

## Reading I

[Jer 31:7-9](#)

Thus says the LORD:  
Shout with joy for Jacob,  
exult at the head of the nations;  
proclaim your praise and say:  
The LORD has delivered his people,  
the remnant of Israel.  
Behold, I will bring them back  
from the land of the north;  
I will gather them from the ends of the world,  
with the blind and the lame in their midst,  
the mothers and those with child;  
they shall return as an immense throng.  
They departed in tears,  
but I will console them and guide them;  
I will lead them to brooks of water,  
on a level road, so that none shall stumble.  
For I am a father to Israel,  
Ephraim is my first-born.



## Reading II

[Heb 5:1-6](#)

Brothers and sisters:  
Every high priest is taken from among men  
and made their representative before God,  
to offer gifts and sacrifices for sins.  
He is able to deal patiently with the ignorant and erring,  
for he himself is beset by weakness  
and so, for this reason, must make sin offerings for himself  
as well as for the people.  
No one takes this honor upon himself  
but only when called by God,  
just as Aaron was.  
In the same way,  
it was not Christ who glorified himself in becoming high priest,  
but rather the one who said to him:  
You are my son:  
this day I have begotten you;  
just as he says in another place:  
You are a priest forever  
according to the order of Melchizedek.

## Gospel

[Mk 10:46-52](#)

As Jesus was leaving Jericho with his disciples and a sizable crowd,  
Bartimaeus, a blind man, the son of Timaeus,  
sat by the roadside begging.  
On hearing that it was Jesus of Nazareth,  
he began to cry out and say,  
"Jesus, son of David, have pity on me."  
And many rebuked him, telling him to be silent.  
But he kept calling out all the more,  
"Son of David, have pity on me."  
Jesus stopped and said, "Call him."  
So they called the blind man, saying to him,  
"Take courage; get up, Jesus is calling you."  
He threw aside his cloak, sprang up, and came to Jesus.  
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."  
Jesus told him, "Go your way; your faith has saved you."  
Immediately he received his sight  
and followed him on the way.

*Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time***Scripture Background**

In the first reading a joyful announcement is made that God's people are delivered. The people can shout for joy and give praise to God because—along with the blind and the lame—they will be gathered from all ends of the earth. We learn that God will console and guide the people of Israel, leading them to streams of water. Because this reading from Jeremiah refers to God gathering in the blind, it relates to today's gospel story of the cure of blind Bartimaeus. Also the first reading refers to God leading the people to brooks of water which relates to baptism and the water of life.

The gospel story of the cure of Bartimaeus alludes to the call to discipleship. Bartimaeus is blind yet he calls out to Jesus, "Son of David". This title for Jesus implies that although Bartimaeus is blind, he sees Jesus as the Messiah. Jesus stops and says to his disciples, "call him." When Bartimaeus hears the call of Jesus he leaps toward him. Bartimaeus asks Jesus to heal him of his blindness. Jesus sends Bartimaeus on his way saying that his faith has healed him.

Jesus calls Bartimaeus to see. With his gift of sight Bartimaeus recognizes Jesus for who he really is. After hearing Jesus' call, there is no turning back. The only choice for Bartimaeus is to follow Jesus on the way.

1. According to Jesus, what saved Bartimaeus?

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2. How is Jesus calling you?

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3. What is your response to Jesus?

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***The Common Priesthood of the Baptized***

Catholics believe that through the sacrament of baptism, all God's people share in the common priesthood and every Christian is called to holiness. The waters of baptism offer God's people new life in Christ. The faithful live out their baptismal call through a life of faith, hope and love. With the help of the Holy Spirit, the baptized discover and use their gifts to live as disciples and make God's love a reality in the world.

The ordained priesthood of bishops and priests is not the same as the common priesthood. Rather, it is at the service of the common priesthood of all believers. Jesus Christ is the source of all ministries in the Church.

4. Recall your baptism. How do you live out your baptismal call today?

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5. How do young people today live out the call to holiness in their everyday lives?

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