



# To the Heights



Year B 30TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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## Pope John Paul II Awards

Students from De La Salle College Waterford who were recently awarded their Pope John Paul II medals for their achievements in 2024/2024. Well done to all!

**WEEKLY CHALLENGE:**

Take some time to honestly think about your faith. Where are you at in your relationship with God? Are you actively trying to grow in your relationship? Are you stuck in a rut? Have you maybe given up caring or trying to grow? Are there things that are blinding you spiritually or intellectually? If you can, go to confession this week. If not, spend some time in honest reflection and prayer.



## GAMECHANGERS!

**Ss Simon and Jude**  
28th October

The Catholic Church's Liturgical Calendar is crammed full of inspirational saints and heroes, or as we like to call them, Game Changers!

Check them out on our web page!



(Jude is also known as Thaddeus and Simon as Sion the Zealot!)

## HEAR! Sunday Gospel

Mark 10:46-52



If you don't have a Bible handy, click the image here to access the Mass readings for this Sunday!

FR MIKE SCHMITZ



IF GOD IS REAL, WHY DO WE NEED FAITH?

WATCH!

## PRAY!



Close your eyes and imagine the following scene: God is there with you, like a Mom or Dad in a swimming pool, arms outstretched and ready to catch you. God looks you right in the eyes, and you hear Him say, "I know you, I love you, I'm going to catch you... so come here, take that step, I will catch you." When you are ready, respond slowly with "You, Father, You, Son, You Holy Spirit, God Almighty, I trust You." Stay with that image; feel secure and loved.

## TUNE!

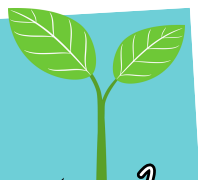


Walk by Faith

Jeremy Camp



## GROW!



### Ever prayed a Novena?

The word novena is taken from "novem," the Latin word for nine. A novena is made up of nine days of prayer and meditation usually to ask God for special prayer requests or petitions. Novenas are often used to ask specific saints to pray for us. Read more at: A novena is a method of prayer in which we pray for the same petition or devotion for nine consecutive days.

For novena prayers for every type of intention check out [www.praymorenovenas.com](http://www.praymorenovenas.com)



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[Ascend Youth Ministry](https://www.youtube.com/AscendYouthMinistry)

## PUZZLE

- Bartimaeus
- beggar
- blind
- courage
- faith
- Jericho
- Jesus
- let me see
- louder
- Master
- Nazareth
- pity
- Rabbuni
- scolded
- shout
- sight
- Son of David

FIND THE WORDS FROM THIS SUNDAY'S GOSPEL IN THE WORDSEARCH BELOW

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Can you explain how any four of these words relate to the message of the Gospel?

What do you think God could be saying to you in this Gospel? What speaks to your heart? Maybe it raises questions, maybe it's a little uncomfortable, maybe it offers hope... what matters is that we are open to hearing God speak to us individually.



MARK 10:46-52

## HIS WORD & MY LIFE!



Imagine being Bartimaeus in today's Gospel: blind, outcast, in a seemingly hopeless situation. You hear that Jesus of Nazareth is passing by. You know what He is capable of. Of course you cry out to Him for help.

Jesus saw the depth of His faith, and moved by His infinite compassion, He healed Bartimaeus and restored his sight.

Sometimes we can be blind, spiritually, emotionally or intellectually. Sometimes we can feel outcast or alone. Do we have Bartimaeus' faith and trust in Jesus? Are we willing to make an effort to really effect change in our lives? When we pray, do we really cry out, do we really pray actually expecting results, or do we assume nothing will really change anyway?

God won't always answer our prayers in the way we might like, but He will always answer them. We can be certain of this. We should pray with an expectant faith, faith in a God who knows us, loves us and only wants what is best for us.

'Go; your faith has saved you.

## DOODLE PRAYER

Reflect on the scripture quote and allow thoughts and images that come to you to form part of your doodle prayer: it could be people or situations that need prayer or even areas you might need to change in. Certain words or phrases might stand out for you. Ask the Holy Spirit to guide your heart as you pray and doodle!

 [Click here for some relaxing instrumental music](#)  
SPONTANEOUS WORSHIP | TWO HOURS OF WORSHIP PIANO



MARK 10:46-52



IF YOU DON'T KNOW MUCH ABOUT CS LEWIS AND HIS LIFE, CHECK OUT CS LEWIS: A BITE-SIZE OVERVIEW ON YOUTUBE!



# DO YOU STRUGGLE WITH FAITH?

SENIOR RE NON-EXAM: A1 / A3 / B1 / D1 / E1 / G2 / G3 / H1 / H2 / H3  
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HOW WOULD YOU DEFINE FAITH?



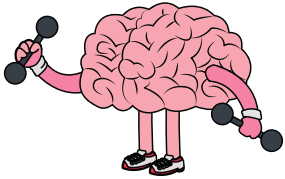
NAME A SITUATION WHERE IT IS EASY TO HAVE FAITH.

NAME A SITUATION WHERE IT COULD BE DIFFICULT TO HAVE FAITH.

WATCH FR MIKE SCHMITZ' VIDEO: "WHY IS FAITH A VIRTUE? DO WE NEED FAITH?" AND REFLECT ON THE QUESTIONS THAT FOLLOW:

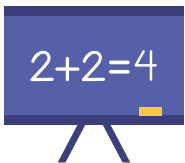


• Finish the sentence: **The only reason to believe anything is if it is** \_\_\_\_\_.



- Before CS Lewis became a Christian, he could not understand why faith would be seen as a virtue. After he converted to Christianity, he found the reason.
- He found that faith is about more than just i\_\_\_\_\_ assent to an idea.

