

*“My teacher,
let me see again.”*

Mark 10.46-52

Reflection

Nothing is more unsettling than the inability to understand the world around us. Physical blindness is a terrifying prospect for most of us, but even the moments of being metaphorically blind while chaos reigns in our life can be equally terrifying. When our lives seem to be spiralling downward and we feel that we're overwhelmed by danger and pain, these can be moments of complete distress.

In such a situation, when full of alarm and terror, and all our efforts produce no solutions, we can do one of two things. We can give into despair and surrender to the belief that things are hopeless. Alternatively, we can do what Bartimaeus does in today's Gospel: go deeper in prayer. Bartimaeus' pleas to Christ are prayers made by a desperate man.

When Bartimaeus begins shouting "Jesus, Son of David, have mercy on me!" he is met by scorn from the crowds. This serves as a stark reminder that prayer doesn't always yield an instant fix to our problems. However, Bartimaeus persists in prayer, and the outcome is ultimately one that sees a solution to his plight. Whether or not we get the answer we expect, we can take consolation in today's Gospel that for those of us who persist in prayer in dire circumstances, Christ will not leave us abandoned. Our faith will make us well.

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First Reading: Jeremiah 31.7-9

Responsorial Psalm:

*The Lord has done great things for us;
we are filled with joy.*

Second Reading: Hebrews 5.1-6

Gospel: Mark 10.46-52

*Moved? Please keep us up to date.
Not registered? Please sign up.*

– PARISH NEWS –

Wedding Anniversary Mass

Today at the 11 a.m. Mass, we pray for God's grace and blessing for the following couples celebrating their wedding anniversaries:

- 50th Eugenia and Jozef Minda
- 42nd Jadwiga and Marek Baczynski
- 40th Krystyna and Edward Solus
- 37th Marta and Jaroslaw Romaniuk
- 33rd Anna and Marek Stecki
- 1st Nel and Bartek Szelag

Sacrament of Marriage

Please join us in praying for God's blessing for the following couple as they celebrate Holy Matrimony. ♥

Gabriela Gabrel,
daughter of Emilia and Zbigniew
& **Jaroslaw Widurski,**
son of Joanna and Adam

Coffee and Donuts Schedule

October 27 – Church Committee
November 3 – Jubilee 2000 Children's Choir



Rosary Devotion

Weekday at 6:30 p.m.
Saturday at 8:30 a.m.
Sunday at 6:30 p.m.

Pope's Rosary Intention – November –

FOR ANYONE WHO HAS LOST A CHILD
We pray that all parents who mourn the loss of a son or daughter find support in their community and receive peace and consolation from the Holy Spirit.

Second Collection

This weekend's second collection is for the Building Renovation Fund. Thank you for your generosity.

Fall Back – Spring Forward



Daylight Saving Time ends on Sunday, November 3 at 2 a.m. Remember to set your clocks back one hour before going to sleep on Saturday and enjoy an extra hour of sleep.

– COMING UP –

All Saints Dance

As an alternative to Halloween, children are invited to an All Saints Dance this **Thursday, October 31** from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. in the parish hall. Through dance and games, we wish to promote festivities based on Christian values. Children are asked to dress up as positive characters, such as saints, animals, community workers, etc.

We are still accepting **nut-free sweets** for this occasion. Candy, lollipops, gum, juice boxes, as well as crackers and baby food purée for the youngest children can be dropped off in the parish office. Thank you to those who have already contributed. All sponsors will be listed in the November bulletin.

Upcoming Devotions

First Friday of the month, November 1
Devotion to the Sacred Heart of Jesus after the 10 a.m. and 7 p.m. Masses.
Confession starts at 6 p.m.

First Saturday of the month, November 2
Devotion to the Immaculate Heart of Mary after the 8 a.m. Mass

First Sunday of the month, November 3
Holy Rosary Devotion at 7:15 a.m.

– IN MEMORIAM –



The following parishioners passed away recently. Let us keep them in our prayers.

- ✠ Marianna Horodynski, 88
- ✠ Lucjan Kulik, 84
- ✠ Neville Rainford, 84
- ✠ Ludwik Majewski, 82
- ✠ Krystyna Flak, 77
- ✠ Stanislaw Maj, 76
- ✠ Julian Fabrycy, 74
- ✠ Maria Kotowicz, 72
- ✠ Danuta Janicka, 69
- ✠ Marian Zawilinski, 69
- ✠ Jacek Migdal, 58
- ✠ Grace Brynczka, 55
- ✠ Zbigniew Scieszko, 49
- ✠ Adrian Zagloba, 44

*Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord,
and let perpetual light shine upon them.
May they rest in peace. Amen.*

– ALL SAINTS' DAY – – ALL SOULS' DAY –

Prayers for the Faithful Departed

– in Polish –

Prayers on the occasion of All Saints' Day and All Souls' Day are held at local cemeteries **this Sunday, October 27.**

2 p.m. Meadowvale, Brampton
Resurrection, Whitby
Queen of Heaven, Woodbridge

3 p.m. Mount Hope, Toronto
Park Lawn, Toronto
Sanctuary, Toronto

4 p.m. Assumption, Mississauga
St. John's, Mississauga
St. Mary's, Mississauga
Mount Peace, Mississauga
Thornton, Oshawa

All Souls' Day Mass

– in English –

Catholic Cemeteries & Funeral Services of the Archdiocese of Toronto wishes to invite all families to participate in the All Souls' Day Mass next **Saturday, November 2 at 2 p.m.** All Masses will be held indoors at the following locations:

- Assumption Cemetery, Mississauga
Our Lady of Fatima Mausoleum
- Christ the King Cemetery, Markham
Reception Centre
- Holy Cross Cemetery, Thornhill
Holy Family Mausoleum
- Queen of Heaven Cemetery, Woodbridge
St. Anthony's Mausoleum (Italian/English)
- Resurrection Cemetery, Whitby
Our Lady of the Assumption Mausoleum

Memorial Candles

Altar Servers are fundraising by selling memorial candles **this weekend** and on **November 1** after each Sunday Mass. These candles can be lit in remembrance of our loved ones who have passed away into eternity. For safety reasons, candles may only be lit by the statue of John Paul II. No candles should be lit near the Missionary Cross or by the Divine Mercy statue.

