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Today's Gospel keeps before us, a blind man, Bartimaeus, who becomes the first besides the Apostles to recognize Jesus as the Messiah. And HIS HEALING IS THE LAST MIRACLE JESUS PERFORMS before entering the holy city of Jerusalem for His last week on earth.

The scene on the road to Jerusalem evokes the joyful procession prophesied by Prophet Jeremiah in today's 1st reading. God, through the Messiah, is delivering His people from exile, bringing them back from the ends of the earth, with the blind and lame in their midst. Jesus is the long-awaited Son promised to David. Upon His triumphal arrival in Jerusalem, all will see that the everlasting kingdom of David has come.

As we hear in today's Epistle, the Son of David was expected to be a priest-king like Melchizedek, who offered bread and wine to God Most High at the dawn of salvation history. Bartimaeus is a symbol of his people, the captive Zion. His God has done great things for him. All his life has been sown in tears and weeping. Now, he reaps a new life.

Like Bartimaeus, Christ still calls to us through His Church. How often are we found to be listening instead to Christ, to His Church? Today Jesus asks us what He asked Bartimaeus: "What do you want me to do for you?" Let us rejoice for we have a God who is willing to touch our lives.

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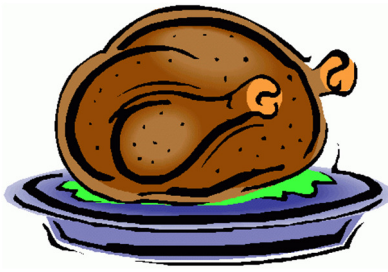
EL Evangelio de hoy pone ante nosotros, a un hombre ciego, Bartimeo, quien se convierte en el primero al lado de los apóstoles para reconocer a Jesús como el Mesías. SU SANACIÓN FUE EL ÚLTIMO MILAGRO DE JESÚS antes de entrar a la ciudad santa de Jerusalén en su última semana aquí en la tierra.

La escena del camino a Jerusalén evoca la profecía de Jeremías de la procesión alegre en la 1era lectura de hoy. Dios, por medio del Mesías, está liberando a su pueblo del exilio, trayéndolos de regreso desde los confines de la tierra, con el ciego y el cojo entre ellos. Jesús es el Hijo prometido a David que esperaban desde hacía mucho. Sobre su llegada triunfal en Jerusalén, todos verán que el Reino eterno de David ha llegado.

Como escuchamos en la Epístola de hoy, se esperaba que el Hijo de David fuera un rey-sacerdote como Melquisedec, quien ofreció pan y vino a Dios Altísimo en la historia de la salvación. Bartimeo es símbolo de su pueblo, la cautiva Zion. Su Dios ha hecho grandes cosas por él. Toda su vida fue vista en lágrimas y gemidos. Ahora, comienza una nueva vida.

Como Bartimeo, Cristo todavía nos llama mediante su Iglesia. Cuantas veces nos hemos encontrado escuchando a la Iglesia en vez de a Cristo? HOY, JESÚS NOS PREGUNTA LO QUE PREGUNTO A BARTIMEO: "¿QUE QUIERES QUE HAGA POR TI?" Alegrémonos porque tenemos a Dios quien está dispuesto a tocar nuestras vidas.

Padre Miguel Jeeva Antony



IT'S TIME ! FOR THE ANNUAL SVDP TURKEY DRIVE

November 1—December 9

Yes — turkeys and geese and chickens and hams!
Donations can be brought to Mass
on the weekends (freezer is in the Religious Ed Bldg.)
or to the office on Wednesdays and Fridays during the drive.

Non-perishable food items can be dropped into the SVDP bins in the Entryway.

Thank you for your care of our neighbors who need a little bit of help
providing Christmas dinner for their families!



40 DAYS FOR LIFE You are invited to join other Christians across our nation for the **40 Days for Life** Fall campaign of prayer and fasting for an end to abortion, from **Sept. 26th through Nov. 4th**. Locally, we will also have, in addition, a 40 day Vigil of peaceful prayer in the public right-of-way outside the Planned Parenthood facility (3579 Franklin Blvd). For more info, or to volunteer for the prayer Vigil, contact Eileen at 541-543-7168 or email: etmoregon@yahoo.com. website: 40DaysforLife.com/Eugene.

The **CARMELITE AUXILIARY** exists to help our cloistered Carmelite sisters, at the Carmel of Maria Regina on Greenhill Road. It is open to all women of the parish, and meetings are at **10.00am**, on the **2nd Monday** in the months of January, February, March, April, May, September, October, & November. The next meeting is on **November 12th**. *Come join us, and learn how we help our Carmelites!*

SPECIAL NIGHT — ECYA HALLOWEEN PARTY! Dress up and join Eugene Catholic Young Adults' (ECYA) this Wednesday, **Oct. 31, 6:30pm**, for a night of games, food, and fun! Held at 1511 Balboa Street (Eugene). ECYA is for everyone, ages 21-39. For more info. and other events coming up, contact: eugeneyoungadults@gmail.com (541-270-9329) & facebook.com/EugeneCYA.



PRAYER FOR OUR PARISH MISSION

GOD OUR FATHER,

We thank you for loving us so much that you gave us Jesus.

You long for us to know you.

Create in us a new hunger for you and you alone.

Make our minds and hearts burn with your Word during our Mission,
and open us to the healing presence of your Spirit,
that we may be touched, refreshed, and filled with joy.

Draw many people to this Mission,
and we shall be wonderfully, powerfully renewed.

We ask this in the name of Jesus the Lord. **AMEN!**