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October 26-27, 2024

The 30TH Sunday in Ordinary Time



PASTOR:
 Fr. Macdonald Akuti, AJ
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OFFICE HOURS:
 Wednesday - Friday
 9:00 am – 3:00 pm

MASS SCHEDULE THIS WEEK
 Saturday: 5 pm (Vigil for Sunday)
 Sunday: 8:30 am and 10:30
 Mon. Wed. Thu, & Fri. at 9:30am
 Confessions: Saturday 4 – 4:45pm

OUR MISSION STATEMENT

We are a loving, supportive, and vibrant Catholic community committed to being a welcoming parish family by spreading the Love of Jesus Christ throughout our community and into the world.

REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

A TIME FOR HEALING: Please pray for Debra Lee, Israel Posos, Gloria Lyons, Shirley Tarnesky, Gerald Fingly, David Nibler, Ashlee Fulop, Gregory Molley, Tierra Clappo Motsinger, Lynn Marie Becker, Mike Scott, Donna Webster, Jordan Fulop, Fr. Terry Tompkins, Melissa Syfers, Tina Chick, John Bender, Alan Pope, Mary Alger, Ron Peterson, Lisa Gibbons, Christina Guccione, Diane Reed, Ed Seeger, Cathy McAllister, Robert Fulks, Al and Dorothy Giacchero, Sharon Cote, Jill Mulvey, and all those who are sick or who need healing.

A TIME FOR SORROW: Please pray for Larry Susanka, Jerry Ralph Sinn, Mike Crowley, Ed Baer, Nevyn Manley, Dang Thi Chom, Maria Fe Strong, Loren Shipman, Harold Stern, Fr. Paul Opoki, Fr. Victor Rubalcara, Melida Alvarado, Linda Guma Boaid, Colleen Willis, Barbara Boyle, Lloyd, Andrew Staruch, Bill Josi, Rozina Agbua, and all those who have died recently.

A TIME FOR JOY AND CELEBRATION: We pray for all those who are celebrating a Birthday, Anniversary, or other special occasion this week. Happy Birthday to William Kaiser

FOR THE INTENTIONS OF: Tony and Michelle Vinciguerra

THIS WEEKS SCHEDULE

MASS TIMES – INTENTIONS – EVENTS

Saturday	October 26
Mass 5:00 pm	+ Margarita Francisco
Sunday	October 27
Mass 8:30 am	Fritz & Lauri Stubenrauch Family
Mass 10:30 am	Austin Bender
Sunday School	10:30 am
Confirmation Class after 10:30 Mass	
Monday	October 28
Mass 9:30 am	Lon and Karen Snider & Mike and Jamie Simpson
Tuesday	October 29
No Public Mass	
Wednesday	October 30
Mass 9:30 am	Debra Lee
Celebrate Recovery 5:30 pm	
Thursday	October 31
Mass 9:30 am	Allan Newcomb
Adoration after Mass until Noon.	
Circle of Caring 10 am until 1 pm	
Friday	November 1
Mass 9:30 am	Debra Lee

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PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRAY FOR the soul of Lawrence (Larry) Susanka. His funeral will be this Monday, October 28th at 2pm followed by a reception in the Parish Hall.

SURVIVING THE HOLIDAYS: The holidays are challenging when you are grieving a loss. Next Saturday, November 2nd from 12:30 until 2:30 we will have a Grief Share - Surviving the Holidays seminar that provides encouragement, support and valuable tools to navigate the season. You may register at griefshare.org/holidays or call Marie Hennessey at 503-355-2661

EUCCHARISTIC MIRACLES: You're invited to view the Eucharistic Miracles of the World traveling display after Mass in the parish hall. We thank Brian and Lynette Beyer, members of St Edward's parish in Kizer, Oregon for bringing us this display. Viewing the display will leave no doubt in the true presence of the Eucharist.

CIRCLE OF CARING: Do you like to sew, knit, or Crochet? Come join the ladies who meet in our Parish Hall from 10am until 1pm, every 1st, 2nd, and 4th Thursday of the Month. They create beautiful quilts, prayer shawls, and other unique homemade items. Everyone in our community is welcome.

