



**THIRTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

**October 27, 2024**

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*"Small enough to know your name, big enough to make a difference."*

### *Reflection from Sr. Francis Voivedich*

#### **BE ALERT!**

"Then the eyes of the blind will see, and the ears of the deaf be opened; then the lame shall leap like a stag and the mute tongue sing for joy" Isiah 35:6

This passage is from today, Sunday's, Morning Prayer scripture; it reminds me of all the promises God used to remind the chosen people that they were a very special people and a wonderful savior would be sent for them at the proper time.

However God needed to have them stay alert, to live with eyes open to 'what if's' because the promise would come true, but it would take time. What are the signs they looked for?

So how alert are we? Are our eyes open, half open or closed so that we already miss some of the messages God may be trying to give us?

The Chosen people had so many promises from God for so long that they must have gotten tired of waiting. We know the scripture stories of how they lost their faith, their remembering, and their alertness.

Finally, the promise arrived, but many who knew the law and the expectations of the Promise had lost their alertness, their faith, and the real message. So is that how they missed the Messiah, the Promise of all the prophets?

Many ordinary and faithful people had stayed alert, not lost their memory of the promises; there we find Bartimaeus, blind but alert. He knew Jesus to be the Healer, the fulfillment of the promise that "the blind will see..." and he shouts. Even though rebuked, he knew his healing was at hand and he shouted louder. "Jesus, Son of David have pity on me". "Master I want to see". The Healer, the Promise, the Lord heals him and truly the Blind Did See.

Bartimaeus then with continued alertness and eyes full of expectations followed Jesus. Can we each claim the same?

