

Knights of Columbus Newsletter Council 13391

October 27, 2022 Thursday

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November 1st Solemnity of All Saints

See the special reflection on pages 5 and 6 for the holy day.

November 3rd Thursday Since there were so few who attended our October meeting, Grand Knight Bill Allen decided to wait until this month’s meeting to initiate the showing of a video program created by the Knights of Columbus’s national office on the mission and goals of the Knights of Columbus. Everyone in the parish (men and women) is invited to this special presentation at **6:30 p.m.** in the lower church level meeting area. After the video program around **7:30 p.m.** those who are members in our council will meet in executive session. Here is the calendar for future video presentations:

December 8th, January 5th and February 2th

Everyone who comes to the meeting will have the opportunity to help the Knights in the coming events: Doughnuts and coffee after the morning Masses on the third Sunday of the Month: **November 20th** and **December 18th**. We are looking for helpers for the month of November. Can you help? If you can, use my email address to volunteer clem.schwartz@sbcglobal.net or Grand Knight Bill prokitchenbill@outlook.com

What do you think we should do after the 4:30 Mass? We will decide at the November meeting. Can you help after the 4:30 Mass? Use my email addresses as above to volunteer or offer your suggestions for future events.

We will be celebrating the Thirty-first Sunday in Ordinary time on Saturday, October 29th and Sunday October 30th.

Optional Song: Zacchaeus was a wee little man

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=bkd-QFD7vMA>

Use this link to read this Sunday's readings

<https://bible.usccb.org/bible/readings/103022.cfm>

Use his link to reach the Loyola Commentary on the Sunday Gospel

<https://www.loyolapress.com/catholic-resources/liturgical-year/sunday-connection/31st-sunday-in-ordinary-time-c-sunday-connection/>

Use this link to watch a video on Luke 19:1-10 (includes up to verse 27)

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=qDbdpCpceqY>

Use this link to listen to Bishop Barron's homily from the achieves at

Word on Fire. org <https://www.wordonfire.org/videos/sermons/the-love-of-predilection/>

“In Luke’s Gospel we read the story of Jesus and Zacchaeus. Zacchaeus, as a chief tax collector, was considered a very bad man in first-century Israel, but Christ greets him with love. It is the love of God that causes everything to be, and comes before everything we do. God does not love us because we do good; we do good because God loves us.”

Living the Word

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Focus: Jesus comes to find us, call us, and welcome us back to him.



Reflection: “Tax collecting was a profitable profession in Jesus’ day, but not an honorable one. Not only did tax collectors like Zacchaeus work for the Roman occupiers, many of them also charged much more than was owed and became wealthy as a result. It’s no wonder the crowd was shocked when Jesus insisted on going home with Zacchaeus! They must have wondered what it meant. Didn’t Jesus know how many people Zacchaeus had victimized to become wealthy? Didn’t he care about injustice?”

Jesus’ actions remind us that God’s justice is much deeper than our own. We settle for punishment, but Jesus desires penitence. Zacchaeus’ sins deserved retribution. Jesus brought restoration.

This should bring us comfort! If you draw close to Christ, he will not condemn you. No matter how far you or I fall, Jesus holds out to us the promise of wholeness and the path of reconciliation.”

Action: “Curiosity was the starting point that led Zacchaeus to faith and personal change. Zacchaeus left his home that day and climbed a tree because he was curious, and Jesus saw him and invited him unto a deeper friendship that changed his life. What questions do you have about Jesus and his Church? Your pastor, catechists, parents, and Catholic books or digital resources can be the ‘tree’ that helps you see Jesus more clearly. This week, ask some questions and let your curiosity draw you into a closer encounter with Christ.”

Questions:

1. Why does Luke make a point of telling us that Jesus wasn’t originally

planning on stopping in Jericho (Luke 19:1)?

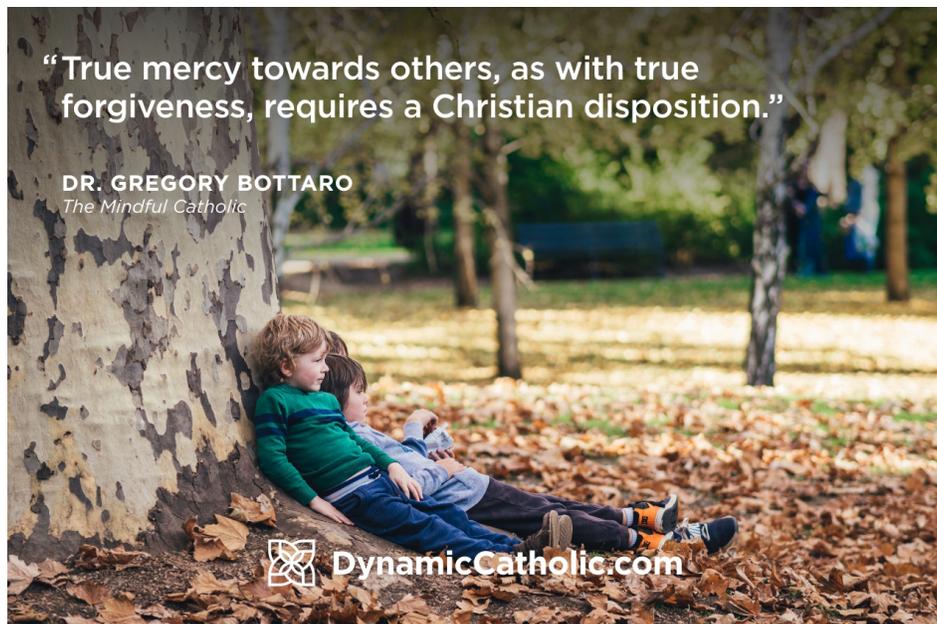
2. How can you live out a commitment to restorative justice in your home, work, or community?
3. If the pope were to visit the United States, which person would most surprise you to see with him at dinner?
4. Have you ever done something that might have seemed out of character for you, in order to live out your faith?
5. If Jesus came to your home would you be proud of what he would find there?
6. What would you need to prepare for Jesus to enter your home?
7. How can you offer your repentance to God? How can the sacraments and Mass help with that?
8. Are you willing to climb the tree of forgiveness?