ON ELECTION DAY, Tuesday, November 5th there will be Mass at 8:30am followed by Adoration until Noon. Praying for love, unity, peace and charity for our country. All are welcome to pray and spend some few moments before the Blessed Sacrament.

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES: If you are interested in getting involved and volunteering, you might consider helping with the gardening maintenance, which entails deadheading the plants, weeding, and watering etc. We are also looking for people to serve at Mass as Lectors, Ushers, and Eucharistic Ministers. If you are interested in helping out just let Doris in the office know and she will get you connected to the right person for training/scheduling or answering your questions.

NEW PAPAL ENCYCLICAL ON THE SACRED HEART:

Pope Francis' encyclical *Dilexit Nos* ("He Loved Us") presents the Sacred Heart of Jesus as a timely answer to today's challenges. It emphasizes the need for deeper love and human connection in a world shaped by technology, conflict, and crisis.

FIRST SATURDAY: Next Saturday is the First Saturday and we will have Mass at 8:30 followed by Adoration for one hour.

On the first Saturday of every month, the faithful should receive Holy Communion, say the Rosary, and meditate on the Mysteries of the Rosary for fifteen minutes.

WEEKLY OFFERINGS

Offertory Collection	\$3,160.00
Needy	\$76.00
Maintenance/Building	\$50.00
Votive	\$7.00
Winter Survival Fund	\$0.00
Hospitality	\$0.00
World Missions	\$1698.00

REFLECTION FROM FATHER AKUTI

The first reading tells us how a forgiving, compassionate God has been healing the spiritual blindness of His Chosen People by subjecting them to captivity in Babylon; now He will liberate them, bringing them back to their homeland.

Today's second reading, taken from Hebrews 5, presents Jesus as the perfect sacrifice for sins and as the true *High Priest* of the New Testament. It also gives us the assurance that our *High Priest, the sinless Jesus*, is sympathetic to us because Jesus has shared our human nature in everything, including temptation, but not sin.

Today's Gospel explains how Jesus shows the mercy and compassion of His Heavenly Father by healing the blind Bartimaeus. Just as *the blind and the lame* were God's concern in the first reading, Jesus is concerned with the blind beggar, Bartimaeus of Jericho. On hearing that Jesus of Nazareth was passing by, Bartimaeus loudly expressed his trusting Faith in the healing power of Jesus by shouting his request, "**Jesus, Son of David, have mercy on me!**" When Jesus invited him to come near, Bartimaeus threw aside his cloak (suggesting, perhaps, the baptismal divesting). His meeting with Jesus gave Bartimaeus the gift of spiritual as well as physical sight, and the former blind beggar became a disciple of Jesus.

TAKEAWAYS

1) Instead of remaining in spiritual blindness, let us pray for spiritual sight. Each one of us suffers from spiritual blindness. Hence, we need the light of the Holy Spirit to end our darkness and grant us proper spiritual vision.

Let us learn to recognize the causes of our spiritual blindness. Anger, hatred, jealousy, evil habits, addictions, sloth etc., make us spiritually blind, and they prevent us from seeing the goodness and presence of God in our family members and neighbors.

Hence, let us learn to think about and see the goodness in others without becoming unkind, critical, or judgmental. We are blinded by greed when we are never satisfied with what we have and incur debts to buy luxury items. Hence, let us pray to have a clear vision of Christian values and priorities in our lives and to acknowledge the presence of God dwelling in ourselves and in our neighbors.

A clear spiritual vision enables us to see the goodness in others, to express our appreciation for all that they have been doing for us, and to refrain from criticizing their performance.

2) Like Bartimaeus, we must seek the love, mercy, and goodness of Jesus with trusting Faith. Sometimes our fears, anger, and habitual sins prevent us from approaching God in prayer. At times, we even become angry with God when He seems slow in answering our prayers. In these desperate moments, let us approach Jesus in prayer with trusting Faith, as Bartimaeus did, and listen carefully to the voice of Jesus asking us: "*What do you want me to do for you?*" Let us tell Him all our heart's intentions and needs.