

October 30, 2022 | Thirty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time



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## Zacchaeus and the Gospel

*Too Short for God?*

Lk 19:1-10

### ALL SAINTS DAY - HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION

Tuesday, November 1st

Holy Mass will be celebrated at 8:30am & 7:00pm

#### MASS SCHEDULE

##### Lord's Day Masses

Saturday ..... 4:30pm  
Sunday ..... 8:30 & 10:30am

##### Daily Masses

Monday – Friday ..... 8:30am  
Rosary prayed every weekday at 8:00am

##### Holy Days/Feast Days

8:30am & 7:00pm

#### RECONCILIATION

Saturday at 3:30pm (In the church)  
or by appointment

#### OFFICE HOURS

Monday - Wednesday: 9am - 2pm

#### STAFF

#### Pastor

Rev. H. Edward Chalmers

#### Business Manager

Bill Lawton

#### Religious Ed Coordinator

Sharon Bushway

#### Secretary

Deborah Harding

#### Musicians

Denis and Priscilla Coughlin

#### Finance Council Chairperson

Gerald Gates

#### SACRAMENTS / OTHER

##### Baptism

Instruction is required for all parents seeking baptism of their child. Please contact the Rectory.

#### Marriage

Please contact the Rectory at least one year in advance.

#### Care of the Sick

Please advise us of parishioners who are sick so that we may keep them in prayer and bring the Eucharist to those who cannot attend Mass.

#### Confidential Prayer Line

To add intentions please call Ellen Calamari at 978-660-3818 or the Rectory at 978-464-2871.

#### Adult Bible Study

Please contact the Rectory for schedule

#### Alcoholics Anonymous Meetings

Wednesdays at 8:00pm in the Parish Hall



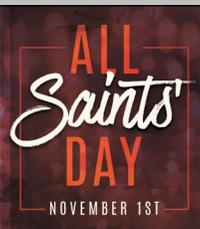
*Please pray to end  
Abortion  
and Infanticide*

Sat	10/29	3:30pm	<i>Confessions</i>
		4:30pm	unrequested
Sun	10/30	8:30am	unrequested
		10:30am	unrequested
Mon	10/31	8:30am	All Souls Intentions

**ALL SAINTS DAY - NOVEMBER 1<sup>st</sup>**  
(Holy Day of Obligation)

<b>Tue</b>	<b>11/1</b>	<b>8:30am</b>	<b>In thanksgiving to God for all the Saints</b>
		<b>7:00pm</b>	<b>In thanksgiving to God for all the Saints</b>
Wed	11/2	8:30am	Holy Souls in Purgatory
Thu	11/3	8:30am	Michele and Teresina Goguen <i>by Anita and Gino Masciari</i>
Fri	11/4	8:30am	Intentions of our Prayer Line and Prayer Intention Book
Sat	11/5	3:30pm	<i>Confessions</i>
		4:30pm	Georgina Daigle <i>by the family</i>
Sun	11/6	8:30am	unrequested
		10:30am	Stephen Zottoli <i>by Robert and Ursula Arello</i>

*"I will praise your name for ever, my king and my God."*



**What is the difference between All Saints Day  
and All Souls Day?**

All Saints and All Souls comprise the two-day celebration of the Communion of Saints – those who are with God in heaven and those who are on their way to heaven. On the Solemnity of All Saints, November 1, the Church celebrates those Christians who achieved spiritual maturity.

It is a day to venerate all the holy men and women who have been canonized by the Church. A day later, on the Commemoration of All the Faithful Departed (All Souls' Day), the Church remembers and prays for the faithful departed: our brothers and sisters who have died marked with the sign of faith. Particularly, we pray for all the souls in purgatory.

**Prayer for All Saints Day**

How shining and splendid are your gifts, O Lord  
which you give us for our eternal well-being  
Your glory shines radiantly in your saints, O God  
In the honor and noble victory of the martyrs.

