Covenant Life

- Our next prayer meeting is <u>TODAY</u> at 3pm. We plan to have Children and Youth ministries.
- The Annual CCGD **All Saints Party** will be **THIS** Thursday, October 31st from 6:30-8:30pm in the MSMCS gym. We are requesting volunteers, please directly contact Charlie Dorsey if you can serve.
- Continuing our tradition of honoring past and present family veterans on the Sunday closest to **Veterans Day** (Sunday November 10th this year), we invite everyone to send a photo and service details to Sue Wagner at s.wagner@msmcatholic.org.
- GodsDelight.org has prayer meeting audio, summaries, transcripts, and teachings.
- Your ongoing financial support to the Community is sincerely appreciated. Please donate online here or mail your donations to P.O. Box 225008 Dallas, TX 75222.

Reflection

I am writing to you this morning from St. Paul Minnesota, the site of the Holy Spirit 2024 National Leaders meeting sponsored by Pentecost Today USA. It has been a blessed conference full of testimonies of how the Holy Spirit is moving powerfully. Not surprisingly there was a strong exhortation to claim our cities, our ministries, and our families for our Lord and invoke the power of the Holy Spirit.

It is always a blessing to hear magnificent testimonies and witness the power of God moving in our day and time. One of the reasons I prioritize attending such events is to build my own personal faith through first-hand experience. Growing up I always appreciated Bobbie returning from national and international meetings sharing such testimonies giving us the confidence that 'we are not alone' in Dallas. Jesus is alive and the Holy Spirit is moving today, all throughout our world.

I share this as an introduction to what may be a message for our Community in the <u>Gospel</u> today. God is manifesting His presence and power everywhere and, in all time, including in the Dallas area today. What we learn in this reading is that God predominately works through the humble of heart, who persist, who ask, and who have faith.

We know from our study of scripture that Jesus, blesses the meek, exhorts us in a parable to persist in asking for our needs, and that He did not do many miracles

in His hometown because of their lack of faith. All four of these elements are captured in multiple passages in the New Testament and brought together in the reading today.

When you have time, I encourage you to pray with this passage and ask God to reveal the ways that we can model the actions of the blind man.

"Lord, give me a humble heart. Show me the areas in my life that I have not surrendered to You. Show me the areas where pride or unforgiveness has taken root. Release me from all bondages and have pity on me! Bestow upon me a humble heart!

Lord, give me the conviction to persist. Give me the fortitude to persevere even if rebuked by those around me. Do not let the distractions of the world, the flesh, nor the devil dissuade me in any way from coming before You.

Lord, hear my petition. Remind me of the need to pray, to articulate my wants and needs. Reveal Your perfect will for my life so that my beseeching of You is in accordance with Your will for my life. Show me those You want me to intercede for. Let me never be discouraged in presenting my needs to You!

Lord, I believe, help my unbelief. Lord, work miracles in my life that will build my faith. Lord, show me how You are always at work in my life. Lord, send me a double portion of Your Holy Spirit today that will magnify my faith and confidence in You.

Jesus, son of David, have pity on me. I want to see."

God Bless, David