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THIRTIETH SUNDAY
OCTOBER 24, 2021

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The Pope's Prayer Intention for October:

We pray that every baptized person
may be engaged in evangelization,
available to the mission, by being
witnesses of a life that has the flavor
of the Gospel.



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Stained glass window from the National Cathedral in Washington
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SCHEDULE

Sunday Masses:

Saturday Vigil 4:00PM,
5:30 PM, (en español)

Sun. 8 AM, 9:15AM, 10:30AM, 11:45AM,
1:15 PM (en español), 4:00PM, 5:30PM

Weekday Masses:

Mon.—Fri. 8:00AM, 12:05PM, 4:45PM
Saturday 9:00AM, 12PM

Confessions:

Mon.—Fri. 11:15 -11:50AM, 12:45-4:15PM
Saturday 9:30 - 11:45 AM, 12:45-3:30PM

Devotions:

Tuesday after Mass: Our Lady
Wednesday after Mass: St. Joseph
Thursday after Mass: St. Jude

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament:

Mon.—Fri. 8:30-11:50AM, 12:30-4:30PM;
Sat. 9:30-11:30AM, 12:30-3:30PM;
Sunday 2:30-3:30PM

Gift Shop Hours:

Monday—Friday 10:00AM - 5:30PM;
Saturday 9:30AM - 6:30PM*;
Sunday 8:45AM - 6:30PM*

(*Closed during Sun. and Sat. Vigil Masses)

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Reflection by Bro. Jonas Verdeflor, OMV

Do we beg for God's mercy?

Brennan Manning said, "We must be beggars at the door of God's mercy." We can never earn it on our own. The reality of our spiritual poverty must sink into our hearts before we can hold out our hands for God's mercy. Do we beg for God's mercy?

More likely, we refuse to beg and prefer to bargain. For example, a man approached me at the supermarket.

"Hey, Father," he said. (Of course, he did not know that I was a seminarian.) "I need to go to Confession."

"You better go quickly," I replied.

"Go quickly, then," he retorted. "I go to the beach and tell my sins to the birds. Does that count?"

Bargaining, not begging. Telling sins to the birds might help on the natural level to get something off one's chest. But birds cannot give absolution. They cannot even heal the spiritual damage resulting from the sins. Plus, this man seeks mercy outside what God prescribes for Catholics. Jesus already told us who can forgive sins: the apostles. For example, the risen Jesus gave them such authority: "Whose sins you forgive are forgiven them, and whose sins you retain are retained" (Jn 20:23). That power now resides with the bishops and priests through the Sacrament of Reconciliation. If we beg for mercy, we must go to the right place. Do we beg for God's mercy?

In contrast to my supermarket encounter, look at today's Gospel. Bartimaeus understood his poverty. What could he bring to bargain with Jesus for a healing? Nothing. He resorted to his last option: beg. "Jesus, son of David, have pity of me" (Mk 10:47). When others told him to be quiet, he cried out even more. The blind man lived out Jesus' counsel to his apostles: "And I tell you, ask and you will receive; seek and you will find; knock and the door will be opened to you. For everyone who asks, receives; and the one who seeks, finds; and to the one who knocks, the door will be opened" (Lk 11:9-10).

Jesus said that such persistence would be rewarded. He practiced his teaching when he stopped and called Bartimaeus to him. When Jesus asked his request, Bartimaeus said simply, "Master, I want to see" (Mk 10:51). He did not couch it behind flowery language. Because of the beggar's faith, Jesus restored his sight. Do we beg for God's mercy?

If we did, reciting the *Kyrie* ("Lord, have mercy") at Mass would no longer be an automatic, mindless act. Venerable Bruno Lanteri countered that mindlessness by recommending having the mindset of the repentant tax collector (Lk 18:9-14) when we said the *Kyrie*. He had prayed simply: "O God, be merciful to me a sinner." (Lk 18:13). By remembering how much we need God's mercy and how spiritually poor we are, we say the *Kyrie* with feeling. That opens our spiritual hands to God. He surely fills them by giving us His Son in the Blessed Sacrament.

For October, The Month of the Holy Rosary:

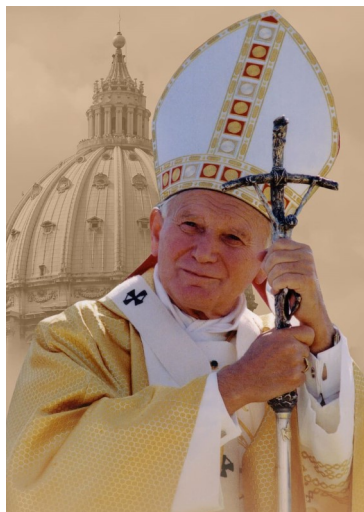
You may enroll your loved ones or other intentions in our Daily Rosary during October and the Enrollments cards may be found in the vestibule of the Chapel.

