

THIRTY-FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

November 3, 2019

Dear Parishioners,

Today salvation has come to this house. (Luke 19:9)

Today's Gospel paints a vivid picture of Zacchaeus the tax collector—wealthy, despised, and also very short—trying unsuccessfully to see through a crowd. He climbs a tree just to get a look at Jesus. It must have been an astonishing and amusing sight to see such a prominent person doing something so silly. You can just imagine the grin on Jesus' face as he looks up and sees Zacchaeus' irrepressible, childlike enthusiasm. Then that enthusiasm turns to joy when Jesus invites himself to Zacchaeus' house. Inspired by Jesus' warm words of acceptance, Zacchaeus promises to give half of his wealth to the poor and more than repay the people he has extorted.

So did Zacchaeus follow up on this bold promise? We'll never know since he is not mentioned again.

After Jesus moved on, the hard work would have begun for Zacchaeus. If he gave away his money, he would have to learn how to live with less. He would have to fight the temptation to return to his dishonest methods of collecting taxes. He would have to earn the trust and friendship of his fellow townsfolk. Surely all of this was less fun than that initial life-altering encounter with Jesus. He may have had trouble maintaining his enthusiasm.

It's okay to not always feel excited about life as a follower of Jesus. Our faith journey can be like a long, successful marriage that starts out with the magic and passion of an early romance and develops into something calmer but deeper and more meaningful. There's no getting around the fact that our relationship with Jesus requires hard work sometimes. But it's good to know that he is always with us, ready to give us the grace we need.

Our attempts to follow Jesus don't have to be big, splashy gestures like Zacchaeus' initial response. Change will be gradual, and there will be setbacks, but with Jesus' help, our efforts will bear fruit.

"Jesus, help me to follow you with childlike trust."

Deacon Mark Race, Administrator

Daily Scripture Readings

Sunday	Wis 11:22-12:2, Ps 145:1-14, Lk 19:1-10
Monday	Rom 11:29-36, Lk 14:12-14
Tuesday	Rom 12:5-16ab, Lk 14:15-24
Wednesday	Rom 13:8-10, Lk 14:25-33
Thursday	Rom 14:7-12, Lk 15:1-10
Friday	Rom 15:14-21, Lk 16:1-8
Saturday	Ez 47:1-12, Jn 2:13-22
Sunday	2 MC 7:1-14, Ps 17:1-15, Lk 20:27-38

Mass Intentions

Saturday	November 2
5:15 PM	Souls of the Faithful Departed
Sunday	November 3
8:00 AM	Intention of all Parishioners
10:00 AM	Souls of the Faithful Departed
12:15 PM	Soul of Adelaida Sanchez
Monday	November 4
8:00 AM	Souls of the Faithful Departed
Tuesday	November 5
8:00 AM	Souls of the Faithful Departed
Wednesday	November 6
8:00 AM	Souls of the Faithful Departed
Thursday	November 7
8:00 AM	Souls of the Faithful Departed
Friday	November 8
8:00 AM	Souls of the Faithful Departed
Saturday	November 9
5:15 PM	Souls of the Faithful Departed
Sunday	November 10
8:00 AM	Intention of all Parishioners
10:00 AM	Soul of John Lovince Payne
12:15 PM	Souls of Boniface Molina Jr. and Sr.

Weekly Offering for October 27, 2019

\$7446.50 Tithe and Offering
185.00 Building Fund
21.00 "We Care"

Christmas Boutique Vendors!

Santa | Music | Food | Baked Goods | Jewelry & More!

Vendor spaces are available for
**Transfiguration Annual Christmas
Boutique on Sunday, November 24th**
in the hall. Tables are \$35. Vendor
spaces are available on first come
basis! Your payment will reserve your space.



No spaces are held without a payment. To obtain a Vendor
Application call Jo Ann the Rectory office at 323.291.1136.

Faithful Departed Masses

During **November** our Masses will be offered for the Faithful Departed. This is an opportunity for us to remember in prayer those who preceded us in death. We ask that you use your envelopes to list the names of those you wish to be included in our All Souls Masses. Additional envelopes are at the church exits.

Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA)

Come, Learn or Renew your Catholic Faith...

Tuesday, November 5, 2019 at 7PM.

The topic will be "Who is Jesus?"

by Mrs. Carolyn James at Holy Name of Jesus (*Acacia Center*)
at 1955 W. Jefferson in Los Angeles, CA.

THANKSGIVING DAY DINNER

***Donations of Turkeys, Dressing, Canned Yams
and Green Beans are needed...***

**Before you deliver your donations to the rectory
please call the office at 323.291.1136.**

The Knights of Peter Claver 220 will prepare their Annual Thanksgiving Day Dinner on Thursday, November 28 for those who are unable to cook, or need a meal. Please provide us with your name, address, phone number, and how many dinners by calling Jo Ann Levi in the rectory office at 323.291.1136. Dinners will be delivered to your home.

In Observance of Veterans Day

the Church Office will be closed on
Monday, November 11, 2019

Come Cruise with Deacon Greg

It's My Birthday!!!

February 10 to February 15, 2020

Sail from Los Angeles to Cabo San Lucas for 5 nights
Call Dn. Greg Patterson at 323.599.3140 for more info.

Pray for the Sick

LaVerne Agnew, Cyd Michelle Anderson, Brian Argusta, Percenia Beasley, Fr. Emile Belletty, Glenda Brown, Vivian Burgess, Barbara Butler, Brownie Cain, Sister Cecilia Calva, Alberto Casanova, Christopher Chestnut, Sister Ann Paul Clare, Katherine Clark, Agnes Cooper, Edward Cousin, Juanita Davis, Beverly Colvin-Dorsey, Jayden Dunn, Nigel Dunn, Alton Duhon, Cynthia Fortier, Teresa Franklin, Judy Felton-Gardner, Michael Frierson, Avis Gibbs, Barbara Harris, Darren Harris, Jacqueline Holman, Janie Jackson, Aaron Katz, Briana Katz, Barbara Lagarde, Irwin Lagarde, Jeanne LeBlanc, Mercedes LeBlanc, Baby Amani Leffall, Barbara Lindsey, Connie Louie, Joe McZeal, Vylfred Manor, Sister Marianna, Dorothy Okoye, Aliyah Patterson, Sally Price, Wiley R. Pugh, Vickie Race, Andrea Raggette, Doris Rogers, Dana Semien, Dudley Semien, Chris Simon, Joan Spencer, Annie Starks, Sandra Sterling, Leila Thomas, Iris Turner, Mabel Walton, Johnnye Washington, and Alice Williams.