This Weeks Edition:
Take Courage, Jesus is Calling

“Jesus, Son of David, have mercy on me!”
Mark 11:47
Gospel: Mark 10: 46-52

Jesus and his disciples went to Jericho. And as they were leaving, they were followed by a large crowd.

A blind beggar by the name of Bartimaeus son of Timaeus was sitting beside the road. When he heard that it was Jesus from Nazareth, he shouted, “Jesus, Son of David, have pity on me!”

Many people told the man to stop, but he shouted even louder, “Son of David, have pity on me!”

Jesus stopped and said, “Call him over!”

They called out to the blind man and said, “Don’t be afraid! Come on! He is calling for you.”

The man threw off his coat as he jumped up and ran to Jesus, Jesus asked, “What do you want me to do for you?”

The blind man answered, “Master, I want to see!”

Jesus told him, “You may go. Your eyes are healed because of your faith.”

Right away the man could see, and he went down the road with Jesus.

Gospel Reflection

I wonder what it would feel like to be blind...

I wonder how Bartimaeus felt when the crowds tried to hush him...

I wonder how Jesus felt when He heard Bartimaeus cry for help...

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Create a Comic Strip!
Draw pictures to illustrate this week's gospel.

One day Jesus passed a blind beggar called Bartimaeus.

Jesus said - "Bring that man to me."

"Because you believed in me, you can see."

Bartimaeus shouted for joy and set off to follow Jesus.

The crowd told him to be quiet, but Bartimaeus did not give up.

"Jesus have pity on me!"
Put Yourself in Someone Else's Shoes

With your family, use a piece of cloth and have a parent cover your eyes. Make sure you cannot see anything from under the blindfold. Take a moment to sit and take in how it feels to not have your vision. Try out some simple every day tasks with the blindfold on. Turn on a television program. Make yourself a small snack. Try brushing your teeth. Play with a toy, electronics or a sibling or friend.

What do you notice? How do you feel? What is different for you?

How do you think other people might treat you because of this difference? How would you want to be treated?