LOOK IT UP: ROMANS 1:5 AND 16:26 BOTH TALK ABOUT O\_\_\_\_\_ TO THE FAITH.



- CS Lewis used the example of the truth of  $2 + 2 = 4$ , and how nothing he came across in the course of his day would tempt him to not live like  $2+2=4$ .
- However, at times, it is easier or more convenient for him **not** to believe truths of faith such as Jesus Christ being fully \_\_\_\_\_ and fully \_\_\_\_\_.



- Faith, then, is not just intellectual assent, but submitting or surrendering your heart and will to the \_\_\_\_\_ of God.
- According to Fr Mike, what shows a depth of character?

DID YOU KNOW...?  
ST MAXIMILIAN KOLBE USED A MATHEMATICAL FORMULA TO TEACH HIS FRANCISCAN BROTHERS.

**W + w = s**  
(Uniting God's Will and our will leads to sanctity)

## STRUGGLING WITH FAITH: MORALITY

Fr Mike suggests that people can often find it easier to live as if faith isn't actually true, especially when it comes to moral issues. Can you explain this idea in your own words?



## STRUGGLING WITH FAITH: SEASONS OF LIFE

We can struggle with believing at particular times in our lives too, but remember: **"Never doubt in the dark what you knew to be true in the light."** How would you explain this in your own words?



# DO YOU STRUGGLE WITH FAITH?

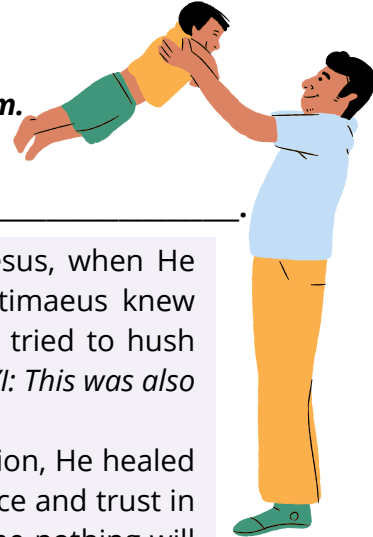
## WRESTLING WITH FAITH

We can see the Creed we profess as a list of things we believe, or we can see the Creed as describing:



- Fr Mike proposes that sometimes what seems like blind and simple faith in our grandparents is actually a result of them having wrestled with questions throughout their lives, and those questions are no longer objections. Having walked through the questions, they have learned they can still trust the Lord:

- ♥ **There's a God who is \_\_\_\_\_ and you can trust Him.**
- ♥ **There's a God who \_\_\_\_\_ you and you can trust Him.**
- ♥ **You might have \_\_\_\_\_ but you can trust Him.**



Faith is not a blind leap, but rather a \_\_\_\_\_ to the One who has His arms \_\_\_\_\_.



READ: MARK 10:46-52

In this Gospel Passage, we hear about a well-known miracle of Jesus, when He healed the blind beggar, Bartimaeus and restored his sight. Bartimaeus knew Jesus could help him, and so he didn't stay quiet when the crowd tried to hush him, but called out louder, "Jesus, **Son of David**, have pity on me!" (FYI: This was also a title for the expected Messiah!)

Jesus saw the depth of His faith, and moved by His infinite compassion, He healed Bartimaeus and restored his sight. Do we have this kind of confidence and trust in Jesus? When we pray, do we pray expecting results, or do we assume nothing will really change anyway? God won't always answer our prayers in the way we might like, but He will always answer them. We can be certain of this.



TWO DOCTRINES OF CHRISTIAN FAITH ARE MENTIONED IN THIS VIDEO. CAN YOU NAME THEM?

- GOD IS THREE PERSONS AND ONE BEING, ONE DIVINE NATURE.
- JESUS CHRIST IS FULLY GOD AND FULLY MAN.

THE T \_\_\_\_\_  
THE I \_\_\_\_\_

MISSION!

TAKE SOME TIME TO HONESTLY THINK ABOUT YOUR FAITH. WHERE ARE YOU AT IN YOUR RELATIONSHIP WITH GOD? ARE YOU ACTIVELY TRYING TO GROW IN YOUR RELATIONSHIP? ARE YOU STUCK IN A RUT? HAVE YOU MAYBE GIVEN UP CARING OR TRYING TO GROW? ARE THERE THINGS THAT ARE BLINDING YOU SPIRITUALLY OR INTELLECTUALLY? IF YOU CAN, GO TO CONFESSION THIS WEEK. IF NOT, SPEND SOME TIME IN HONEST REFLECTION AND PRAYER.



PRAYER TIME!

Close your eyes and imagine the following scene: God is there with you, like a Mom or Dad in a swimming pool, arms outstretched and ready to catch you. God looks you right in the eyes, and you hear Him say, "**I know you, I love you, I'm going to catch you... so come here, take that step, I will catch you.**" When you are ready, respond slowly with "**You, Father, You, Son, You Holy Spirit, God Almighty, I trust You.**" Stay with that image; feel secure and loved.



## CREATE A PLAYLIST TO LISTEN TO AS YOU REFLECT ON THE THEME OF FAITH:



- **Walk by Faith** (Jeremy Camp)
- **What faith can do** (Kutless)
- **Story I'll Tell** (Nightbirde)
- **Give me Faith** (Elevation Worship)
- **Peace** (Bethel)
- **Take a Moment** (Will Reagan)
- **Who am I** (Casting Crowns)
- **My Prayer for You** (Alisa Turner)
- **My God Can** (Katy Nichole)
- **Can Anybody hear me?** (Meredith Andrews)



**What do we mean by Faith?**  
(Bobby Angel) 6:56 MINS



**Testimony:** Watch Anna, aged 20, from Cork explain the importance of faith in her life, especially after her diagnosis with a brain tumour. (HM Television) 5:11 MINS