The Son of Man has come to seek and to save what was lost.

Luke 19:10

November 3, 2019

Thirty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time
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LIVING GOD’S WORD: Pray that you may know the God of whom Wisdom speaks today, a God who has mercy on all, who loves all things that are, who is a lover of souls, who has placed the divine imperishable spirit in us, and who patiently waits for us to believe.

Month of Remembrance - The Book of Remembrance will be in the baptistry area throughout the month of November. All are invited to write the names of deceased family and friends in the book.

Mass Schedule
- Daily: M-F 7AM
- Saturday: 5PM
- Sunday: 8AM & 10AM

Reflecting on God’s Word

Luke sketches his characters quickly but with precision. Zacchaeus was chief tax collector, a wealthy man, and short. Most important, he was a seeker, trying to catch sight of Jesus. Because of the crowd Jesus attracted as He was passing through town and because of his height, Zacchaeus had to climb a tree. His stature might not have been the only reason why. Tax collectors were nobody’s favorite; they collaborated with the Roman occupiers and became rich to the detriment of their own people. Up a tree would have been the safest location for a tax collector in a crowd.

What makes this story so appealing is the joy that both Jesus and Zacchaeus show in meeting each other. “Come down quickly,” Jesus says, “for today I must stay at your house” (Luke 19:5). Zacchaeus drops quickly and receives Jesus with joy. The crowd, however, does not share in this joy. They grumble about a prophet eating with a sinner! But Zacchaeus holds his ground, saying that if—he has defrauded anyone, he will make amends four-fold, keeping to the strictest restitution demanded by the law. Jesus, not to be overdone in generosity, proclaims: “Today salvation has come to this house” (19:9), adding that this is why He came in the first place, “to seek and save what was lost” (19:10).

Sometimes we can find ourselves “up a tree,” even in our relationship with God. Remember Zacchaeus. Jesus brought him down safely and restored him to the community. This is why He still comes into our lives: to bring salvation to our own house.

—James A. Wallace, C.SS.R.
Every week, some treasures from our tradition are shared here. Where does all this history come from? The history of God’s people of prayer is always coming to light, mostly because scholars have dedicated their lives to research. They translate and ponder prayers and songs; explore the places used for worship; look at the vessels, books, and vestments; and read works from legal documents to letters and diaries. In the 1930s, Hitler’s rush to arm Germany closed seminaries as priests and seminarians alike were drafted into service.

One professor, Father Josef Jungman, forced from his classroom, spent the war years in an Austrian library. His careful work disclosed much of what we know of the history of the Mass. His great work, The Mass of the Roman Rite, describes the evolution of Eucharistic celebration and inspired generations of scholars to explore a tradition surprisingly rich and varied. It was said of him that he had a command of the past that cast new light on the present, and opened up a clear direction to the future. His contributions to the Second Vatican Council helped shape the way that we worship today. At the end of his life, in 1975, his studies completed, he told a friend that he was waiting patiently for the Lord’s knock at the door to take him to the heavenly banquet.

—Rev. James Field, Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co.
**Family Faith Formation**
(Religious Education)

Classes meet on Tuesday, November 5 (Gr 1-6 in the classroom) 5:30-7PM and Wednesday, November 6 (Gr 7-8 in the ACL) 6:30-8PM. Parents meet their children on Tuesdays at 6:45PM in Church and Wednesdays at 7:45PM in the ACL.

**Gospel Weekly Family Discussion:**

**Gospel of Luke 19:1-10** - Zacchaeus, a tax collector, climbs into a sycamore tree for a better view of Jesus. Jesus honors Zacchaeus by staying at his house. Tax collectors then were dishonest and the crowd is angry that Jesus would stay with a sinner but Jesus wants everyone to come to Him.

**Question of the Week:**
- When has a friend been a good example for you?

**Gospel Questions:**
- How does his friendship with Jesus change Zacchaeus?
- Who wants to stay with Zacchaeus?
- How is Jesus your friend?

**Life Questions:**
- What kind of power do rumors and gossip have?
- How have you changed because you have a good friend?
- What are some ways you make friends?

**Family Prayer:**
- Lord, help us to to be good role models for one another. Amen.

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**Whole Parish Catechesis**

**Readings and Questions for Faith Sharing**

**Reading I: Wisdom 11:22-12:2**
- To God, the universe is a drop of morning dew.

**Background:** Wisdom literature in the Bible is a rich source of spirituality. In this passage, we are assured that God will have mercy on us always. We are reminded that God created all that is, and loves all that He created!

**Reading II: 2 Thessalonians 1:11-2:2**
- We pray for you always.

**Background:** Paul prays that the community in Thessalonica may be faithful to the message preached about Jesus Christ. He addresses the rumor in the community that Christ would return soon, a common belief in the early years of the Faith. He urges them not to be agitated by this rumor, but to go on living their lives faithfully.

