



# Cathedral Basilica of Our Lady of Peace

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## **Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

October 27, 2024

Beloved Disciples of Christ,

Greetings of peace, love, and joy!

### ***“Master, I want to see!”***

Bartimaeus, a blind man, asks Jesus to restore his sight. Jesus, in turn, responds to his plea and heals him. This miracle story we read or hear this Sunday is a message for our reflection. His desire to be healed conveys to us our desire to be cured of our blindness. Blindness that is not physical but spiritual. Despite all the truth that Jesus has communicated to His disciples and us today, we still shut our eyes and do not accept everything He has taught and called us to do.

The gift of sight is a tremendous gift from God. More often, we do everything to care for our eyes to have a clear vision. In reality, many of our brothers and sisters have impaired eyesight. And many have even a clearer vision than those with twenty-twenty vision. The vision that leads to life and love, of goodness and kindness, and beauty and truth. As such, they have better directions in life built on sound principles and moral values. They live a life filled with so much goodness because, though physically blind, they are enlightened by Christ as they carry out Gospel values.

If we go back to when we were baptized, we received the light of Christ at our Baptism. We are called upon to walk in the light of Christ, not in the light of the darkness of sin and evil. To be healed from our blindness is to live faithfully on what the Lord has taught us. If we are enlightened by Christ, we see clearly the things that need to be changed, the works that need to be done, and, most significantly, the life we need to live. A life with a clear vision can direct our thoughts to be more concerned with the lives of those in need and able to rebuild our world geared towards the Truth of Jesus Christ.

Let this Sunday’s story led us to realize that we are blind in many ways. Let the words of Bartimaeus be our prayer to see once again what the Lord has in store for us in the next life and here and now.

Your friend in Jesus,

Fr. Pascual