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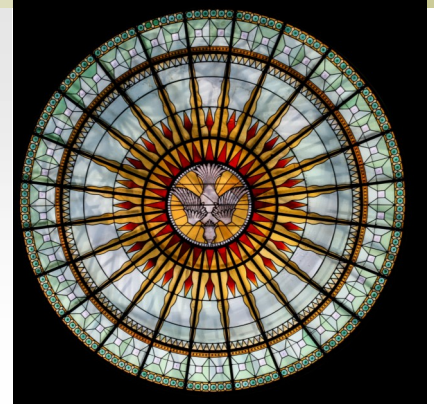
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XXX Sunday in Ordinary Time

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Gospel

Mk 10:46-52

As Jesus was leaving Jericho with his disciples and a sizable crowd, Bartimaeus, a blind man, the son of Timaeus, sat by the roadside begging. On hearing that it was Jesus of Nazareth, he began to cry out and say, "Jesus, son of David, have pity on me." And many rebuked him, telling him to be silent. But he kept calling out all the more, "Son of David, have pity on me." Jesus stopped and said, "Call him." So they called the blind man, saying to him, "Take courage; get up, Jesus is calling you."

He threw aside his cloak, sprang up, and came to Jesus. Jesus 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." Jesus told him, "Go your way; your faith has saved you." Immediately he received his sight and followed him on the way.

1st Reading: Jer 31:7-9 / 2da 2ns Reading: Heb 5:1-6

Reflection

"Take courage; get up, Jesus is calling you." (Mk 10:49)

This 30th Sunday of Ordinary Time the gospel presents us the blind Bartimaeus. He is the model of every true encounter with Christ. He recognizes his need, is aware that he can't heal himself and cries out in faith to the only one who can. He perseveres in the midst of obstacles and is rewarded.

Self sufficiency is what prevents us from being healed. We never really acknowledge our need for the Savior. When we depend completely on the Lord he's able to help us. Jesus is not easy and will not force himself where he is not invited. We should open wide the doors of our hearts to Christ and invite him to be the Lord of our lives. (St. John Paul II)

Questions for Reflection:

Does my prayer manifest my dependence on God?

Have I allowed self sufficiency to enter my life where I simply ask God to help me fulfill my plans?

Am I willing to do whatever it takes to find Jesus?

Psalm 126

When the LORD brought back the captives of Zion, we were like men dreaming. Then our mouth was filled with laughter, and our tongue with rejoicing.

Then they said among the nations, "The LORD has done great things for them." The LORD has done great things for us; we are glad indeed.

Restore our fortunes, O LORD, like the torrents in the southern desert. Those that sow in tears shall reap rejoicing.

Although they go forth weeping, carrying the seed to be sown, They shall come back rejoicing, carrying their sheaves.



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