

## Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time – October 28, 2018

### Son of David! Have Mercy on Me!

**Readings:** Jeremiah 31:7–9; Psalms 126:1–6;  
Hebrews 5:1–6; Mark 10:46–52

Today's Gospel turns on an irony—it is a blind man, Bartimaeus, who becomes the first besides the apostles to recognize Jesus as the Messiah. And His healing is the last miracle Jesus performs before entering the holy city of Jerusalem for His last week on earth.

The scene on the road to Jerusalem evokes the joyful procession prophesied by Jeremiah in today's First Reading. In Jesus this prophecy is fulfilled. God, through the Messiah, is delivering His people from exile, bringing them back from the ends of the earth, with the blind and lame in their midst.

Jesus, as Bartimaeus proclaims, is the long-awaited Son promised to David (see 2 Samuel 7:12–16; Isaiah 11:9; Jeremiah 23:5). Upon His triumphal arrival in Jerusalem, all will see that the everlasting kingdom of David has come (see Mark 11:9–10).

As we hear in today's Epistle, the Son of David was expected to be the Son of God (see Psalms 2:7). He was to be a priest-king like Melchizedek (see Psalms 110:4), who offered bread and wine to God Most High at the dawn of salvation history (see Genesis 14:18–20).

Bartimaeus is a symbol of his people, the captive Zion which we sing of in today's Psalm. His God has done great things for him. All his life has been sown in tears and weeping. Now, he reaps a new life.

Bartimaeus, too, should be a sign for us. How often Christ passes us by—in the person of the poor, in the distressing guise of a troublesome family member or burdensome associate (see Matthew 25:31–46)—and yet we don't see Him.

Christ still calls to us through His Church, as Jesus sent His apostles to call Bartimaeus. Yet how often are we found to be listening instead to the voices of the crowd, not hearing the words of His Church.

Today He asks us what He asks Bartimaeus, "What do you want me to do for you?" Rejoicing, let us ask the same thing of Him—what can we do for all that He has done for us?

### Father Blake Evans, Pastor



**Bible Study** reassumes on Monday, October 29. Music Room at 5:45 pm

### Together in Christ



**Congratulations!** to our parishioners Alexander Cantorna Naguit and Nhu Thuy Ho Luong, who got married at Nativity on Saturday, October 27.



**NET Teens!** For the 4th Year, Nativity is thrilled THIS SUNDAY to host New Evangelization Team—a youth ministry program for North America founded in 1981. The youth will be working with our Confirmation Age Students and teens and youth from St. Gabriel's parish. Welcome them at the 10 am Mass or after! Thank you NET and we praise God for your ministry as they travel for 9 months around the US! (You may offer donations to the volunteers if you feel so lead). Thank you to parish/host families hosting these great young people! info: [www.netusa.org](http://www.netusa.org)!



### October \*-\* Month of Rosary

Mary is our great intercessor with the Lord, and interceding with her through the Rosary can be an especially uplifting and fruitful way for those we Love. Invoke the intercession of our Blessed Mother for healing, strengthening of faith etc. There will be note paper and a basket available by the Rosary Tree for parishioners to place their intercessions during the Month of October.



**Sacred Heart League** will meet in the Music Room on Friday, November 2<sup>nd</sup> at 12:30pm

The **Nativity Sodality** Officers will be installed on Sunday, November 4, 2018 during the 8 am Mass. All Sodalists are encouraged to attend this Mass. Please wear your Sodality sashes. The regular monthly business meeting will be held after the Mass.

Interested in joining sodality? Contact Cathy Borris-Hale 202.731.7994 or [cbhale@verizon.net](mailto:cbhale@verizon.net) or join us at our regular meetings following the 8 am Mass on the First Sunday of each month in the church lounge.

# Mass Intentions for the Week

**October 27- November 3, 2018**

Sat. 10/27	8:00 am	Rainey Carter
	<b>5:30pm</b>	<b>No mass</b>
Sun. 10/28	8:00am	All Priest
	10:00am	Nativity – All children/youth
	1:00 pm	St. Jude Novena's intentions
Mon. 10/29	12:00	Rainey Carter
Tue 10/30	12:00	+Bertha Pierre
Wed. 10/31	12:00	Emilie Marvel (healing)
Thu. 11/1	12:00	+Patricia Hallman
	6:30pm	All Parishioners
Fri. 11/2	8:00am	Souls in Purgatory
	11:00am	+Luther Ferguson (funeral)
	7:00pm	Holy Souls
Sat. 11/3	8:00 am	+Patricia Hallman
	5:30pm	+Boyd Hamilton