**Gospel: Luke 19:1-10**
- Zacchaeus wanted to see Jesus.

**Background:** Here we see Jesus’ compassion and sense of justice reach a peak. He demonstrates His love of the sinner by eating with them, something that was seen by His detractors as very out-of-place for a rabbi such as Jesus. But as usual, He persists and teaches a valuable lesson: take in the outcast and sinner first and they will later be healed.

**Theme:** Jesus’ love transforms all people and all things!

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**Question for Adults:**

Why do you suppose Jesus was so kind to Zacchaeus? What lesson do you draw from this reading regarding those who are considered “public sinners” today?

**Question for Youth:**

Jesus saw Zacchaeus as he was - mistakes and all. What masks, if any, do you hide behind so others won’t see who you really are? Who do you trust to see your true self?

**Question for Children:**

Jesus showed that He love Zacchaeus by having supper with him. What strikes you from this story?

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**Catholic Ministries Annual Appeal 2019**

**Pledge Report**

Monthly pledge payments for the CMMS should be made in the next few days. Thanks you for your support. Please contact the Diocesan Development Office with any questions you may have about your pledge at 815.838.8515.
Happenings Around Town & the Diocese

The Lost Shoe Book Signing - You are invited to join parishioners Judith & Colin Wilkie for an early Veteran’s Day Celebration book signing on their new book “The Lost Shoe” on Saturday, November 9th from 1:30-3:30PM at the Warrenville Historical Museum and Art Gallery on 2nd Street. Bring your copy of the book or books will be available for sale (cash/check only) at the event.

Upcoming Event at Regal Cantera - This highly recommended film which is being released to movie theaters in the near future is scheduled for one-viewing only. With a packed house, we can send the message to film makers to extend and expand their viewing audiences. Please make every effort to attend this viewing - you won’t regret it!

♦ Nov. 6th @ 7PM – Regal Cantera: The Divine Plan - a docudrama showing the true story of how Pope John Paul II and President Ronald Reagan teamed up to bring an end to Soviet Communism, resulting in the demolition of the Berlin Wall and the collapse of the Soviet Union bringing to fruition one of the key predictions of Our Lady of Fatima.

Advent Challenge: Waiting for Joy

Each year during Advent we have an opportunity to renew the fervor with which we await the Lord who came among us as a child and who will come again in glory. Consider joining a faith-sharing group to experience the season in a new way with Waiting for Joy from RENEW International. This is a wonderful opportunity to join a small group of your fellow parishioners in making the weeks before Christmas meaningful. All parishioners are asked to commit to accepting Fr. Jim’s challenge to become an enthusiastic and prayer centered community. Time commitment is one session each of the four weeks of Advent.

Next week is Signup Weekend for this Advent series. Small Christian communities will gather to learn, pray, and share on the true meaning of Advent. Please join us once a week for four weeks to remember in community what we are anticipating during this season, and connect with others as we journey in faith. By taking part in Waiting for Joy you can set aside the distractions of shopping and decorating and focus on the true significance of the season and share it with your families. You will be blessed; you will be a blessing!

Registration is required. Materials: $5. Register today!

Cut and return to the parish office or drop in the collection basket by Friday, November 15th.

Name:____________________________________________________
Email:____________________________________________________
Phone:____________________________________________________

Meetings begin Monday, November 25, and continue December 2, 9, and 16 at the following times:

♦ 9-10:30AM in the ACL (children welcome)
♦ 1-2:30PM in the ACL (children welcome)
♦ 7-8:30PM in the chapel (kind of late for kids!)

Monday doesn’t work? What days and times are good for you? We will try to accommodate

Tuesday…………..AM…………….PM
Wednesday……..AM…………….PM
Thursday…………AM……………PM
Friday……………AM…………….PM
Saturday……….AM
Sunday…………..AM

♦ Are you willing to host a small group in your home? Yes No
♦ Are you willing to facilitate a group at the parish? Yes No
This Week’s Meetings

**Sunday, November 3**
- 10-10:45a - Children’s Liturgy of the Word (ACL)
- 11a-12p - Baptism Prep 1st Session (S)

**Monday, November 4**
- 1-2:30p - Adult Education: Come Holy Spirit (ACL)
- 6:30-8:30p - Healing Horizons (ACL)
- 7-8:30p - Adult Education: Come Holy Spirit (Chapel)

**Tuesday, November 5**
- 5:30-7p - Elementary Religious Education (C, S)
- 7-9p - School Board (HF)

**Wednesday, November 6**
- 12:15-3:30p - Band (ACL)
- 6:30-8p - Jr. High Religious Education (S, AC)
- 7-8:30p - Adult Choir (C)

**Thursday, November 7**
- 11:30a-2p - The LunchBunch (ACL)
- 7-8:30p - CCW (ACL)

**Friday, November 8**
- 12:15-3:30p - Band (ACL)
- 5:30-11p - Trivia Night (ACL)

**Saturday, November 9**
- 6-9p - Ladies Fall Social/White Elephant (ACL)

**Sunday, November 10**
- 7:30a-12:30p - Hospitality (ACL)
- 10-10:45a - Children’s Liturgy of the Word (ACL)
- 11a-12p - Baptism Prep 2nd Session (S)

St. Irene Rosary Tree

The Holy Rosary is one of the most powerful prayers of our Catholic faith. Across the ages, both Jesus and Mary have frequently reminded us to pray the Rosary often. To promote this beautiful prayer, the Knights of Columbus are generously donating the cost of having a wood artisan carve a tabletop Rosary Tree stand to display in our Church. The stand, in the shape of a heart, honors the Sacred and Immaculate Hearts of Jesus and Mary, and will serve as a beautiful reminder to all of us to pray the Rosary often.

