



Parishes of the Resurrection of the Lord

St. Anne | St. Gabriel
St. Catherine | St. Raphael



30TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME, YEAR B | OCT. 24, 2021

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DEARLY BELOVED– INTRODUCTION TO THE READINGS: Today 30th Sunday in Ordinary time, Year B, we who also experience the good things of the Lord in our life repeat the response to today's psalm: "The Lord has done great things for us; we are filled with joy." While the psalm (126) and its response acknowledge the return of the Israelites from exile, it is the first reading which provides us with details as to why the Lord is acknowledged for accomplishing great things. The Lord brought back the captives of Zion. Among the captives or remnant that the Lord brought back from the land of the north are the weak such as the blind, the lame, the mothers, and those with child. While the Lord is acknowledged and praised for the return of the captives/remnants amongst which are the blind, Jesus makes his final journey to Jerusalem through Jericho and fulfils the prophecy of Jeremiah by curing the blind man-Bartimaeus by simply declaring: "Go your way; your faith has saved you."

EXILED FROM GOD: A primary example of people who were exiled in the Bible is when the children of Israel were exiled from their home to Babylon for 70 years. Adam and Eve were also exiled from God when they were banished from the Garden of Eden. Because of Adam and Eve, we are all living in exile away from the presence of God. Had Adam and Eve not fallen by eating the forbidden fruit we would have been enjoying the presence of God. Exile was there before Jesus came and with his coming he ended it (but it took a different form) by proclaiming the Gospel about the kingdom of God: "The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God is at hand; repent and believe in the Gospel" (Mark 1: 14-15). Like the Israelites in Babylon, Christians who are disciples of Christ are described as aliens and exiles (1 Peter 2: 11). Until the return of Jesus or until we go to be with Jesus Christians are always away from the Lord; we are never at home because our citizenship is in heaven (Philippians 3: 20). Even though Christians are children of God their sins can keep them away or exiled from their God. Hence, those who believe in God can exile themselves from God when they commit sin.

GOD IS THE FOUNDATION OF OUR LIVES: In every situation that God dealt with his children as individuals or as a group he is the one who takes the initiative or the first step, since in the last analysis it is God who saves. God was the one who took the first step in leading the Israelites into Egypt (after Joseph was sold as a slave by his brothers and there was famine in the land). The liberation of the Israelites from slavery in Egypt and the leading the children of Israel from exile in Babylon were also initiated by God. Another practical example of how God takes the first initiative is the healing of the blind man-Bartimaeus. In taking the first initiative to deal with his children, God draws people to himself allowing them to become close to him and be better.

OUR RESPONSE TO GOD: Children of God must respond to God who takes the first step by moving towards God and reaching out to him. The captives or remnants of Israel, including the blind, the lame, the mothers with child and even Bartimaeus all took to the road and moved towards the Lord. The Israelites in exile were moved to the house of the Lord in Jerusalem. Bartimaeus by his insistent plea brought himself to the Lord Jesus from whom he regained his sight. It is faith that make us move towards God. This faith which makes us move towards God is what leads us unto salvation. Hence, faith by which we are led towards God and which is necessary for salvation must be deepened or sustained through prayer, practice of the sacraments, good works, daily Scripture reading and daily reflection.

MOVING TOWARDS THE LORD GOD, SUSTAINED BY FAITH IN THE LORD GOD AND PERSERVERING IN PRAYER TO THE LORD GOD: The readings for 30th Sunday offer us the opportunity to reflect on three things. First, we are called to always be on the move towards God or to reach out to him. Just as the Israelites travelled back to Jerusalem and Bartimaeus pleaded and was brought to Jesus, we too need to try to find God, reach out to him and be close to him. Our relationship with God is not to be static but we must try get close and close to God. Just as God was needed by the Israelites as well as by Bartimaeus, so we need him in our lives also because without him we can do nothing. As we come to the end of the liturgical year the readings offer us the chance to reflect on the progress we have made in our spiritual journey with God. Have we grown in our relationship with God? How close are we with God? Have we exiled or cut ourselves off from God? Second, since closeness to God is determined by the quality of our own faith in the Lord God, this Sunday also offer us the chance to see if we have grown in the practice of our faith or how we have matured in the Lord as we are about to end the liturgical year and during this pandemic. Bartimaeus had faith, which he kept, professed, and witnessed to. The healing obtained by Bartimaeus in today's Gospel shows us the significance of faith in our lives and the need to be strong in the faith by keeping it, professing it and bearing authentic witness to the faith. Third, today we are made to understand that we also need to persevere in prayer to God like Bartimaeus who humbly presented himself to Jesus: "Jesus, son of David, have pity on me." Besides the need for us to have deep faith in God, we are also called today to continue to call on God for help, to repeatedly cry out to God for mercy, never giving up because when we cry to him for mercy his compassion will always be with us.