Plenary Indulgence

From November 1st to 8th, the faithful can obtain a plenary indulgence by visiting a cemetery and praying for the deceased. Plenary indulgence can be gained under regular prescribed conditions, obtained once a day, and applied to one soul in purgatory.

– ALL SAINTS' DAY – – ALL SOULS' DAY –

Rosary for the Faithful Departed

November 1 – 8

Monday to Friday and Sunday at 6:30 p.m.
Saturday at 9:30 a.m.

Wypominki

The Church prays for all the faithful departed, especially in November, when we join together to pray for those who repent in Purgatory. If you would like to include your loved ones in this prayer, please list their names on memorial envelopes and deposit them into a special box found on the steps of the sanctuary. Memorial Mass will be celebrated on:

- **Friday, November 1**
8 a.m., 10 a.m., 5 p.m. (English), 7 p.m.
- **Saturday, November 2**
8 a.m., 5 p.m. (English), 7 p.m.
- **Sunday, November 3**
At every Mass
- **Daily in November at the Provincial House**

– OTHER NEWS –

40 Days for Life

Kolbe ProLife Group invites all parishioners to participate in 40 Days for Life that is taking place **until November 3**. Our parish is invited to pray on Saturdays, but you can also pray on any other day of the week.

Daily Prayer Location:

Women's Clinic in Mississauga
101 Queensway Ave. W.
(Queensway and Confederation)

Time: 7:00 a.m. – 7:00 p.m.

40 DAYS FOR LIFE CLOSING MASS

Sunday, November 3 at 1 p.m.
St. Catherine of Siena Church
2340 Hurontario Street in Mississauga

Celebrity 30th Celebration

Celebrity Symphony Orchestra and Maestro Andrzej Rozbicki invite you to a concert on **Saturday, November 9** at the Living Arts Centre in Mississauga. Performers include a 40-person orchestra and guests from Poland: Lukasz Gaj (tenor), Ewelina Szybilska (soprano), and Rafal Brzozowski (*Jaka to Melodia and The Voice Senior*). World hits will also be sung by Laura Sasiadek and Marcel Sokalski. Tickets are available at www.rozbicki.com and in Polish stores.

– MASS INTENTIONS –

MONDAY October 28

- 8⁰⁰ ○ For God's blessing for Anna, Victoria and Veronika
- 19⁰⁰ ✠ Wladyslaw Armatys (10th anniv.) – wife and family
- ✠ Tadeusz Kawa – son and family

TUESDAY October 29

- 8⁰⁰ ✠ Marek, Waclaw, Antonina, Feliksa, Janusz Ostapowicz, Katarzyna Karpowicz
- 19⁰⁰ ○ For God's blessing for Maria Tymowski and the Vilkas and Jankowski families
- For God's continued blessing for Jolanta and Jerzy Marciniak on their wedding anniversary

WEDNESDAY October 30

- 8⁰⁰ ○ For God's continued blessing for Zofia and Zdzislaw Nowak on their 58th wedding anniversary – children
- ✠ Franciszek Komsa, Franciszek Grzybowski, Honorata Bartosiewicz, deceased from the Komsa and Makiej families
- 19⁰⁰ ○ Collective Mass Intentions

THURSDAY October 31

- 8⁰⁰ ✠ Deceased from the Zamarlik and Manka families
- ✠ Marianna Gwiazda – son and family
- 19⁰⁰ ✠ Dina Capati – friends

FRIDAY November 1

- 8⁰⁰ ✠ Faithful departed listed on memorial envelopes
- 10⁰⁰ ✠ Faithful departed listed on memorial envelopes
- 17⁰⁰ ✠ Faithful departed listed on memorial envelopes
- 18³⁰ *Rosary for the Faithful Departed*
- 19⁰⁰ ✠ Faithful departed listed on memorial envelopes

SATURDAY November 2

- 8⁰⁰ ✠ Oblate Fathers and all faithful departed listed on memorial envelopes
- Rosary for the Faithful Departed*
- 17⁰⁰ ✠ Faithful departed listed on memorial envelopes
- 19⁰⁰ ✠ Faithful departed listed on memorial envelopes

SUNDAY November 3

- 8⁰⁰ ✠ Members of the Rosary Family and Knights of Mary Immaculate
- 9³⁰ ✠ Faithful departed listed on memorial envelopes
- 11⁰⁰ ○ For Parishioners and Benefactors
- 13⁰⁰ ✠ Faithful departed listed on memorial envelopes
- 14³⁰ ✠ Faithful departed listed on memorial envelopes
- 18³⁰ *Rosary for the Faithful Departed*
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Please inform the parish office of any errors in the spelling of the above names.

Fr. Stan Bak Library Book Fair

Fr. Stan Bak Library is hosting a Book Fair this Sunday, **October 27 from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.** at the John Paul II Polish Cultural Centre. All are welcome!