




**Whaylon Coleman**  
Chief Technology Officer

Office : PO BOX 22998  
Owensboro, KY 42304-2998

Phone : 270-883-1450  
Email : [it@anitconsultant.com](mailto:it@anitconsultant.com)



- Carpet Cleaning
- Upholstery Cleaning
- Ceramic/Grout Cleaning
- Auto Interiors
- Area Rugs Cleaned

715 Cumberland St.  
Owensboro, KY 42303  
Phone: 270-684-0969 (Owensboro)  
Phone: 270-827-1130 (Henderson)  
Emergency: 270-315-2294

**Jacques Williams**  
Manager



Pipe, Valves, Fittings, Pneumatics, Actuation, & Steam



*Supply Company, Inc.*  
"Since 1978"

**Greg Gough**  
(Cell) 270-993-7120  
greg@pvfsupplyco.com

270-685-4919  
800-787-6803 (Fax) 270-685-2559  
PO Box 1796, 1611 West 7th St., Owensboro, KY 42302



**GREENWELL CHISHOLM**

Printing  
Signs and Banners  
Promotions  
Design  
Mailing and Fulfillment

gc1919.com • 270.684.3267  
420 East Parrish Avenue  
Owensboro, KY 42303



# Blessed Sacrament

602 Sycamore Street • Owensboro, KY 42301 • 270-926-4741  
[www.blessedsacramentchapel.org](http://www.blessedsacramentchapel.org) or email at [pa@blessedsacramentchapel.org](mailto:pa@blessedsacramentchapel.org)

**Mission Statement:**  
*Established in the Spirit of Jesus Christ with an Afro-centric focus, Blessed Sacrament Chapel is committed to spreading the "Word" through fellowship and good works.*

**Sunday Mass: 10:00AM**  
**St. Stephen Cathedral Parish Office:** 270-683-6525  
**Pastor:** Father John Thomas  
[jthomas@sscobo.org](mailto:jthomas@sscobo.org)  
**Parochial Vicar:** Father Shibu Cheriankunnel  
[moc\\_scheriyankunnel@sscobo.org](mailto:moc_scheriyankunnel@sscobo.org)  
**Parish Life Coordinator:** Sr Jeannette Fennewald,  
 SSND [pa@blessedsacramentchapel.org](mailto:pa@blessedsacramentchapel.org)



## Sunday's Readings

**First Reading:**  
 They departed in tears, but I will console them and guide them. (Jer 31:9)  
**Psalm:**  
 The Lord has done great things for us; we are filled with joy. (Ps 126)  
**Second Reading:**  
*You are a priest forever according to the order of Melchizedek.* (Hew 5:6)  
**Gospel:**  
 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." (Mk 10:51)

Excerpts from the Lectionary for Mass

## October 27, 30th Sunday Ordinary Time

**Take courage; get up!**  
**Jesus is calling you. Mark 10:50**



.My Dear Parishioners:

There are many stories in the gospel about blind people being healed, but this one about Bartimaeus is probably the best known, and it has a nice lesson for us. The poor man was blind, and when he heard that Jesus of Nazareth was passing by, he had to make a choice, quickly. He could just sit there and let Jesus pass him by, or he could grab the moment, and ask to be healed. Jesus was said to have the power to heal, but you had to get his attention and *ask* to be healed.

In a cartoon some time back, a sharp-tongued little girl called Lucy was trying to reform her schoolmate Charlie Browne. She glared at him and said, “Do you know what’s wrong with you, Charlie Browne?” “What?” he asked. “What’s wrong with you is that, well, *you don’t want to know* what’s wrong with you!” How unlike Bartimaeus, who was determined to be cured. When he called out to Jesus, people around him tried to get him to shut up, and stay quiet. But he just shouted louder, and kept shouting until Jesus stopped and called him over. Although Bartimaeus was blind, Jesus stayed where he was and let the blind man come to him. If he really wanted to be cured, he would find a way to get to Jesus.