The white-robed company follow you,  
bright with their abundant faith;  
They scorned the wicked words of those with this world's power.  
For you they sustained fierce beatings, chains, and torments,  
they were drained by cruel punishments.  
They bore their holy witness to you  
who were grounded deep within their hearts;  
they were sustained by patience and constancy.  
Endowed with your everlasting grace,  
may we rejoice forever  
with the martyrs in our bright fatherland.  
O Christ, in your goodness,  
grant to us the gracious heavenly realms of eternal life.

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**Zacchaeus**

*Dear Friends,*

*The gospel reading from Luke for the Thirty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time this year describes the interaction between Jesus and Zacchaeus, the chief tax collector in Jericho. As the Lord approached, Zacchaeus climbed a tree to see Jesus among the crowd. When the Lord saw him in the tree He said, "Zacchaeus come down quickly, for today I must stay at your house." Some criticized Jesus saying, "He has gone to the house of a sinner." Zacchaeus made a pledge to change his life. He said, "Behold, half of my possessions, Lord, I shall give to the poor, and if I have extorted anything from anyone, I shall repay it four times over." Jesus replied, "Today salvation has come to this house because this man too is a descendant of Abraham. For the Son of Man has come to seek and to save what was lost."*

*As one reflects upon the conversion of Zacchaeus, one can understand that he totally changed after meeting Jesus. Let us be inspired to become God-centered in our life while meeting Jesus through prayer, the sacraments, and Christian charity.*

*Since we are part of the human condition, we can be overcome by fear, anxiety, weakness, ignorance and indifference that can lead to sin. Thus, being willing to accept a process of ongoing conversion to God is very important for us.*

*Constantly, we need to seek out God, embrace His love, and accept the faith. Let us never be satisfied with our relationship with God. It can be better. May we reject selfishness, while embracing the humility of the Lord.*

*Adopting these challenges can help us to live out the self-sacrificing, unconditional love of Jesus. In a spirit of Christian charity, may we graciously share our time, talents and treasure with those folks we encounter on a daily basis. Then we begin to be devoted disciples of Jesus' love and mercy. Be well and be safe!*

*God's love and prayers always,  
Fr. Ed*

*"If you don't behave as you believe, you will end  
by believing as you behave."*

*- Fulton Sheen*

**Diocese of Worcester**

31st Sunday in Ordinary Time



***"But Zacchaeus stood there and said to the Lord,  
'Behold, half of my possessions, Lord, I will give to  
the poor, and if I extorted anything from anyone I  
shall repay it four times over.'"***

*(Luke 19:8)*

We are all called to gratefully give back to the Lord in proportion to the gifts we have been given. This means everyone isn't called to give the same amount, but everyone is called to give equal sacrifice. Open your heart and talk to God about how you use your money. How is God calling you to be more generous with your financial resources and possessions?

**Do You Feel Short in Stature?**

To be short in stature is not about one's physical height. It's a spiritual condition that affects people of all ages, shapes, and sizes. Recall the times you've cried out to God but felt unheard and you'll remember what it's like to be short in stature.

Has life ever cut you down to size? Have you ever felt small and insignificant, ignored and of little importance? Have you ever felt as if you just don't measure up, that you're not enough? Do you sometimes feel as if you're always on the outside, never an insider? Does it seem as if you can't outgrow your past or the opinions of others? Are you constantly trying to prove yourself, not just to others but to yourself, or even to God? Does it seem as if your life is not growing, maturing, or deepening, and that your growth has become stunted? Do you ever wonder if Jesus even notices you, knows who you are, knows your name? Have you ever felt powerless and overwhelmed by the circumstances of your life? Does it sometimes seem as if your value, worth, and dignity have been defined by your past actions and choices, what you have done and left undone? Have you ever experienced being lost and anonymous in the crowds of life? Have you ever felt as if you just weren't up to what life was asking of you?

If you answered yes to any one of those or a thousand other things like them then you probably know what it's like to be short in stature. You know what it's like to be Zacchaeus. I too know what that's like. Every time I feel short in stature I just want to run away and escape my life. I want to jump out of my life and into another life. But I can't. It's my life and it's the only life I have. If Jesus is going to do anything new with me it has to start with my life as it is. To run away from, ignore, or try to escape my life as it is, denies Jesus anything to work with. The antidote to being short in stature is facing our life, not running from it. That's what Zacchaeus does in today's gospel.

