

Jesus stopped and said, "Call him." So they called the blind man, saying to him, "Take courage; get up, he is calling you."

MARK 10:49



SHUTTERSTOCK

Shout with Joy

After the previous Sunday's focus on suffering, today's readings depict excitement. Refugees are coming home. They had been locked away and now they are free. These were vulnerable people that others did not value. Now they are going home. They have been gathered in God's embrace. Who wouldn't rejoice?

The Gospel tells of one man who is blind and begging. However, his blindness did not prevent him

FOR Reflection

- ★ *What is your attitude toward those who do not fit into society's structures? Can you be the face of Jesus for them?*
- ★ *How have you been blessed by God's gathering-in of those who have suffered?*

from seeing. He seems to have known who Jesus was and that Jesus could help him. And so, he cries out, "Have pity on me" (Mark 10:47). This man was begging outside of the city. Because of his blindness, he was shunned and rendered unemployable. All that was left for him was to beg—and beg he did. Not for money, but for sight. Jesus very clearly tells him that his faith saved him. Only then was the man healed. He had believed that Jesus has the power of new life. Like the people in the first reading, he was given a chance for a new life. No longer was he an outcast; he could now join the community. No longer was he confined to begging. He could now flourish in life.

These are not merely awe-inspiring stories. As disciples we have been called to continue Jesus' ministry in our lives—to embrace those who are lost and help them find the warmth and security of home. We are called to help those struggling with life's hardships to see the compassion of Jesus.

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Sacrament of Baptism

(Classes and Parents Interview)
Contact Pastor

Sacrament of Marriage

(Classes and Couple Interview)
Contact Fr. Jason -6 Months Prior

Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick

By appointment with the Pastor

OCTOBER 24TH

St. Francis Xavier, Clayton

Weekend Mass: Saturday 5:00pm Sunday 10:30am

Daily Mass: Wednesday: 12:10pm

Tuesday & Thursday: 5:30pm Friday: 12:10pm

Honor of Our Blessed Mother Mass 1st Saturday of the Month: 10:30am

Confession: Saturday 4:00-5:00pm OR By Appointment

Adoration: Tuesday & Thursday 6pm to 7 pm

Our Lady of Guadalupe, Des Moines

Weekend Mass: Sunday 8:00am (Oct 1 - May 31)

Confession: Sunday before 8:00am OR by appt

St. Joseph, Folsom

Weekend Mass: Sunday 8:00 am (Jun 1 - Sept 30)

Confession: Sunday before 8:00am OR by appt

NENM Detention Facility, Clayton (For Residents/Staff)

1st, 2nd & 3rd Sunday's Mass 2:00PM

Confession: Sunday 1:30pm—2:00

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*This is my body, which will be given up for you.  
This is my blood, the blood of the new and everlasting covenant.  
It will be shed for you & for all... so that sins may be forgiven.  
Do this in memory of me.*

Masses will be offered **October 2021**

+ All the Departed Parishioner's & Family Members

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| <b>Sat, Oct 23</b>    | +Clare Wood<br>+Sonia Maulsby<br>+Ronald Cardenas                                                       | by Sammie & Chip Wood<br>by Ross & Shelley Carter<br>by Narce Cardenas                                               |
| <b>Sun, Oct 24</b>    | +Inez & Andres Romero<br><br>+Margaret Heringa<br>+Juanita Cordova<br>(OLOG) +Johnny & Barbara Commiato | by Debra Thelander & Pam Jordan<br><br>by Loretta Butler<br>by Teresina Montano & Family<br>by Marjorie & Grant Long |
| <b>Tues, Oct 26</b>   | +Sam Britt                                                                                              | by Rosa Lee Britt                                                                                                    |
| <b>Wed, Oct 27</b>    | +Sam Britt                                                                                              | by Rosa Lee Britt                                                                                                    |
| <b>Thurs, Oct. 28</b> | +Andres Romero<br><br>+Sam Britt                                                                        | by Debra Thelander & Pam Jordan<br>by Rosa Lee Britt                                                                 |
| <b>Fri, Oct. 29</b>   | +Sam Britt                                                                                              | by Rosa Lee Britt                                                                                                    |
| <b>Sat, Oct. 30</b>   | +Lillie F. Barreras<br><br>+Sandra Rael<br>+Theresa Leal                                                | by the Gonzales & Barreras Families<br>by Ross & Shelley Carter<br>by Narce Cardenas                                 |

