

October 27-28, 2018

Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Jeremiah 31:7-9

Hebrews 5:1-6

Mark 10:46-52

Just a few days shy of Halloween and with 34 weeks in Ordinary Time, the math isn't difficult by which to see the Liturgical Year is almost spent. Midterm election hype is filling our inboxes and mailboxes with dire warnings regarding this or that candidate and assorted media is having a hay day with all things diplomatically murderous. Sexual abuse stonewalling continues and lavish Christmas gift brochures are starting their annual siege against our savings accounts. How perfect to hear from the Prophet Jeremiah: **SHOUT WITH JOY...THE LORD HAS DELIVERED HIS PEOPLE!** Amid the tugs, pulls, mental and spiritual debasements that continually assault our sensitivities, this weekend we are offered the refreshingly cool drink of HOPE: 'I will gather my people from the ends of the world, with the blind and the lame in their midst...they shall return as an immense throng. They departed in tears but I will console them and guide them.' Easily caught up within the social hysterics that demand our daily attention, our interior compass' can start to spin and we forget that JESUS has not abandoned us, we have just allowed ourselves to be blinded by all that is assaulting us. **'Take courage, get up, Jesus is calling you.'** As another month depletes itself, let us move forward toward the end of the year with the eyes of our souls wide open...not to just see the things that disappoint or frighten us...but to see JESUS in the midst of EVERYTHING....for there is nowhere where the grace of God is not and nothing exists outside of God's grace. Sometimes we forget the most important things...even in the midst of craziness, Jesus is still Jesus and he is still calling us.

No tricks, all treats, thank you for sharing this weekend with our Santa Clara community. **Special All Souls Envelopes are available at the exits by which you may enroll your own beloved dead in the special November-All Souls Masses.** This Wednesday....on Halloween afternoon at 5pm, we will celebrate the Vigil Mass of All Saints and on Thursday morning (All Saints Day) we will have the usual 8:30am Mass and also the SFA School Mass (to which any and all are invited) at 10am. **Today (Sunday) is our Children/Youth/Family Faith Day. – 'MAKE ROOM IN YOUR HEART'everything starts immediately after the 12Noon Mass with lunch being served outdoors.** (If you have come to an earlier Mass, please return at 1pm to get started.) The Bulletin has news of other events approaching please take a copy with you and remember....no tricks...ALL treats....you are loved. FKB