidation involves the willingness of both parties to **make a new act of the will to enter into a valid Catholic marriage**. Because of the number of variables involved in convalidation situations, such as possible previous marriages to other parties, the length of time married civilly, and the reasons which led to the choice to marry outside of the church the first time, each convalidation case is unique. **Please contact Richard Johnson 972-298-4971 x 23** for a more detailed and personalized information for your particular case. Richard will also provide you with information about what documents need to be gathered prior to convalidating your current marriage. If either party has a previous marriage, Richard will also assist you with information about the annulment process.

Outreach

Baby and Maternity Items Needed: This is the last week that we will be collecting for the White Rose and Birth Choice Crisis Pregnancy Centers. Often the reason some women choose abortion is because they have no means of providing for their babies. Knowing that there is help available for these moms to care for their babies is all that is needed for them to choose life. Your donations help make this possible. You can place the items in the cribs in the Narthex and Community Center Lobby. Copies of the list of items needed are attached to the cribs.

2015 Baby Bank Campaign: You still have time to donate to the Baby Bank Campaign. Please stop by the table in the Narthex and pick one up. Your donations will go to help to support Pro-Life ministries in the Dallas area and the Catholic Crisis Pregnancy Centers in the Diocese. Please contribute whatever you can in an effort to save the lives of the unborn.

Rachel's Corner: "I am once again the person who existed in the pre-abortion days. I had never felt forgiven until now. I didn't know exactly what was missing and I can't even find the words to describe how incredible this feeling is." (Testimonial from Retreatant). Continue your journey on a Rachel's Vineyard™ Retreat and know what it is like to finally feel forgiven. Please contact Abortion AfterCare-Healing /The Rachel Ministries at healing@rachedallas.org or call 214.544.CARE

Finance

Weekend of October 17/18

\$17,479.86	Weekly Contributions
\$ 2,144.00	On-Line Giving
\$ <u>22,365.00</u>	Average Weekly Expenses
\$(2,741.14)	(Shortage)

Balance in Future Fund \$32,196.00

Thank you for your contributions and May God Bless You.

Office of Adult & Family Ministry

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