

October 30, 2022: 31st Sunday in Ordinary Time

"But Zacchaeus stood up and said to the Lord, "Look, Lord! Here and now, I give half of my possessions to the poor, and if I have cheated anybody out of anything, I will pay back four times the amount." Jesus said to him, "Today salvation has come to this house, because this man, too, is a son of Abraham. 10 For the Son of Man came to seek and to save the lost." Luke 19:08

Tax collectors were despised for collaborating with the Roman occupiers. Many were dishonest and took more than they were due to make a larger profit. By the example of Zacchaeus, Jesus takes a person who was hated by society – a tax collector – and shows how nobody is beyond transformation and salvation. Most of the Jews of the time wanted nothing to do with this group of people. They were pushed outside of polite society, and so their money and material goods became their only comfort.

But Jesus has a different view. He sees a group who needs to be invited back into the fold. He was willing to speak with tax collectors and even dine with them in their homes. Jesus knows that transformation starts with love.

Once the outsider understands he is loved, then he can let go of the sins he is clinging to. This frees him to follow Jesus. Like Jesus, we should not be afraid to encounter sinners and tell them the Good News that they are loved. This offers them a freedom from the bonds of condemnation.

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In Jesus' day, tax collectors were not popular people. They were collaborators with the Romans and were despised by many Jewish people. The tax system allowed them to charge more than what was required so that they could make a profit for themselves. Thus, they were considered sinners by their countrymen. Observers in the crowd that day grumble because Jesus dines with a sinner. Throughout Scripture, Jesus' choice of dinner companions set him apart from other observant Jews of his time. In first century, Jewish culture, to dine together was to show a bond of fellowship and peace among those at the table. Observant Jews did not generally dine with foreigners and sinners. Yet, Jesus chooses to honor the tax collector, Zacchaeus, by staying at his house.

Even before Jesus comes to his home, Zacchaeus shows himself to be someone in search of salvation. Zacchaeus, described as short in stature, climbs a tree in order to see Jesus. We know from Luke's description that Zacchaeus was no ordinary tax collector; he was, in fact, the chief tax collector and a person of some wealth. In his search for salvation, he humbled himself by making a spectacle of himself by climbing a tree. Jesus recognizes the faith of this tax collector exhibited in his search for salvation and calls him down from the tree. In the hospitality he extends to Jesus and in his conversion of heart, Zacchaeus is raised up by Jesus as a model of salvation.

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A Stewardship Parish in Union with Christ



Parish Information

<u>Pastor</u>: Monsignor Jim Robertson <u>Office Administrator</u>: Joseph Stany Moothedan <u>Office Hours</u>: Tuesday and Thursday: 8:30 am – 4:30 pm Friday: 8:30 am- 12:30 pm

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Weekend Masses:	Saturday 4:30 pm, Sunday 11 am
Mass During Week:	Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday at 7 pm. Friday at 10 am.
Lohnes Complex	First Fridays - 2 pm at the Lohnes Complex, <i>closed to public.</i>
Bible Study: Holy Hour of Adoration: Reconciliation: Marriages: Baptisms: Family Connections: St. Vincent de Paul:	Bible study will resume on October 16, 2022 Post-poned until further notice. By request. Six months' notice required. A year's notice is recommended. Please call the Parish Office to schedule preparation session. At www.rcchurch.com you will find a link to family connections. To assist those in need. Call 638-9010.

RECEIVED WITH THANKS October 15th – October 16th, 2022

Regular Sunday	\$1335.00
E-transfer	0.00
Fiona Hurricane Relief	100.00
World Mission Sunday	250.00
Shepherds Fund	10.00
SVDP	20.00

MASS INTENTIONS

Tue. 7 pm	All Saints Day
Wed. 7 pm	Late Gus & Irene Rumbolt
Thu. 7 pm	Late Michael Basha
Fri 2 pm (Lohnes Complex)	No Intention
Sat. 4:30 pm	St. Jude
Sun. 11 am	Parish Community

LITURGICAL MINISTERS

Nov 5		
	Don Gallant	
Linda Tarbett	Marie Pennell	
Nov 6		
Amelia Dicks	Margaret Dalley	
	Brian Sparkes	
Communion to the Sick – Tony Griffin		

<u>BIBLE STUDY:</u> We will continue this Sunday at 7pm at the meeting room. All are welcome.

