

November 3, 2019

Ordinary Time
Thirty-first Sunday



Out On a Limb for God

Today, Jesus invites us to give ourselves over to the experience of Zacchaeus. Jesus, aware of what the tax collector had done to catch a glimpse of him, invited himself to Zaachaeus' home. Zacchaeus not only welcomed Jesus but also allowed Jesus to impact his life. He offered to share his wealth with the poor and to make recompense beyond what the law required. Zacchaeus' honest assessment of himself and his willingness to go out on a limb to respond to God challenges each of us to do likewise.

Today's Bulletin is sponsored
in memory of Matthew Pohler.

Flowers for the Altar this weekend
are donated by the Altar Society
in remembrance of all the faithful departed.

MASS INTENTIONS

Thursday, November 7
10:30 a.m. Shady Oaks – For the Residents & Staff
Friday, November 8
8:00 a.m. Delia & Zachary Brigman, Hertha & Herbert
Dierschke, Lexie & Elo Pavlicek
Saturday, November 9
6:30 p.m. Mary & Alfred Hirsch
Sunday, November 10
6:30 a.m. Henry Joe Henke Jr.,
Spec. Int. Marcella Vana Henke
9:30 a.m. Spec. Int. – Jed Martin

PREPARING FOR SUNDAY LITURGY

Next weekend is *The Thirty-second Sunday in Ordinary Time*. Prepare for the liturgy by reflecting on these passages from your Bible.

First Reading: 2 Maccabees 7:1-2, 9-14
Responsorial Psalm: 17
Second Reading: 2 Thessalonians 2:16—3:5
Gospel: Luke 20:27-38

The Sanctuary Light will be lit this week
in memory of Santos & Antonio Magdaleno.

THANKSGIVING SERVICES

Nov. 25 - Community Thanksgiving Service at St. Joseph's Church. Look out for details.
Nov. 27 – Thanksgiving Vigil Masses:
5:30 p.m., Praha **7:00 p.m., Moulton**
Nov. 28 – Thanksgiving Day Mass, **6:30 a.m., Moulton**
Come celebrate God's goodness with the community. Canned goods and monetary offerings will be collected to help our less fortunate brothers and sisters in the county.

Food baskets have been made available at the Church entrance for your canned goods and non-perishable food items (rice, pasta, dry beans, etc.). You may drop your food items at any time. Drop monetary donations in the collection basket or drop box during the month of November.

2020 MASS BOOK OPENS NOVEMBER 5

Mass Stipend: It has been a long standing tradition of the Church that an offering is made by parishioners when Mass (prayers) is requested. The donation given is an offering to God not a payment for the Mass. Parishioners are encouraged to be generous in their offering. To make it possible for even the poor to request Masses, a donation of at least \$5 is to be made when Mass is requested. Parishioners are encouraged to participate in the Mass they request.

** Owing to the large volume of Mass requests for loved ones each family is limited to 3 Masses per year. One weekend, 2 weekdays including Fridays.*

Sanctuary Light and Bulletin: In addition to booking Masses or offering flowers for the Altar, you may also sponsor the Sanctuary Light (the red candle burns by the Blessed Sacrament for a week) or sponsor the Church Bulletin for a weekend. It could be: *in memory of, in honor of, in thanksgiving, Special Intention, etc.*

Sanctuary Light - \$20; Bulletin Sponsor - \$35

To book a Mass, Altar Flowers, Sanctuary Light or Bulletin call the Parish Office or put your intention and offering into the collection basket, drop slot or mail. *Called in requests will be honored only upon receipt of donation.*

THE WEEK AHEAD

MON. – Gold Star Club Meets, 3:30-5:30 p.m., YMC
TUES./THURS. – Quilting Circle Meets, Quilting Room
WED. – Champions Club Meets, 3:30-5:30 p.m., YMC
THURS. – KC Bingo, 7:30 p.m., Moulton Oaks Hall
FRI. – Catholic Daughters Bake Sale. 7:30 a.m., South Star Bank corner. Members are asked to donate two items. – Parish Office closed on Fridays. For any Pastoral emergency call the Parish Office at any time.

We thank Alma & Santiago Ibarra and Michael Blaschke for keeping the cemetery and Church grounds clean all year.

Diocese of Victoria News – see insert.