It was obvious that Bartimaeus was blind, and yet Jesus asked him “What do you want me to do for you?” The man had to name his problem, himself. If we want to be cured of blindness, of alcoholism, or of depression, then we need to come to Jesus and tell him what’s wrong with you. He knows our needs, yet he says “Ask and you will receive.” “Your heavenly Father will surely give to those who ask.” Bartimaeus’s reply was simple and uncomplicated. There was no long speech, no haggling or wheedling. “I want to see” was his direct reply. And Jesus told him that his faith had healed him. Rightly, this blind man knew that Jesus would not turn away from the cry of the poor. Just think of what he did: he threw aside his old cloak, got up, and ran to Jesus. The old cloak may be a symbol for his past, his darkness, his despair. He made an act of hope-filled faith, and Jesus did not disappoint him. All attempts of the bystanders to silence him made him more determined. He was clear about what he wanted, and knew who could help him. That’s why Bartimaeus has a lesson for us all, here and now.

Jesus asks us, “What do you want me to do for you?” Call out to him and have your vision cleared, your eyes opened. Set aside your old cloak, burdens, past . . . God’s kingdom is at hand!

Blessings, Fr. John

#### Question

November is called the month of All Souls. More recently, it has been called the Commemoration of All the Faithful Departed. Can you tell us more about this feast and the remembrances of this month?

#### Answer:

November 2, the Commemoration of All the Faithful Departed, dovetails with November 1<sup>st</sup>, the feast of All Saints. The saints, our models of Christian living, are one with God in heaven. All the faithful departed are those who have died with hope and trust in a loving God who calls us to greater growth and development, even beyond death. This growth and development occurs in a state of being that we have traditionally called purgatory.

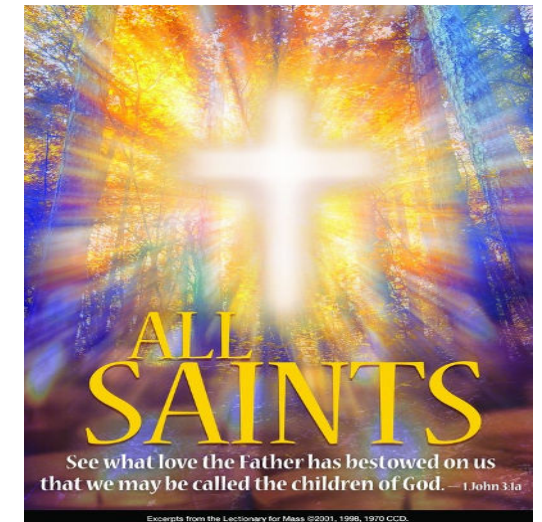
While the Western Church has emphasized the cleansing and purifying nature of purgatory, the Eastern Orthodox Church has emphasized the growth and development aspect of it. Today, belief in purgatory allows one who has died in Christ to continue growing and developing before meeting God face to face. God continually invites communion with these loved ones, but some feel the need to continue growing and developing before entering into full communion with God.

These November feasts vividly remind us of the rich reality known as the communion of saints. This belief stresses the strong affirmation that the church is always one in Christ. Death does not sever any of the bonds that unite us in Christ. That is why it is a fitting practice to pray for the dead and to ask them to pray for us. Just as we do that for each other when we are alive, so, too, do we continue that bond and concern for each other even beyond death.

#### LAUGH OF THE WEEK

A minister parked his car in a no-parking zone in a large city because he was short of time and couldn't find a space with a meter.

Then he put a note under the windshield wiper that read: "I have circled the block 10 times. If I don't park here, I'll miss my appointment. Forgive us our trespasses." When he returned, he found a citation from a police officer along with this note "I've circled this block for 10 years. If I don't give you a ticket I'll lose my job. Lead us not into temptation



#### ***ALL SAINTS AND ALL SOULS***

***We thank you, God our Father, for the great company of witnesses surrounding us with their unseen presence. To Christ their gaze is turned. May our eyes be fixed on him with whom we will one day be united for ever and ever. Amen.***

## NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS

1--Father John, Austin Gough  
 5--Mike Bogdan, Jamie Bisel  
 7--Lennox Williams, Hank and Quinn Fain  
 11--Jeff Sanford  
 16--Joyce Moorman, Greg Gough, Brynn Campbell  
 19--Ron Moorman, Barbara Bisel



### GROWING FORWARD IN CHRIST

*It has been two years since we began our Growing Forward in Christ campaign. Thanks to all of you who have pledged and faithfully have been fulfilling that pledge. Please continue to contribute; the three year pledge period is not over (and you can even continue after that!).*

*If for some reason you have not contributed, it is not too late. We will have a plaque board in the vestibule with the name of everyone who has contributed to the campaign. We would like to see the name of every parishioner on it. If you can make a contribution, please mark it "Capital Campaign" or use the envelope in your box of envelopes titled "Growing Forward. This is a separate donation from your tithing. Thank you for consideration. We will be making decisions about the contribution board soon.*