**Please pray for the sick of our Parish:**

\*Alice R. Allen, \*Amina Anderson-Pringle, \*Ann Butler, \*William Cammack, \*Lukas Pastier, \*Carmen Dolores Campos, \*Carla Andrea Catacora, \*Shawn Coleman, \*William Corbel, \*Maria Cruz, \*Maurice & Flora Detiege \*Kevin Fagan, \*Isel Fitzgerald, \*Dion A. Fortune, \*Linda Foster, \*Charlie Gick, \*John Green, Sr., \*Janet Henery, \*Blanca Hernandez, \*Lawrence C. Hill, \*Lee Hobbs, \*Sydney Horge, \*Francis Howard, \*Elaine Hunt, \*Helen Hurd, \*Larry Ivy, \*Irene Jimenez, \*Geraldine Jones, \*Charles Johnson, \*Odile Kalla, \*Michael Kelly, \*Busara Keneddy, \*Claude Kolthoff, \*Betty Lawton, \*Yavonna Lewis, \*Sandra Lucas, \*Eric Malcolm, \*Edwin & Regina Mbanude, \*Theresa McNair, \*Edith Mebane, \*Maria Magdalena Medrano, \*Agnes Moore, \*Clarence Morris, \*Gina Myers, \*Iris Newman, \*Sheryl Newman, \*Amelie Ongbehahal, \*D. Cynhia Peters, \*James Pope, \*Dorothy Richburg, \*Auristela Roman, \*Rosa Maria Santos, \*Bonafacio Selayo \*Delores Sloan, \*Adrian Smith, \*Alice Smith, \*Bernadette Smith, \*Theresa Smith, \*Louise Sweatt, \*Suzie Thompson, \*Emily Towles, \*Dominic Valentine, \*Dorothy Waring, \*Paul Williams, \*Florentina Zoretta



**Keane Council #353**

**Annual Thanksgiving Fried Turkey** – Raffle tickets will be on sale on after all masses Winners will be announced after 10am mass on **November 18<sup>th</sup>**.

**"LIVING WITH YOUR BAGS PACKED!"** Another three-part education presentation on estate planning and administration. The final presentation, on Incapacity Planning, will be on **Tuesday, November 20<sup>th</sup>**. Presentation will begin at 7pm and be held in the Lounge. Refreshments will be served.

**ATTENDANCE REPORT**

**10/21/18**

**Attendance: 442 souls**  
Offerings & Tithes: \$6,230  
Spanish Mass: \$465  
Utility fund: \$561



We are looking for volunteers to help one Sunday a month for 30 minutes during Mass. Contact Malaika Campbell at (202) 491-3019 or at [myangel\\_mdc@comcast.net](mailto:myangel_mdc@comcast.net)

**Holy Day Mass Schedule**

All Saints Day

Wed. 10/31	7:00 pm (bilingual)	SGDC
Thu. 11/1	8am (English)	SGDC
	Noon (English)	Nativity
	6:30 pm (bilingual)	Nativity

All Souls Day

Fri. 11/2	8am (English)	Nativity
	Noon (English)	SGDC
	7 pm (Spanish)	SGDC
	7 pm (bilingual)	Nativity

Thanksgiving

Thu. 11/22	10am	SGDC
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**\*All Saints Day**, a holy day of obligation.

**\*\*SGDC** – Saint Gabriel Parish. 26 Grant Circle, Washington, DC 20011

**Care & Share**

For those in need within Nativity Church Community. This campaign will begin on Saturday, October 20<sup>th</sup> and conclude on Sunday, November 18. Items for donation include: deodorant, toothpaste, toothbrushes, dental floss, mouthwash, lotion, soap, shampoo, razors, shaving cream, socks, wool hats and gloves. Collection bins are located at the front entrance. Thank you!

**Rest in Peace**

**Luther James Ferguson.** Funeral at Nativity on Friday, November 2<sup>nd</sup>. Viewing at 10:00; Mass at 11:00 am.

**Margaret Pope.** Funeral at Nativity on Monday, November 5<sup>th</sup> Viewing at 10:00; Mass at 11:00 am.

**Eternal rest grant unto her, oh Lord**

**Question of the week:** How would I answer the question Jesus has asked the last two weeks: "What do you want me to do for you?"