Monday of the Thirty-third Week in Ordinary Time

Gospel text (*Lk* 18:35-43): A blind man was sitting by the roadside begging, and hearing a crowd going by, he inquired what was happening. They told him, "Jesus of Nazareth is passing by." He shouted, "Jesus, Son of David, have pity on me!" The people walking in front rebuked him, telling him to be silent, but he kept calling out all the more...

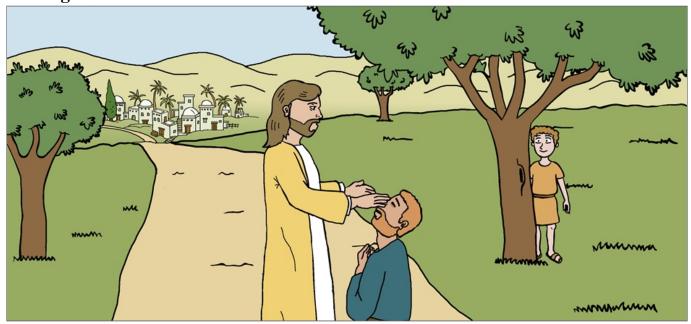


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Today we join the cry of Bartimaeus. Many want us to be quiet! Well, no! Be courageous and shout. Others shout. Why are we going to keep quiet? Besides, faith is not to be kept in a pocket.

- We can shout very loudly like Bartimaeus. But we have to shout, above all, with the example. Words move, but the example wins over.