

## Mass Intentions of the week

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Oct. 26	Sat.	6:00 PM	+ Stanley Wong
Oct.27	Sun.	9:00 AM	+ Maria Tran
		10:30 AM	+ Stanley Wong
Oct. 28	Mon.	8:30 AM	+ Rose Wong
Oct. 29	Tues.	8:30 AM	+ Liceria Uyehara
Oct. 30	Wed.	8:30 AM	+ Stanley Wong
Oct. 31	Thurs.	8:30 AM	+ Dominic Dinh
Nov. 01	Fri.	8:30 AM	+ Marciana Ocampo & Augusto
			Florentino
		6:00 PM	+ Souls of departed members of
			"Chorus Cantate Domino"
Nov. 02	Sat.	8:30 AM	+ For All Souls in Purgatory
		12:00 PM	+ For All Souls in Purgatory
		6:00 PM	+ For All Souls in Purgatory

Mass Intention Information: If you would like a Mass offered for a special intention or the loved one(s), living or deceased, please get in touch with the parish office to schedule. The information must be received in the parish office by noon, Sunday, one week prior to the publication date.

### **Special Prayer Intension of the week:**

## Prayer for the Holy Souls in Purgatory by St. Gertrude the Great.

Eternal Father, I offer Thee the Most Precious Blood of Thy Divine Son, Jesus, in union with the masses said throughout the world today, for all the holy souls in purgatory, for sinners everywhere, for sinners in the universal church, those in my own home and within my family. Amen.

## Welcome to

# St. Theresa Catholic Church

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## Pastoral Administrator: Rev. Fr. Peter Ha S.T.L



#### Liturgical Schedule:

#### **Daily Mass:**

- Monday to Saturday at 8:30 AM
- Wednesday: Devotion to Our Lady of Perpetual Help at 8:15 AM; Novena prayer of St. Theresa at Mass

#### **Sunday Mass:**

- Saturday evening at 6 PM
- Sunday at 9 AM and 10:30 AM

\*Mandarin Sunday Mass: 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of the month at Noon.

#### **Eucharistic Adoration:**

- every Friday after Mass 10-15 minutes
- Except First Friday one hour.

#### **Confession:**

- 10 minutes before Daily Mass
- Saturday 5:30 PM -5:50 PM

Anointing of the Sick: Please call +1 (672) 755-0988

Baptism: Please contact to the parish's email

Marriage: Please contact to the parish's email at least six months in advance.



# 30<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time October 27<sup>th</sup>, 2024

### WEEKLY REFLECTION FROM FR. PETER HA (Mark 10: 46-52)

"Have mercy on me," is not merely a request for healing; it is a plea that comes from deep faith and humility. Bartimaeus' call is not casual or hesitant; it is urgent and persistent, for he knows that Jesus holds the key to his healing and his salvation. This calling out is essential in spiritual life. Before any healing or transformation can take place, we must first recognize Jesus as the source of our salvation and actively call upon Him. Too often, people may recognize their need for help but fail to acknowledge Jesus as the answer. Like Bartimaeus, we must come to a point of desperation, recognizing our own blindness and calling out to the One who can heal us.

Bartimaeus' faith was not passive but active. His calling out is a reminder that faith is not simply intellectual assent but involves a response—a vocal and heartfelt cry to God. In a world filled with many distractions and false hopes, recognizing Jesus as the answer to our deepest needs is a crucial first step in our faith journey.

This is the call for every believer. Once we have experienced the grace and healing of Jesus, our response must be to follow Him. Bartimaeus' story is a reminder that the goal of faith is not just receiving something from Jesus but encountering Him in such a way that our lives are transformed. Seeing God leads to a life of discipleship.

In conclusion, the story of Bartimaeus is a profound testament to the power of faith, persistence, and divine mercy. His journey from blindness to sight reflects the spiritual journey of every believer. First, we must recognize our need for Jesus and call out to Him, knowing that He is the source of our healing and salvation. Then, we must persist in our faith, refusing to be silenced by doubts or external pressures. Finally, when we encounter Jesus, we not only receive His healing but are called to follow Him and live a life transformed by His grace.

Bartimaeus' cry, "Son of David, have mercy on me," echoes through the ages as a model of faith that sees beyond physical circumstances to the deeper reality of who Jesus is. His story reminds us that even when the world tries to silence our faith, we are called to cry out all the louder, knowing that Jesus hears us and will respond. And when He does, we are invited to see Him, not just with our physical eyes, but with the eyes of faith, leading us to a life of true discipleship.

In this encounter, we see that Jesus is always ready to stop, listen, and respond to those who call upon Him in faith. The question for us, then, is whether we will recognize our own need for Him, persevere through the challenges, and respond to His call to follow. Like Bartimaeus, may we have the courage to cry out, the faith to persist, and the willingness to follow wherever Jesus leads.

# Announcements

- November 3<sup>rd</sup> Pan Cake Breakfast: The ticket sale will start this coming Sunday after 10:30 AM mass. This is the last Pan Cake Breakfast of the year.
- All Saints and All Souls Days: To facilitate attendance Mass for parishioners on the feasts of All Saints and All Souls on November 1 and November 2, the following Masses will be added:
  - On Friday, November 1<sup>st</sup>, Solemn Mass in honor of All Saints at 8:30 am and 6:00 pm.
  - On Saturday, November 2<sup>nd</sup>, Mass for All Souls at 8:30 am, 12:00 pm, and 6:00 pm. (Those who attend the 6 pm Mass on Saturday will fulfill Sunday's obligation even it is the Mass of All Souls).
- Entering November, the liturgical calendar sets aside the first day to celebrate the solemnity of All Saints, and the second day to pray for the faithful departed. Many customs also arose on All Souls Day, including the Dominicans who, in the 15th century, established the custom of each priest celebrating three Masses on November 2. Remembering and praying for the faithful departed is closely linked to our belief in the Mystery of Life. While we are still alive, let us pray for the deceased. May God, the Merciful Father, free them from purgatory and bring them to enjoy the happiness of Heaven. When it is our turn to die, our friends and relatives will also pray for us. There will be special envelopes for Mass intensions in November for your own convenience by the entrance door.
- The annual Mass for the deceased bishops, clergy, and consecrated men and women of the Archdiocese of Vancouver will be held at Holy Rosary Cathedral at 12:10 pm on Wednesday, November 6th, 2024.

### THANKS NOTE

- We are thankful to CWL's helpers from last week helped me to sell shrimp-rolls and egg-rolls. We made \$300 in benefits for the Altar servers' vestments fun.
- We still need a lot of more support to get this project done. All donations and help are needed and appreciated.