## Mass Intentions

October 27--DJ Clark  
 November 1--Patricia Lett  
 November 5--DJ Clark  
 November 12--David Millay

*Let us remember to pray for those who have recently died or those in the process of dying. Remember to pray for the souls in purgatory, especially for those who have no one to pray for them.*

**Our thoughts and prayers are with the sick: Paul Haire, Pam Wilson, Emma Latta, Phil Armendarez, Cindy Heckmann, Joe Washington, Judy Stinett, Shaun Winchell, China Dublin, Rachel Mattingly, Larry Allen, Charlie Brown Sr, Steven Moorman, Philip Moorman, Jr., Ronnie Hollis, Chandra Hagan, Larry Clark, Ruth Coble, Carol Hatchett, Jordan Gertisen, Shelby Webster, Andy Evans, Gary Moorman. If you know of anyone who is in need of prayer or visitation, please notify the office.**

### BLACK CATHOLIC HISTORY MONTH

November is Black Catholic History Month. To celebrate this, Bishop Medley is celebrating Mass at St. Stephen Cathedral on Saturday, **November 2 at 11:30 am**. There will be a luncheon to follow. We have been asked to serve the luncheon. **Please let me know if you are available to help.** (Food will be provided. We are not responsible for it.)

## Coming Events



### Blessed Sacrament Happening

**October 25--Scripture Sharing 10am**  
**Nov. 1--All Saints Day Mass 6 pm**  
**Nov. 2--Diocesan Black Catholic History Month Mass 11:30 (lunch to follow)**  
**Nov. 16--Encounter Love/Encounter**



Oct. 20--\$2,093  
 Budget--\$1300  
 MTD Collection--\$5,186.50  
 MTD Budget--\$3,900  
 YTD Collection--\$21,769.08  
 YTD Budget--\$20,800

May each give according to what the Lord has blessed us with.

*Thanks to everyone who practices stewardship on a regular basis. An active parishioner attends Mass regularly and practices stewardship (time, talent, treasure).*

## GOSPEL MEDITATION

Near my house there is a school for the blind. Often, I see blind people learning how to navigate the world with only a walking stick, even on a busy street with roaring traffic. I'm amazed to see how adept and carefully they get around without sight. Nevertheless, often a sadness arises in me that he or she cannot see all the beautiful colors, images, and persons filling the world around them. Those days, I find myself deeply grateful for the basic privilege of sight.

That's part of why the mystery of Jesus as the sight-giver is so moving to me. This week, it's wonderful how Bartimaeus the blind man is no longer content with his limitation and bellows out his desire for Jesus' mercy. In beautiful simplicity, he cries out to the Lord, "**Master, let me receive my sight.**" Jesus quietly heals his sight. And off he goes, fully taking in the world around him. Imagine the delightful new way in which he is able to respond to the world.

Like blind Bartimaeus and the courageous people in my neighborhood, we may be able to get around reasonably well in our daily lives. But we are blind to the gestures of heroic love of people close to us. We can't see the desperate need of the hungry, thirsty, imprisoned, exploited, endangered, and so on, in our midst. We can't see Jesus drawing near to us in so many ways, but he is. This Sunday let's cry out to him: Lord have mercy on me! I want to see! And little by little — or perhaps in a flash — we'll see once again, or perhaps for the first time.

— *Father John Muir*

## IMP—Kroger

Thank you to everyone who has designated Blessed Sacrament as your community reward partner. If you do not have a community reward partner, please designate Blessed Sacrament. Blessed Sacrament's # is WX799. Go to [krogercommunityrewards.com](http://krogercommunityrewards.com) to register. Thanks to each of you for your support.

## MINISTRY SCHEDULE

### Lectors

October 27: Jacques Williams, Kathi Skidd  
November 3: Leland Herzog, Greg Gough  
November 10: Barbara Bisel, Wayne Stevens

### Eucharistic Ministers

October 27: Barbara Bisel, Denise and Greg Richardson  
November 3: Kathy Skidd, Cindy Clark, Vivian Higgs  
November 10: Janet Clark, Greg Gough, Holly Hollis

### Collection & Gifts

October 27: Fain Family  
November 3: Michelle Jones, Dee Brashe  
November 10: Chelis, Britney, Kyler Carmona



*Take time to vote. It is a privilege.  
Look at all issues and pray to the Holy  
Spirit for enlightenment.*

*Our prayers and thoughts are with Robert Hagan and family on the death of his younger brother Gary. May the Lord welcome him into the heavenly banquet.*

## The Safety of Darkness

Leprosy and blindness and deafness — oh, my. The disabilities cured by Jesus in his public ministry really are quite something, aren't they? Vividly symbolic and rich food for reflection. It just wouldn't be the same if Jesus had cured eczema or athlete's foot or compulsive nail-biting.