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|                 | <u>SFX</u> | <u>OLOG</u> |
|-----------------|------------|-------------|
| October 16-17   | \$2,378.00 | \$ 340.00   |
| October 9-10    | \$1,747.80 | \$ 328.00   |
| October 2-3     | \$3,492.00 | \$ 603.00   |
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2021 Raffle Tickets are in.  
This year, \$6 per ticket or \$25 for a book of five.  
1st place prize \$1000, 2nd place prize is \$500,  
3rd \$400, 4th \$300, 5th \$200, 6th \$100.

Come by the office for your tickets!  
Monday, Tuesday and Thursday 9am-1pm

Please Drop off Raffle stubs at the Office or in the Dropboxes at the Office or Rectory.

DO NOT leave the stubs in the church!

Drawing is December 11, 2021 at 12:00 Noon

**Announcement**

Prayerfully Consider Donating Your Time:

Volunteers Needed!

Cleaners

Lectors and More!

Please Contact the Office if interested or for more information.

"In protecting human life, we must begin with a commitment never to intentionally kill, or collude in the killing, of any innocent human life, no matter how broken, unformed, disabled or desperate that life may seem. We urge Catholics and others to promote laws and social policies that protect human life and promote human dignity to the maximum degree possible. Laws that legitimize abortion, assisted suicide, and euthanasia are profoundly unjust and immoral. We support constitutional protection for unborn human life, as well as legislative efforts to end abortion and euthanasia" (Faithful Citizenship, US Bishops, 2003).

**Lectors for Masses**

- Sat, Oct 23- Shelley Carter
- Sun, Oct 24- Laekyn Wagner
- Sat, Oct 30- Sammie Wood
- Sun, Oct 31- Sandy Vaughn

# Dear Padre,

## Why does Jesus refer to himself as the Son of Man? What does the title mean?

**J**esus refers to himself as the Son of Man seventy-six times in the Gospels, so it's clearly one of his favorite titles. When people call him the Messiah, Jesus often corrects them by calling himself the Son of Man. That title has at least three meanings: the Son of Man in all his humanity, the suffering Son of Man, and the Son of Man who will come again.

Jesus uses the title to stress his true humanity and identify with us. Jesus as Son of Man must suffer and die. Every time Jesus prophesies about his death, it is as the Son of Man. Jesus connects the title with his passion and death, linking it to Isaiah 53, the great Song of the Suffering Servant. Also, in using that title Jesus is explicitly saying that he is the one fulfilling those prophecies of Isaiah and Daniel, as when he said in the synagogue, "Today this scripture passage is fulfilled in your hearing" (Luke 4:21).

The Son of Man is God's powerful representative (Daniel 7:13) coming to establish the kingdom of God. To do so, the Son of Man suffers, dies, and rises. That one title, Son of Man, summarizes much of Jesus' work of redemption. He became fully human, suffering and dying to establish the kingdom of God.

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### A WORD FROM *Pope Francis*

*In the biblical tradition, the Son of Man is the one who receives from God "dominion, glory, and kingship" (Daniel 7:14). Jesus fills this image with new meaning. He shows us that he enjoys dominion because he is a servant, glory because he is capable of abasement, kingship because he is fully prepared to lay down his life.*

HOMILY, OCTOBER 18, 2015

## Calendar

### Monday

OCTOBER 25

Weekday

Rom 8:12-17

Lk 13:10-17

### Tuesday

OCTOBER 26

Weekday

Rom 8:18-25

Lk 13:18-21

### Wednesday

OCTOBER 27

Weekday

Rom 8:26-30

Lk 13:22-30

### Thursday

OCTOBER 28

Sts. Simon and Jude,  
Apostles

Eph 2:19-22

Lk 6:12-16

### Friday

OCTOBER 29

Weekday

Rom 9:1-5

Lk 14:1-6

### Saturday

OCTOBER 30

Weekday

Rom 11:1-2a, 11-12,  
25-29

Lk 14:1, 7-11

### Sunday

OCTOBER 31

Thirty-first Sunday  
in Ordinary Time

Dt 6:2-6

Heb 7:23-28

Mk 12:28b-34

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