

Wednesday Oct 23rd for the 30th Sunday in Ordinary Time

OPENING PRAYER: In the words of Saint Benedict, “Listen with the ears of your heart.”

- Please note a word, phrase, or verse that seemed to really catch your notice.
- A volunteer slowly read aloud today’s passage Afterwards, we have a few minutes of silent reflection.

**READING OF THE ASSIGNED GOSPEL ACCORDING TO Mark
Mk 10:46-52**

46They came to Jericho.⁴ And as he was leaving Jericho with his disciples and a sizable crowd, Bartimaeus, a blind man, the son of Timaeus, sat by the roadside begging.⁴⁷On hearing that it was Jesus of Nazareth, he began to cry out and say, “Jesus, son of David, have pity on me.”⁴⁸And many rebuked him, telling him to be silent. But he kept calling out all the more, “Son of David, have pity on me.”⁴⁹Jesus stopped and said, “Call him.” So they called the blind man, saying to him, “Take courage; get up, he is calling you.”⁵⁰He threw aside his cloak, sprang up, and came to Jesus.⁵¹Jesus said to him in reply, “What do you want me to do for you?” The blind man replied to him, “Master, I want to see.”⁵²Jesus told him, “Go your way; your faith has saved you.” Immediately he received his sight and followed him on the way.

* [[10:2-9](#)] In the dialogue between Jesus and the Pharisees on the subject of divorce, Jesus declares that the law of Moses permitted divorce ([Dt 24:1](#)) only because of the hardness of your hearts ([Mk 10:4-5](#)). In citing [Gn 1:27](#) and [2:24](#) Jesus proclaims permanence to be the divine intent from the beginning concerning human marriage ([Mk 10:6-8](#)). He reaffirms this with the declaration that what God has joined together, no human being must separate ([Mk 10:9](#)). See further the notes on [Mt 5:31-32](#); [19:3-9](#).

* [[10:15](#)] Whoever does not accept the kingdom of God like a child: i.e., in total dependence upon and obedience to the gospel; cf. [Mt 18:3-4](#).

* [\[10:18\]](#) Why do you call me good?: Jesus repudiates the term “good” for himself and directs it to God, the source of all goodness who alone can grant the gift of eternal life; cf. [Mt 19:16–17](#).

* [\[10:23–27\]](#) In the Old Testament wealth and material goods are considered a sign of God’s favor ([Jb 1:10](#); [Ps 128:1–2](#); [Is 3:10](#)). The words of Jesus in [Mk 10:23–25](#) provoke astonishment among the disciples because of their apparent contradiction of the Old Testament concept ([Mk 10:24, 26](#)). Since wealth, power, and merit generate false security, Jesus rejects them utterly as a claim to enter the kingdom. Achievement of salvation is beyond human capability and depends solely on the goodness of God who offers it as a gift ([Mk 10:27](#)).

* [\[10:38–40\]](#) Can you drink the cup...I am baptized?: the metaphor of drinking the cup is used in the Old Testament to refer to acceptance of the destiny assigned by God; see note on [Ps 11:6](#). In Jesus’ case, this involves divine judgment on sin that Jesus the innocent one is to expiate on behalf of the guilty ([Mk 14:24](#); [Is 53:5](#)). His baptism is to be his crucifixion and death for the salvation of the human race; cf. [Lk 12:50](#). The request of James and John for a share in the glory ([Mk 10:35–37](#)) must of necessity involve a share in Jesus’ sufferings, the endurance of tribulation and suffering for the gospel ([Mk 10:39](#)). The authority of assigning places of honor in the kingdom is reserved to God ([Mk 10:40](#)).

* [\[10:42–45\]](#) Whatever authority is to be exercised by the disciples must, like that of Jesus, be rendered as service to others ([Mk 10:45](#)) rather than for personal aggrandizement ([Mk 10:42–44](#)). The service of Jesus is his passion and death for the sins of the human race ([Mk 10:45](#)); cf. [Mk 14:24](#); [Is 53:11–12](#); [Mt 26:28](#); [Lk 22:19–20](#).

Notes

QUESTIONS FOR SHARING

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Commentary

IS THERE A CAUSE FOR GRATITUDE THIS WEEK?

IS THERE A PRAYER REQUEST YOU HAVE?

CLOSING PRAYER - The Lord's Prayer

Bible Sharing Parish Hall and Zoom
Wednesday, Oct 23 6:30 – 7:30pm
Weekly on Wednesday
Zoom Meeting

Description: Blessed Sacrament is inviting you to a scheduled Zoom meeting.

Topic: Blessed Sacrament's Zoom Meeting
Time: Oct 23, 2024 06:30 PM Eastern Time (US and Canada)

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Weekly: https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/tZolduisqDosEg23wHRoszXqNBSkCL57ORPg/ics?icsToken=98tyKuGhpjorHtKTthCORpx5Goj4d-jwpiFdj_oPzwjNMS9AeDvnGMBxOZFTRY

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