~ FR. JOHN WILLIAM

PARISH STEWARDSHIP

"As each of us has received a gift, use it to serve one another as good stewards of God's varied grace" (1Pt 4:10). Thank you all for the sacrifices you make as we all labor in God's vineyard to bring the Good News of the Gospel of Jesus Christ to our neighbors. 10% of everything received is donated to support charities near and far.

| | <u>St. Anne</u> | <u>St. Catherine</u> | <u>St. Gabriel</u> | <u>St. Raphael</u> |
|-----------------------------|-------------------|----------------------|--------------------|--------------------|
| Needed Each Week: | \$2,242.45 | \$2,548.08 | \$508.62 | \$800.60 |
| Needed Year-to-Date: | 35,879.15 | 40,769.28 | 8,137.92 | 12,809.60 |
| Actual Year-to-Date: | 32,131.82 | 42,381.84 | 8,974.30 | 12,574.79 |
| Date: Oct. 17, 2021 | 2,345.56 | 4,825.05 | 1,148.00 | 752.90 |
| Other Collections: | 12,217.00 | 141.00 | 5.00 | 230.00 |

This Week in our Parishes

Saturday, October 23, 2021

3:30pm Reconciliation at St. Raphael

4:00pm Rosary at St. Raphael

4:30pm Mass at St. Raphael

(Gerald Killewald)

6:00pm Rosary at St. Gabriel

6:30pm Mass at St. Gabriel *(Tom Kane)*

Sunday, October 24, 2021

8:30am Rosary at St. Catherine

9:00am Mass at St. Catherine

(Parishioners of St. Anne, St. Catherine,

St. Gabriel and St. Raphael)

10:30am Rosary at St. Anne

11:00am Mass at St. Anne *(Daniel Bruske)*

12:30pm-3:00pm - BOXES OF JOY

SPOOKTACULAR in Marie Hall at St. Anne's

Monday, October 25, 2021

9:00am Mass at St. Anne

(for our Faithfully Departed)

Tuesday, October 26, 2021

9:00am Mass at St. Anne

(for our Elderly Parishioners)

9:30am-10:30 Adoration and

Reconciliation at St. Anne

2:00pm St. Gabriel Altar Society Meeting

Wednesday, October 27, 2021

9:00am Mass at St. Catherine (Mary Ann Steinbauer)

5:00pm-6:00 Adoration & Reconciliation at St. Catherine

Thursday, October 28, 2021

9:00am Mass at St. Catherine

(Carolyn & Kathryn Carstens)

9:30am-10:30 Adoration at St. Catherine

4:30pm St. Vincent DePaul Annual

Meeting at St. Raphael. All are welcome!

6:30pm Teen/Adult Faith Formation

at St. Catherine Parish

Saturday, October 30, 2021

3:30pm Reconciliation at St. Raphael

4:00pm Rosary at St. Raphael

4:30am Mass at St. Raphael

(for the youth of our parishes)

6:00pm Rosary at St. Gabriel

6:30pm Mass at St. Gabriel

(Deceased Members of the Robert

and Alice Sierota Family)

Sunday, October 31, 2021

9:00am Mass at St. Catherine

(Parishioners of St. Anne, St. Catherine,

St. Gabriel and St. Raphael)

11:00am Mass at St. Anne

(for those who are sick)

SCRIPTURE READINGS

For The Week (Year B)

SUNDAY:

JER 31:7-9, HEB 5:1-6,

MK 10:46-52

MONDAY:

ROM 8:12-17, LK 13:10-17

TUESDAY:

ROM 8:18-25, LK 13:18-21

WEDNESDAY:

ROM 8:26-30, LK 13:22-30

THURSDAY:

EPH 2:19-22, LK 6:12-16

FRIDAY:

ROM 9:1-5, LK 14:1-6

SATURDAY:

ROM 11:1-2A, 11-12, 25-29,

LK 14:1, 7-11

PRAY FOR OUR PRIESTS AND RELIGIOUS

Sunday:

Rev. Bradley Nursey

Monday:

Rev. Gerald Okoli

Tuesday:

Leonard Paul

Wednesday:

Rev. Alfred Pillarelli

Thursday:

Rev. Msgr. John Porter

Friday:

Rev. Benjamin Rexroat

Saturday:

Mitchel Roman

SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

EVENT POSTPONED!! NEW DATE: OCT 31st - BOXES OF JOY SPOOKTACULAR:

Boxes of Joy brings hope to children in developing countries by sending them memorable Christmas gifts. We need help filling these boxes with little gifts! Come join in a day of joy and Halloween fun for the whole family! (More details on the back page of the bulletin)

ST. GABRIEL ALTAR SOCIETY MEETING: Tuesday, October 26th at 2:00 pm

ST. VINCENT DEPAUL ANNUAL MEETING: Will be held at St. Raphael October 28th at 4:30pm. All are welcome to join!