Thanks to the Knights’ generosity, we will be able to borrow a Rosary from the Tree...Pray...and then return the Rosary to the Tree for the next Prayer Warrior. The Tree will hold as many as 50 Rosaries; so we are looking for Rosary donations. There is a small, round cardboard box in the Narthex labeled Knights of Columbus Rosary donations. Please drop off any surplus Rosaries you have into the box. We will display them on the Rosary Tree when it arrives!

Join us for Mass at Mercy Home

**Sunday, December 15, 2019**

You may be familiar with Sunday Mass at Mercy Home for Boys and Girls which airs on WGN-TV, Channel 9 on Sundays at 9:30AM. We are invited to participate in a taping of the show and to join in the televised Masses for the Feast of the Holy Family to be celebrated with Fr. Carl Morello (brother of fellow Knight of Columbus, Vince Morello) and The Baptism of the Lord to be celebrated by Fr. Scott Donahue, head of Mercy Home. These Masses will be aired on Dec. 29, 2019 and Jan. 5, 2020.

The date is Sunday, December 15, 2019. We will meet between 11:30-11:45AM at Mercy Home, 1140 West Jackson Boulevard, Chicago. The taping will occur between 12:30-2PM with a complimentary luncheon beforehand. We hope to have a good showing, but can accommodate no more than twenty people. You must RSVP by Monday, Dec. 9th.

There is free parking at Mercy Home and plenty of street-parking available. If anyone has need of a chairlift, we need to know in advance. The chairlift has a 300 lb. limit. Free-will donations would be appreciated by the Home which is a Catholic charity and child welfare agency. This event will be "first come, first served."

This is a fun experience and I encourage families to bring their children (over 5 years old). For more information or to make your reservation, contact Joe Kubal at 630.983.6159 or SMKubal0712@aol.com.

St. Irene LunchBunch

All seniors 55 and over are invited to the next gathering of the LunchBunch on Thursday, November 7th at 11:30AM. We have a late fall theme planned with chili and soup as the main course. Bring your favorite side or desert to share. Our guest speakers are conservationists Dan and Sharon Peterson, who will give a multimedia presentation on bats and other creatures native to Dupage county. They will also discuss the difficulties facing our native species and what can be done to conserve them. This is a must see presentation. RSVP to the parish office by Monday, November 4th. Donation is $5 at the door.
Divine Mercy in the
Second Greatest Story Ever Told

The original 33-Days group is back! Join Mary, Jeannette, Donna and Amy as we delve deeper into Jesus’ Unconditional Love and Divine Mercy. This no-cost Retreat, titled Divine Mercy in the Second Greatest Story Ever Told, is narrated by Fr. Michael Gaitley, MIC, and will move you like no other. Join us on this journey as Fr. Gaitley uncovers the many ways God has approached us through the ages to deliver the message that He truly is Love and Mercy. God’s Love abounds beyond anything we have experienced or could imagine. As for His Mercy…well, let’s put it this way…There is no sin greater than His Mercy. Discover the power that comes with complete Trust in Our Lord, as we follow Jesus’ path through history, and walk with the Saints He chose to help Him spread His Love and Mercy message. This 11-session Lenten Retreat begins January 6th and meets Mondays at 1PM or 7PM. It concludes at the doorstep of Holy Week, Easter Sunday, and the Feast of Divine Mercy. Sign up in the Narthex or via email: jaclark1129@gmail.com. Registration required. Contact Jeannette Clark at 630.292.9349 with questions.

Readings for the Week

Monday: Rom 11:29-36; Ps 69:30-31, 33-34, 36; Lk 14:12-14
Tuesday: Rom 12:5-16b; Ps 131:1bcde-3; Lk 14:15-24
Wednesday: Rom 13:8-10; Ps 112:1bcde, 4, 13-14; Lk 15:1-10
Thursday: Rom 14:7-12; Ps 27:1bcde, 4, 13-14; Lk 15:1-10
Friday: Rom 15:14-21; Ps 98:1-4; Lk 16:1-8
Saturday: Ez 47:1-2, 8-9, 12; Ps 46:2-3, 5-6, 8-9; 1 Cor 3:9c-11, 16-17; Jn 2:13-22
Sunday: 2 Mc 7:1-2, 9-14; Ps 17:1, 5-6, 8, 15; 2 Thes 2:16-3:5; Lk 20:27-38 [27, 34-38]