He refuses to be lost in the crowd. He refuses to hide. He refuses to run away from who he is. Instead, he runs ahead of the crowd and climbs a tree. Everyone could see what he was doing. St. Luke says he did that so he could see Jesus. But here's what I wonder. What if he climbed that tree because he wanted to be seen by Jesus? What if that was how he faced the truth and reality of his own life? What if Zacchaeus was offering all that he was and all that he had to Jesus? What if that was him crying out, "Here I am. This is my life. Look at me, claim and recognize me too as a Son of Abraham?"

And that's exactly what Jesus did. He stopped and "looked up" at Zacchaeus. I can't help but wonder if that might not have been the first time anyone had ever looked up to Zacchaeus. Jesus looked up to him with love and acceptance.

That's what I want when I am short in stature. Don't you? Sure, I want to see Jesus but more than that I want to be seen by Jesus, even when I don't like or can't accept what I see in myself. I want to know that Jesus sees more in me than I can see in myself. I want to be recognized and called by name by the God who created me. I want to be reminded that I am more than what I have become. Whatever it is that has made you short in stature and run you up the tree, that's the place where Jesus stops, looks up with love and acceptance, and calls you back down into a new life. Let's not turn away from that place. Let's not turn away from the face of Christ.

Do you know what the name Zacchaeus means? It means "pure," "clean," or "innocent." That's the greater truth. That's what Jesus saw in Zacchaeus. It's what he sees in you and me, even when we don't see it in ourselves or each other. He looks up and calls us back to our truest selves.

[interruptingthesilence.com/2016/10/30/when-life-cuts-you-down-to-size-a-sermon-on-luke-191-10](http://interruptingthesilence.com/2016/10/30/when-life-cuts-you-down-to-size-a-sermon-on-luke-191-10)

**RELIGIOUS  
EDUCATION**

Upcoming Classes - Grades 1-10

Sun	10/30	9:30 - 10:15am
Sun	11/6	9:30 - 10:15am ( <i>Circle of Grace</i> )
Sun	11/13	<b>No Class - Veteran's Day</b>
Sun	11/20	9:30 - 10:15am ( <i>Circle of Grace</i> )
Sun	11/27	<b>No Class - Thanksgiving break</b>
Sun	12/4	9:30 - 10:15am



**ST. JOAN OF ARC  
FOOD PANTRY**

**Thanksgiving Day Food Needed!**

*Our food pantry is in need of cans, packets, or jars of gravy, boxes of stuffing, cranberry sauce, dessert mixes like cake mixes and cans of frosting. Any donation of non-perishable food items to help those in need for Thanksgiving would be tremendous. Thank you!*



***From Mass. Catholic Conference:  
Support for Question 4  
on upcoming Massachusetts Ballot***

*In June of this year the Massachusetts legislature overwhelmingly passed into law a bill which provides a path for Massachusetts residents without immigration status the ability to obtain a driver's license. That bill was not only supported by the Roman Catholic Bishops of Massachusetts, but also by the majority of the state's sheriffs, district attorneys, as well as the Major City Chiefs of Police Association. The law has numerous identification and safety provisions which will make our roads safer for all operators of motor vehicles. It will also finally provide immigrants, who are too often marginalized, the opportunity to legally drive to work, the grocery store, medical appointments, childcare, school and other essential tasks without the fear of violating the law. The Bishops of the four Dioceses in Massachusetts urge voters to join thirteen other states and vote Yes on #4.*

<b>Weekend Collection - Oct. 23rd</b>		<b>Thank</b>
Sunday Offertory:	\$1076.00	<b>You</b>
Make-up envelopes:	\$125.00	
All Saints' Day:	\$5.00	<b>For</b>
All Souls Day:	\$5.00	
World Mission Sunday:	\$35.00	<b>Your</b>
Hurricane Relief:	\$500.00	
<b>Total Collection:</b>	<b>\$1,746.00</b>	<b>Support</b>