REFLECTION

The Lord Shows Mercy to All People

The unexpected conversion of Zacchaeus is wonderful and quite radical. "Half of my possessions, Lord I shall give to the poor." See how this rich tax collector immediately enters on the gospel path of the proper use of wealth. With "elusive wealth" he makes friends, the poor. He understands that one cannot serve both God and mammon. He firmly opts for God. He publicly vows to make restitution to those whom he may have wronged. By his occupation Zacchaeus had excluded himself, in the popular estimation, from his people. He was a traitor, who had thrown in his lot with the hated occupying Roman power for the sake of money. But for Jesus this does not disqualify this tax collector from salvation. He also is a son of Abraham. For Jesus it is not the Law of Moses that ultimately determines a person's relation to God but a person's attitude toward Jesus himself. Zacchaeus' determination to see Jesus and his climbing up into the sycamore tree are taken as a sign of genuine faith, which breaks through the barriers between God and Humans. Now he hears the word, "Today salvation has come to this house." This is the mission of Jesus fulfilled. In Jesus, God is seeking and saving the lost.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

Nov. 3 – Marilyn Michal
Nov. 4 – Brandon Janecek
Nov. 6 – Kylee Beyer, Everardo Fernandez, Irene Nieto, Chad Rothbauer, Tamara Siegel, Zachary Sturm, Zoey Sturm

YOUTH MINISTRY NEWS

Today – First Communion Enrollment, C.C.D.
Nov. 4 – After School Program, Grades K-2
Nov. 6 – After School Program, Grades 3-6; 9th-11th C.C.D.
Next Sunday – C.C.D.

Safe Environment Training: Nov. 20 – 9th-11th Grade
Nov. 24 – K-8th Grade Nov. 20 & 25 – YMC

Christmas Pageant Forms To Be Distributed Today: All C.C.D. Youth planning to participate in the pageant are asked to return their forms by November 24.

New Games Donated to the YMC: We thank Sherry & Kevin Fishbeck for donating \$500 worth of games to the Youth Ministry Center, namely: *A New Basketball Goal, a Tetherball Set and an Arcade Basketball Game.* The kids are enjoying the new basketball goal and the additional arcade game will come in handy on these days when it is too cold to go outside. The tetherball is to be installed soon.

* *The Annual YMC Pre-Thanksgiving Fundraiser/Bake Sale is scheduled for November 24. Look out for details next week.*

SECOND COLLECTION NEXT WEEKEND

Archdiocese for the Military Services

This collection is taken up once every three years. It offers each of us a substantial way to "*serve those who serve.*" Funds raised will help bring the Church's full range of pastoral services to the men and women in uniform as well as their families and patients in the nation's VA Medical Centers.

A special envelope for the military will be included in your monthly envelope mailing. *Please be generous.*

LOOKING AHEAD

The 32nd & 33rd Sundays in Ordinary Time

Christian faith and life and the Church's journey point toward the resurrection of the dead and the coming of the Son of Man. This faith is expressed in every Liturgical celebration.

We proclaim your Death, O Lord, and profess your Resurrection until you come again.

Each of us proclaims it in the Lord's Prayer

Our Father who art in heaven ... Thy Kingdom come ...

One may wonder whether our daily life and the way we perceive the Church have much to do with this. However, the readings of the 32nd & 33rd Sundays, deal with death and life after death and the events related to the final victory of Christ. The Gospel According to Luke has drawn us, from Sunday to Sunday, on Jesus' journey to Jerusalem. Jerusalem, which we enter with Jesus, is not the end of a long earthly road. It is the city where the events in the Gospel are unfolded. The life of each Christian is a journey with Jesus, a participation in his Paschal life.

The whole liturgical year is symbolic. It takes place through the signs and sacraments - a journey which leads from the first revelation of God and his plan of salvation to the Passover of Christ, death, resurrection, ascension, drawing us along behind him. The fulfillment of all things is found in the return of the Lord. The First Sunday of Advent sets before our eyes, Jesus speaking to his disciples of his coming. This sets the background from the very beginning for the whole Liturgical year.

Maranatha! Come Lord Jesus!

Pray for the repose of the soul of

Samuel James (Sam) Sustr

and the comfort of his loved ones.

May he rest in peace.



The Quilting Ladies are working on the quilt for the Altar Society Noodle Soup Raffle. Contact Betty Maskey if you are interested in helping/learning how to quilt.

Remember the sick in your prayers this week, especially Bob Olle and Shirley Orsak.

Shiner Strudel Sale, Nov. 9, \$16 (unbaked only)
Call Virginia & David Vinklerek (594-2343) by Nov. 8th.