

**THIRTY-FIRST SUNDAY IN
ORDINARY TIME
NOVEMBER 3, 2019**

The LORD lifts up all who are falling
and raises up all who are bowed
down.

— *Psalm 145:14*



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A GREAT AND GLORIOUS GOD

Our readings today ponder two powerful truths: God is infinitely greater than we are; and God provides every kind of help so we can discover and share in God's glory. The reading from Wisdom reminds us that we are tiny compared to "the LORD of the whole universe." Nevertheless, God preserves and nurtures us out of perfect love. If we feel tiny, weak, and sinful compared to God, we are blessed! God's greatness sustains and strengthens us. Saint Paul encourages the Thessalonian Christians with the same message. He reminds them that God alone makes the Church holy. He prays that everything they undertake will be for the glory of God. Luke's Gospel shows us what this looks like in real life: Zacchaeus, feeling small and excluded, looks for Jesus. Jesus finds him and gives him the strength he needs to repent of his sins and glorify God. *Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co.*

TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading — Lord, you love all things that exist
(Wisdom 11:22 — 12:2).

Psalm — I will praise your name for ever, my king and my God (Psalm 145).

Second Reading — May the name of Christ be glorified in you and you in him (2 Thessalonians 1:11 — 2:2).

SPECIAL PRAYER LIST

Edith Bolder	Homesdale Care Center
Jeanette Hamilton	Evans Home
Eddie Jennings,	V.A. Rehab Cameron
Inell Hunter	Home
Margaret G. Jones	Research Hospital
Martha Melton	Addington House Ctr
Marcheita Bush	Home
Carlos Nix	Home
Lavel McCullough	Home
Rosa Birch	Home
Sandra Cloyd	Home
Kevin Brown	Home
Jackie Countee	Home
Sharon Shackelford-Allen	Home
Earnestine Nard	Home
Mable Parson	Home
Earl Greene	Home
Michael Mize	Home
Chaunceyetta Mize	Home
Hargett Hayes	Research Hospital

FAMILY MEMBERS

Please inform Father Leonard, when a loved-one has become homebound, or has been hospitalized. Call, 816-471-3696, or email: leombuthia@yahoo.com

NOVEMBER 10RD ASSIGNMENTS

SERVERS *Coordinator: V. Ammons**
All Servers

LECTORS *Coordinator, Rose Palmer**

8:00 a.m. Sharon Hardy,
Cynthia Eastman

10:00 a.m. Syrtiller Kabat, Guyetta Mabin

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS

*Coordinator, Dianna Miller**

8:00 a.m. Crystal Miller, Dianna Miller,
Julia Price, Rita Womack

10:00 a.m. Carrie Miller, Chaunceyetta Mize, Paulette Monroe, Paula Nix, Rose Palmer, Barbara Parks, Lydia Ramirez, Rose Roos, Katie Steward, Patricia Williams

USHERS *Coordinators, Kim Urenda,
Mary Pearson**

8:00 a.m. Elaine Johnson,
Lawrence Blankinship

10:00 a.m. Team A: Issac Taitt, Shannon Fields, Leah Henderson, Alex Perez, Vicki Shackelford, Kim Urenda, Cynthia Uzomah

WELCOME: *Chidera Okafor*

COUNTERS: TEAM #2

Paul Alexander

3RD SUNDAY FELLOWSHIP

HOSTS: *Altar / Rosary Society*

MEETINGS / DATES / TIMES

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Meetings are held on Sunday,
following the 10 a.m. mass

Ramonda Doakes, Director

SUNDAY SCHOOL

Classes meet on the 2nd and 4th
Sundays.

FIRST COMMUNION

Meetings: 2nd, 3rd, and 4th Sundays

JUNIOR YOUTH GROUP,

Meetings: 2nd and 4th Sundays,
Church Hall, Lower Level,

Coordinators: John & Debra Johnson

SENIOR YOUTH GROUP

Meetings will be held in the
Administration Building, **St. Monica
Room, Every 1st and 3rd Sunday.**

Coordinators: Eric & Burnetta Burtin, Elton & Phaedra Lombard

RCIA – Rite of Christian Initiation

for Adults. Meetings are held on
Sundays, in the Small Chapel,
Deacon Ken Greene, Instructor.