The Holy Rosary will be prayed:

- * Monday—Friday after the 4:45PM Mass
- * Saturday after the Noon Mass
- * Sunday after the 1:15PM Mass

Prayer by Pope St. John Paul II

O Mary,
bright dawn of the new world,
Mother of the living,
to you do we entrust the cause of life
Look down, O Mother,
upon the vast numbers
of babies not allowed to be born,
of the poor whose lives are made difficult,
of men and women
who are victims of brutal violence,
of the elderly and the sick killed
by indifference or out of misguided mercy.
Grant that all who believe in your Son
may proclaim the Gospel of life
with honesty and love
to the people of our time.
Obtain for them the grace
to accept that Gospel
as a gift ever new,
the joy of celebrating it with gratitude
throughout their lives
and the courage to bear witness to it
resolutely, in order to build,
together with all people of good will,
the civilization of truth and love,
to the praise and glory of God,
the Creator and lover of life. Amen.



MASS INTENTIONS THIS WEEK

Sunday, Oct. 24

8:00 AM +Jean Roddy
9:15 AM +Bridget Rooney
10:30 AM +William Carr—month's mind
11:45 AM +Richard Shea
1:15 PM +Gladys Castro y Jose Restrepo y Irma Medina
4:00 PM +Harry F. Bonnet
5:30 PM +Sean Connolly

Monday, Oct. 25

8:00 AM For the Holy Souls in Purgatory in honor of St. Joseph
12:05 PM Harley Auguste
4:45 PM +Odilla Bolivar

Tuesday, Oct. 26

8:00 AM +Marilyn Hartford
12:05 PM Alice, Charlie, Felio, Ansley
4:45 PM Hendricks Delva

Wednesday, Oct. 27

8:00 AM Mr. & Mrs. R. Lill-Plazas & Family
12:05 PM +Michael Donahue
4:45 PM Holy Souls in Purgatory

Thursday, Oct. 28

8:00 AM +David J. Madore—28th anniv.
12:05 PM +Mary Michienzie
4:45 PM Mr. & Mrs. Jason Allain

Friday, Oct. 29

8:00 AM +Peter Dalton
12:05 PM +Claude Sovoie
4:45 PM +Mary Michienzie

Saturday, Oct. 30

9:00 AM +rosa Otitia
12:00 PM +John David Feitlberg
4:00 PM +Helen Curran
5:30 PM Mirsa on her birthday

Prayer Before Mass



by Ven. Bruno Lanteri

My God, I offer you this holy sacrifice to proclaim, honor and glorify your infinite greatness, and in recognition of the supreme dominion which, as the first principle and last end, you have above all created things. I give you this homage for all those who still do not know you or do not want to recognize you.

I offer this too in thanksgiving for the benefits that I and all the world have received and will receive from your infinite goodness; in satisfaction for my sins and those of the whole world; to implore the graces that are necessary for my eternal salvation and for all mankind. Oh, my God, I offer to you the merits of Jesus Christ; grant me at this Holy Mass a profound adoration of him.

My God, my Creator, I implore you to grant me the grace of final perseverance. I know by faith that I do not deserve it, nor can I deserve it, but your Divine Son deserves it for me with all his virtues and with all the wounds he shows you in his Most Holy Body, on behalf of my wounded love. Amen.

Overcoming Spiritual Discouragement

Feeling discouraged in your spiritual life is not uncommon, especially with the hardships and distractions in today's world. In a new virtual workshop with Fr. Timothy Gallagher, OMV, you'll learn ways of dealing with discouragement and strengthening your relationship with Jesus Christ through the teachings of OMV founder, Ven. Bruno Lanteri.



Register at <https://www.omvusa.org/our-work/virtual-workshops/overcoming-spiritual-discouragement/>

As an expert on the life and writings of Venerable Bruno Lanteri, Fr. Timothy Gallagher, OMV, has much to share about finding hope and peace in times of spiritual struggle. A new virtual workshop on "Overcoming Spiritual Discouragement" is your opportunity to get a front row seat as Fr. Gallagher shares wisdom and practical lessons pulled right from the letters of Ven. Bruno to his spiritual directees.

Based on the popular book by Fr. Timothy Gallagher, OMV, the workshop offers a message of hope and a path to joy for anyone struggling with their faith journey.

By drawing on the teachings of OMV founder Ven. Lanteri, you'll learn how to move past spiritual obstacles without shame and build a relationship with the Lord based on love and mercy.

Enhance Your Experience with a Premium Pass

For a one-time payment of \$29, a workshop premium pass offers you a way to enhance and more deeply connect with the workshop's core teachings.

- Receive a physical copy of the *Overcoming Spiritual Discouragement* book by Fr. Gallagher
- Get a downloadable resource with recommended readings and a related self-guided study
- Access an additional two-part video series with Fr. Gallagher about Venerable Bruno Lanteri's spiritual direction

Join a virtual Q&A on November 10th, 2021 (starting at 8:00 p.m. EST) with Fr. Gallagher to discuss topics related to the workshop, with a recording available after the live event

For a Premium Pass register at the website below and select the Premium Pass Option.

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