ATTENTION ALL PARISHES: St. Anne Church is in need of **ONE** set of matching armchairs for use in the Confessionals. Please contact the office for further information at 724-6713.

ST. RAPHAEL LADIES SODALITY MEETINGS - WELCOMES LADIES FROM ALL 4 PARISHES

St. Raphael Ladies' Sodality welcomes all ladies, from all four of our parishes, to join us for our monthly meetings! The meetings are the 1st Monday after the 1st Sunday of the month at 4:15pm in the church's gathering space. **NEXT MEETING: November 8th**

ATTENTION: ALL FOUR PARISHES OF THE RESURRECTION OF THE LORD:

2022 contribution envelopes are available and may be picked up at your parish. Contact parish offices if you have any questions.

St. Catherine: 8' Buffet Tables For Sale: \$25.00 per table. Call 471-5121 for details.

Do you have anything that you would like shared in the weekly Bulletin?

Contact Kayla Adams at kadams@resurrectionacgr.org with your request.

To help reduce exposure to COVID-19, it is strongly recommended that all parishioners and visitors, regardless of vaccination status, wear a mask.

FAITH FORMATION FOR OUR 4 PARISHES

Teen/Adult Faith Formation

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 28th from 6:30-8:30pm

TOPIC: All Saints and All Souls Day

Location: St. Catherine's Parish

Contact Adam Brege at bregeadam@gmail.com

Children's Faith Formation

Sundays from 10-11:15AM at St. Catherine Parish Hall

Please sign up after Mass any Sunday, or contact Cathy Macfalda: Cathy@resurrectionacgr.org. *There are options available if your child(ren) cannot physically join us.*

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED! St. Vincent de Paul, St. Catherine conference, is looking for members of our parishes to join our Conference. We are an active conference, doing the work of our namesake, St. Vincent de Paul. We have a food pantry in Alpena at the St. Vincent store, where we provide food thru a drive thru only to those in need. In addition to that we also provide services that help with rent, power, gas, and medical, to name a few. Our conference is very active, and we meet about once a month. At this time, our greatest need is volunteers to help in the pantry. Please consider joining us or offering your help by contacting Lorna at 989-464-5447 or Mary Kay at 989-727-2573

PARISHES OF THE RESURRECTION OF THE LORD

BOXES OF JOY SPOOKTACULAR

TRUNK-OR-TREATING,
GAMES, CRAFTS, LUNCH

**EVENT IS
POSTPONED**

PUMPKIN PRIZES, COSTUME
CONTEST, FILL THE BOXES
WITH GIFTS AND JOY!!

NEW DATE:

10/31/21

**12:30PM-
3:00PM**

LOCATION:

MARIA HALL @ ST. ANNE'S
PARISH, HARRISVILLE
110 S STATE ST, HARRISVILLE, MI 48740

AQUINAS COLLEGE OPEN HOUSE – NOV 13

Aquinas College welcomes any high school students and families to our Fall Open Houses! Choose your own path through sessions throughout the day as you get the inside scoop on academics, athletics, service learning, study abroad and more! Details and registration information can be found at aquinas.edu/openhouse.

BOX OF JOY COLLECTION LOCATIONS:

Bring your filled boxes with the \$9 Check inside to the event on 10/24 OR to Mass on Oct 30th, 31st OR Nov 6th, 7th. There will be a volunteer there collecting boxes after mass. Boxes can be dropped off at the Parish offices if needed. All boxes must be returned by Nov 9, 2021.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

Bottle and Can Drive 11/5 - 11/6

The Knights of Columbus will hold a bottle and can drive to benefit the Options Pregnancy Center in Alpena. Your deposit cans and bottles can be dropped off during those two days in the parking lots of the following locations:

- St. John's Church, 2550 S. First St., Alpena 49707
- Former Knights of Columbus Hall, 6731 US 23, Spruce 48762
- St. Anne's Church, 110 S. State St, Harrisville 48740

Monetary donations may be sent to: Options Pregnancy Center, 526 W. Chisolm St., Alpena, MI 49707.

For more information or to volunteer to assist with the drive, call or text Gerald at 517-449-7352.

COME JOIN US TO CELEBRATE

**THE COMMEMORATION OF ALL THE
FAITHFULLY DEPARTED (ALL SOULS) MASS
FOR THE PARISHES OF THE RESURRECTION ST. ANNE,
ST. CATHERINE, ST. GABRIEL AND ST. RAPHAEL**

**NOVEMBER 2, 2021
MASS WILL BE AT
ST. CATHERINE PARISH
AT 7PM.**

Please bring in a small picture (4"x6") of a deceased person or loved one that you would like to honor this year for All Souls Day. The picture will be added to a poster that will be displayed and prayed for throughout the month of November. (All picture will be returned to participants)



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