KNIGHTS OF PETER CLAVER

3 rd Degree Knights	1 st Sat 1:00 p.m.
4 th Degree Knights	1 st Sat. 1:45 p.m.
Fr. Constantine Ct.	1 st Sun. 9:00 a.m.
Ladies of Grace	4 th Sun. 2:00 p.m.
Jr. Daughters	2 nd Sat. 2:00 p.m.
Jr. Knights	1 st Sun. 4:00 p.m.

WEDNESDAY

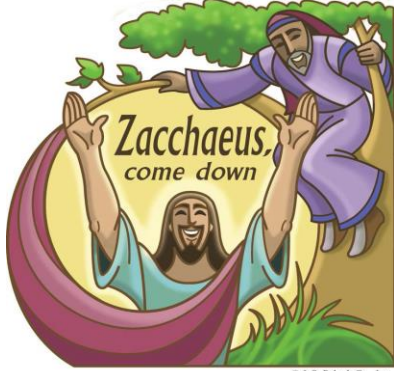
9:00 a.m. Mass
6:00 p.m. Prayer Service

SATURDAY

8:00 a.m. Men's Breakfast/Bible Study
9:30 a.m. Women's Breakfast/Bible Study
New members are welcome.
**Meetings are held in the Administration
Building / St. Monica Room.**



GOSPEL —Today salvation has come to the tax collector Zacchaeus' house (**Luke 19:1-10**).



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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 112:1b-2, 4-5, 9; Lk 14:25-33
- 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]

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

- Sunday:** 31st Sunday in Ordinary Time; National Vocation Awareness Week; Daylight Saving Time ends
- Monday:** St. Charles Borromeo
- Tuesday:** Election Day
- Saturday:** The Dedication of the Lateran Basilica

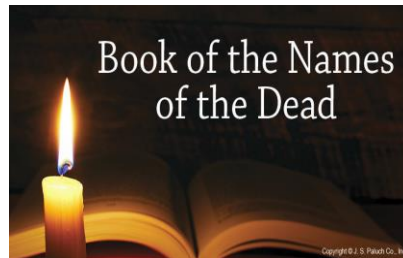


REFLECTIONS ~

On Today's Liturgy

Witness Zacchaeus in the sycamore tree. So eager to see Jesus, but too short. Lost in the crowd. Desperate to see over their heads. He has an idea! Running ahead and climbing a tree, he bursts into the Lord's vision, like an oversized bud on a tree in bloom. His faith has blossomed. Jesus, on the road to Jericho, hadn't planned on stopping. But he "has come to seek and to save what was lost" (Luke 19:10), and he sees Zacchaeus, in full flower, ripe to be picked. So, he calls him down, invites himself to his house. Zacchaeus's jubilation overflows. He comes down from the tree. But now, back down on the ground, Zacchaeus is brought low once again. The crowd grumbles. He is not worthy! He steals from us! He collaborates with the Romans! But Zacchaeus is a new man now. He has blossomed. I will give away my riches! Half of what I have I will give to the poor! I will give back fourfold anything I have stolen! Zacchaeus, once lost in the crowd, now rises out of it. Salvation has come to his house in the person of Jesus. How can you "blossom" in the eyes of the Lord?

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ALL SOULS – REMEMBERING OUR LOVED-ONES

During the month of November, we will pray for the faithful departed. Those who have preceded us in death. We will in a particular way, pray for our family members and friends during the month.

There will be a box in the gathering space, where you can place the names of your loved ones, and we will mention them by name during one of our Sunday Masses in November.

2ND COLLECTION

– NEXT SUNDAY

Archdiocese for the Military Services, USA, (AMS) - Established by Saint John Paul II in 1985, the AMS is responsible for providing the full range of pastoral ministries available in all other U.S. dioceses to those serving in the United State Armed Services, enrolled in U.S. Military Academies, undergoing treatment at any of the 153 Department Veterans Affairs Medical Centers, working in civilian jobs for the federal government beyond U.S. borders, and for the families of these populations. The AMS receives no funding from the U.S. government or the U.S. Military, and must rely primarily on private donations to fund an annual operating budget of over \$8.2 Million.