Closing Prayer “God our loving Father, you bring us newness of life. Guide along the path of holiness your people searching for meaning so that they may come to rejoice in their ever deeper relationship with our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God, forever and ever. Amen.”

Optional Song: Come Back to me

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=FB0TWvag_Ic b

Go to pages 5 and 6 for the Solemnity of All Saints Holy Day Celebration



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Optional Song: When the Saints go marching in
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=TknrdMtNqoI>

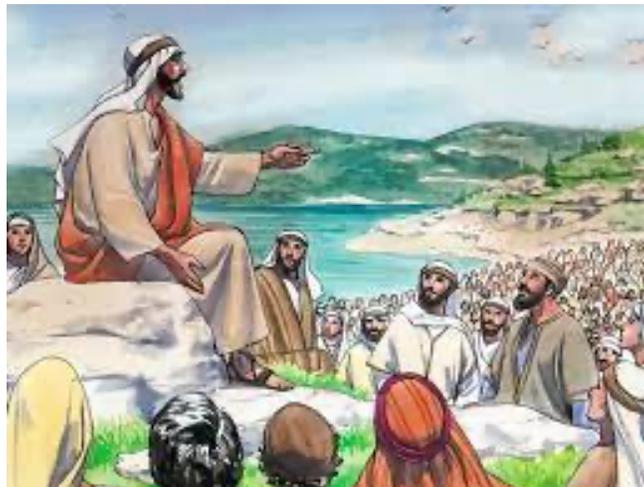
We will be celebrating the Solemnity of All Saints on November 1st:
Use this link to read the readings for the holy day.
<https://bible.usccb.org/bible/readings/110121.cfm>

Use his link to reach the Loyola Commentary on the this holy day's Gospel <https://www.loyolapress.com/catholic-resources/liturgical-year/sunday-connection/all-saints-day-preparing-for-this-feast-day/>

Watch this video clip from Bishop Barron on All Saints Day
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=K6qCBNHcZkc>

Reflection: “Have you ever known a person who always seems to have an answer or response for everything? But more often than not, those responses just seem to be platitudes? A love one passes away – “Time heals all wounds.” You are excited about a possible new opportunity – “Don’t count your chickens before they hatch.” You don’t make the team – “Everything happens for a reason.”

If we read the Beatitudes on a superficial level, they appear to be similar to those platitudes “Don’t worry, it will be fine.” But Jesus is really teaching about the radical and complete transformation of the world that will occur when the kingdom of God arrives at the end of time. Not only that, but he is teaching his disciples, and us how to bring some of that kingdom to the here and now. The saints are wonderful examples of faithful disciples who have taken the challenge of the beatitudes to make God’s vision for the world a reality. Today’s feast reminds us we are called to do the same.”



Action: “Many of the situations that Jesus describes in the beatitudes are still present in our world today. People mourn, people strive for justice, and people are persecuted for their faith. Sometimes, though, the situations described in the beatitudes can seem far removed from us. Write new beatitudes, keeping in mind some of the issues you and your community face. They can build upon the ones in today’s Gospel, but use specific examples that you might hear about in the news. Or, they could be completely new. In either case, be sure to describe how God’s promise of love and mercy will transform the situation. Then, make a plan to put some of those beatitudes into action in your community.”

Questions

1. How can you offer meaningful responses to friends instead of platitudes?
2. What do you think the world will look like when the kingdom of God arrives?
3. Reflect on things that make you happy. Do they all bring you the same type of happiness.
4. Do you think that happiness is attainable for each of us, as modeled by the saints, when we focus on loving God and loving others?

Closing Prayer: “Holy God, you reveal your glory through the holy women and men we honor today. Help us seek you with all of our hearts and respond to your call to holiness. May your grace transform our lives so that one day we will rejoice in their holy company. Through Christ our Lord. Amen.”

Optional Song: One Bread, One Body

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=WHAu3fLF7NI>