WORLD MISSION SUNDAY: Thank you for answering your baptismal call to witness for mission on World Mission Sunday.

THE WORD AMONG US: These periodicals, which are used as a daily prayer book are costing us more. We regret to ask for a donation of \$3.00 per book per month. **SUNDAY MISSALS:** Missals are available at the church or parish office for \$5 each.

<u>**CHILDRENS LITURGY:</u>** We are hoping to continue our Children's Liturgy program. Grandparents and parents are encouraged to bring young children to the masses of Sunday Morning.</u>

ROOF NEWS: Materials have arrived on site and work is imminent. Pledges have been received from a number of persons towards the church roofs fund. A donation of \$1000 was received from Linda & Marina Cashin, David & Dorothy Brake and Fr. Jim Robertson. We encourage families ask to contact other family numbers and together to make a pledge of \$1000 per family to the roof fund. A plaque will be created to acknowledge the generosity of these families.

PARISH COUNCIL MEETING: The next parish council meeting will take place on Monday, November 7th at 6pm in the church meeting room.

MASS OF REMEMBRANCE: Our Annual Mass of Remembrance will take place on Thursday, November 10th at 7pm. Family members of persons whose funerals we have celebrated since November last year will be contacted and offered special roles in the mass of that day. If you have had family members/friends who have died within this last year, and whose funeral/burial has taken place outside this parish, please contact the parish office if you want their names included at that mass.

<u>TIME CHANGE</u>: On Sunday, November 6, 2022, 1:00 am we will be going back to local standard time. Sunrise and sunset will be an hour earlier on Nov 6, 2022.

THE FEAST OF ALL SAINTS: November 1st is the Feast of All Saints, which honours every saint, known and unknown. While we have information about many saints and have specific feast days to celebrate them, there are

many unknown saints, who may have been forgotten or never honoured specifically. On All Saints Day, we celebrate these holy people and ask

for their prayers and intercessions. The Gospel reading on All Saints Day is the Sermon on the Mount, from the Gospel of Matthew, in which Jesus gives us the Beatitudes to teach us what we must be like in order to inherit the Kingdom of God.

ALL SOULS DAY: All Souls Day, November 2, is a day to pray for the souls of our faithful



faithful departed. Envelopes are available in our church for parishioners to list the

names of their family members and friends who they would like remembered. Throughout the month of November there will be masses in commemoration of All Souls and the persons you have named will be prayed for in our petitions.

HALLOWEEN HUMOR:

What does a panda ghost eat? **Bam-BOO!** What's a ghost's favorite dessert? **I-Scream!** Where does a mummy go on vacation? **The Dead Sea.** **4YOUTH:** Prayer is our means of having a conversation with God. God wants us to share with Him - our joys and our pains, our hopes and our frustrations, the good and the bad that happens in our lives. It is important to plan a time and place each day, otherwise, with our busy lives, it just won't happen. Consider saying morning prayers as soon as you get up (petitions for people that you've promised to pray for, thanks for the gift of another day and an offering of that day to God) or a walk at lunch or break time to meditate quietly on a scripture quote, or time before bed to read a few Bible verses or pray some favorite prayers. Praise God or thank Him or ask Him for help - He's always ready to listen to you.

MARY'S KITCHEN: Our parish has been asked to serve tables and provide deserts at Mary's Kitchen during November. Although this is spearheaded by the Sacred Heart Ladies' group. It is a great opportunity for any of our parishioners to get involved with helping others. We will be looking for volunteers to help at the kitchen and/or provide deserts for each Friday in Nov. If you are able to help in any way, please put your name & phone # on the sheet provided at the church entrance.