TREASURES ~ From Our Tradition

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.

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Bulletin deadline – Wednesday – NOON -

Happy Thanksgiving

ST. MONICA 'S ANNUAL THANKSGIVING FOOD DRIVE

BEGINS NOVEMBER 3, 2019

THIS IS A CHURCH FAMILY PROJECT

OUR GOAL THIS YEAR IS TO PROVIDE 50 BASKETS TO 50 FAMILIES

THE ITEMS REQUESTED FOR DONATION WILL PROVIDE A THANKSGIVING DINNER AND OTHER STAPLES A FAMILY NEEDS DURING THIS SEASON.

IF YOU KNOW OF A FAMILY IN NEED PLEASE CONTACT FOOD PANTRY OFFICE

AT 816 842-1877 ON MONDAY, WEDNESDAY OR THURSDAY FROM 10:30A-2PM

PLEASE BRING YOUR DONATED FOOD ITEMS AND PLACE THEM ON TABLES IN

FERGUSON HALL ON : SUNDAYS, NOV 3, NOV 10, NOV 17

WEEKDAYS ANY MON, WED, THURS. FROM 10:30A-2:00P

VOLUNTEERS WILL BE NEEDED:

TO ASSEMBLE BASKETS ON SATURDAY, NOV 23 FROM 10A UNTIL ,

NEED A DRIVER TO HELP PICK UP TURKEYS ON SAT NOV 23

BASKETS GIVEN AWAY ON SUNDAY, NOV 24

SEE FOOD DONATION LIST ON BACK---

IN LIEU OF FOOD DONATIONS, WE WILL ALSO ACCEPT MONEY OR A TURKEY

(12-15 LBS.) TO FILL A BASKET A DONATION OF \$60 IS NEEDED.

IF YOU WANT TO DO MORE OR HAVE SUGGESTIONS--PLEASE CALL ME AT THE PANTRY OFFICE 816 842-1877---MON. WED. FROM 10:30A-2PM

SUNDAY NOV 3

CANNED GOODS
GREEN BEANS
CANNED SWEET POTATOES
WHOLE KERNAL CORN
SLICED PEACHES
FRUIT COCKTAIL
CHICKEN NOODLE SOUP
VEGETABLE SOUP
PORK & BEANS
CRANBERRY SAUCE

SUNDAY NOV 10

DRY GOODS
HAMBURGER HELPER
MACARONI CHEESE
PINTO BEANS
RICE
CRACKERS
INSTANT POTATOES
EGGS
PEANUT BUTTER
JELLY

SUNDAY NOV 17

WEEKDAY---- NOV 18-23

BOXED ITEMS
STUFFING MIX
CAKE MIX
ICING
FLOUR
SUGAR
BREAD
MARGARINE/BUTTER
APPLES
ORANGES

ALL ITEMS

SATURDAY NOV 23

ALL ITEMS

**** PLEASE PAY ATTENTION TO EXPIRATION DATES ON CANNED GOOD ITEMS
WE DO NOT WANT TO GIVE AWAY UNHEALTHY ITEMS

PROTECTING GOD'S CHILDREN

The Diocese of Kansas City-St. Joseph is committed to combatting sexual abuse in the Church. If you are a victim of sexual abuse, or if you observe or suspect sexual abuse:

1. Call the Missouri Child Abuse Hotline at 1.800.392.3738 (if the victim is currently under the age of 18), and
2. Contact your local law enforcement agency or call 911, and
3. After reporting to these civil and law enforcement authorities, report suspected *sexual abuse of a minor or vulnerable adult* to the Diocesan Ombudsman, Joe Crayon, at: 816.812.2500, or crayon@ombudsmankcsj.org, if the abuse involves a priest, deacon, employee or volunteer of the Diocese of Kansas City-St. Joseph.

The Diocese has a sincere commitment to providing care and healing resources to victims of sexual abuse and their families. Please contact the Victim Advocate, Kathleen Chastain, at 816.392.0011 or chastain@diocesekcsj.org for more information.