

30th Sunday in Ordinary Time of the Year

(Jeremiah 31.7-9, Hebrews 5.1-6, Mark 10.46-52)

THEME: Let Us Cry To God In Faith And Claim Our Blessings From Him.

Jeremiah the prophet of God, through the first reading of today, invites us to shout, dance and sing praises of Joy. For the Lord our God has come to save us. He is asking us to call on God, asking Him to come and save us, to come and heal us, to come and fill us with joy and peace again, to come and answer our prayers.

For God our Father has promised, "With weeping they shall come, and with consolations I will lead them back, I will let them walk by brooks of water, in a straight path in which they shall not stumble." (Jer. 31:9)

This promise is for all of us, to realize that our God is on our midst, as a loving and compassionate Father, ready to help and bless us.

The blind man Bartimaeus, in our Gospel narrative today, makes good use of this promise, for he realized, that, in Jesus Christ, we have a Father and a High Priest, who is ready and willing to help and to bless us. With this in mind, Bartimaeus called on Jesus with faith, to have mercy on him. Immediately Christ heard him, He lifted His hand of mercy and healing upon Bartimaeus and he received his sight.

For us today, this is our time, now is the opportune time for us to cry out to God in faith. Like Bartimaeus, let us with one heart ask Jesus to have mercy on us, on our families, and on our world today.

Let us also bear in mind, that, Bartimaeus refused to be silenced by the obstacles around him (those ordering him to be quiet). Let us not allow any obstacle today to stand between us and our blessings and healings from God. Let rise with faith in our prayers today and call on God for mercy.

As we call on God with faith, may we remember his promise to us today, "with weeping they shall come, and with consolations, I will lead them back." (Jer. 31:9)