

30th Sunday of Ordinary Time
27th October 2024



Master, let me see again.
Mark 10



A relationship with Jesus allows us to have the courage to believe in both times of need and in times of fulfilment. In this Sunday's Gospel, we meet Bartimaeus, a blind man seeking to be able to see again. He confides in Jesus to make that happen. He shows his faith by stepping up and calling for Jesus to heal him. He shows courage in being able to approach and ask for something so grand. He shows that he believes in a higher power and he trusts that Jesus will take care of him.

In this Scripture, we are shown the importance of having the courage to ask for help. Asking for help in a time of need takes courage and risk. Bartimaeus could have stayed quiet and could have just let the presence of Jesus escape him; he could have let his opportunity to ask for help pass. Jesus, at the end of the passage, lets him know that his faith saved him. It's important to believe in your faith and believe in receiving help or asking for it. Doing so does not make you weak and does not make you seem selfish. It allows you to be open to your faith and believe in something.

As Catholics, we may try to attend Mass and pray as much as we can, but, sometimes, life just happens and we don't always have the time. That's when believing strongly in your faith comes into play. Even if we know that we may not always be as dedicated as we want to be, at least we know that we believe in something bigger than all of us and that we have something and someone to follow.

Hail Mary, full of grace, the Lord
is with thee, blessed art thou
amongst women and blessed is
the fruit of thy womb, Jesus.

Holy Mary Mother of God, pray
for us sinners now and at the
hour of our death. Amen.



God our Father,

Your Son Jesus wants us to share your love with everyone. May the Holy Spirit help us to bring the light of Your love to the whole world, so that all people may come to see Jesus as their friend and guide.

We make this prayer through Christ our Lord.

Amen.

This week let us pray for:

- ♦ a safe, relaxing and healthy half-term break;
- ♦ our world—that peace may reign in all countries.
- ♦ all those connected to our community who are unwell, upset or mourning.

“It is love alone that gives worth to all things.”
— St. Teresa of Avila