Blind Bartimaeus, sitting by the side of the road, in particular captures my imagination. Because I have a confession to make, sometimes, I like to sit in the darkness, even though I know it isn't very good for me.

Well, listen: it's just easier, isn't it? You don't have to care about or fix the problems you can't see. No one expects you to rush to someone's aid if you don't see their injuries. The darkness is a good place to be, if you don't feel very brave or very smart or very able.

And when Jesus passes you by, if your whole world is darkness, it's easy enough to pretend you just didn't notice him at all.

But Bartimaeus chose not to stay in his darkness. More than that, he cried out to be released from it, even when everyone around him told him to shut up. He was so persistent that he caught the notice of Jesus, and when he heard those words — "Take courage; get up, Jesus is calling you!" — what did he do? He didn't stammer and run away. He had courage. He got up.

It takes courage to ask for what you need to follow Christ. Because if you ask for it, you'll get it. And then begins the terrifying, wonderful journey of discipleship — testifying to what you have seen. Life in the light, no longer sitting by the side of the road but on the road, journeying toward the greatest destination of all.

"What do you want me to do for you?" Jesus asks us. Do we have the courage to answer him?

©LPi Colleen Jurkiewicz Dorman

## Readings for the Week

Monday: Eph 2:19-22/Ps 19:2-5/  
Lk 6:12-16  
Tuesday: Eph 5:21-33/Ps 128:1-5/  
Lk 13:18-21  
Wednesday: Eph 6:1-9/Ps 145:10-14/  
Lk 13:22-30  
Thursday: Eph 6:10-20/Ps 144:1-2,  
9-10/Lk 13:31-35  
Friday: Rv 7:2-4, 9-14/Ps 24:1-6  
/1 Jn 3:1-3/Mt 5:1-12a  
Saturday: Wis 4:7-14/Ps 25:6-7, 17  
Rom 5:17-21/Mt 11:25-30

## Observances for the week of October 27, 2024

Monday: Sts. Simon and Jude,  
Thursday: All Hallows' Eve  
Friday: All Saints  
Saturday: All Souls' Day

## LIFE'S INSTRUCTION

1. *Never give up on miracles. They happen every day.*
2. *Count your blessings.*
3. *Never deprive someone of hope; it might be all they have.*
4. *Pray not for things, but for wisdom and courage.*
5. *Be kinder than necessary*
6. *Never underestimate the power of love and forgiveness.*
7. *Never underestimate the power of a kind word or deed.*
8. *Live so that when your children think of fairness, caring, and integrity, they think of you.*
9. *Leave everything a little better than you found it.*
10. *Don't whine.*

--H. Jackson Brown Jr.

## RECOGNIZING JESUS

The star of today's Gospel is a pan-handler. Bartimaeus is blind, but he is probably also homeless and filthy, a real nuisance to respectable citizens. Even so, it is Bartimaeus who recognizes Jesus as the Messiah, places all his faith in him, throws aside everything he has (his cloak), begs him for mercy, receives new vision, and follows Jesus on the way to suffering and death in Jerusalem. How desperate will we have to get before we can do the same?

Copyright J.S. Paluch Co

## A SAINTLY DEFINITION

The saint does everything that any other decent person does, only somewhat better and with a totally different motive. --Coventry Patmore

## ENCOUNTER LOVE

## ENCOUNTER JESUS

Are you looking for a deeper spiritual connection to God? Do you need a boost in your spiritual life? This retreat experience is for you! It will be held at the McRaith Catholic Center in Owensboro on Saturday, November 16, 9-1 p.m. We will have coffee and breakfast foods, and lunch will be served. There is no cost to attend, but you must sign up. Sponsored by the office of evangelization and discipleship for the Diocese. Email with any questions [jeff.andrini@pastoral.org](mailto:jeff.andrini@pastoral.org)