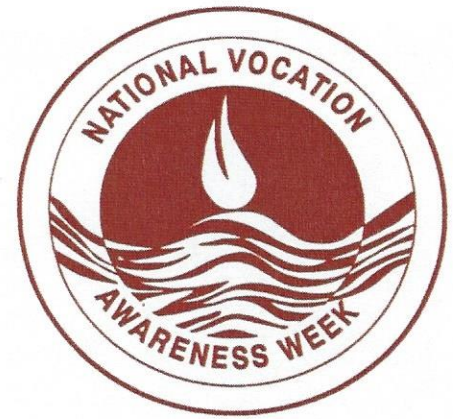


Thirty-first Sunday in Ordinary Time

November 3, 2019

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

— Psalm 145:14



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: Thirty-first 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

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Tickets are now available for the Parish Club meatloaf dinner.

DATE: Nov. 9th 3p-6-m

St. Joseph Prayer Group will meet on Wednesdays after the 9:30am Mass

We are in need of additional lectors for both Masses particularly for the Sunday Mass. Please pray about this and if you are interested please see Bud Ryan or call (352) 499-0047.

Sharing is caring! Please share with St. Joseph of the Forest a weekly offering that reflects a sacrifice according to your current means. We need every family to prayerfully consider a reasonable increase from their current level of weekly support. Please support our parish consistently by doing your "fair share" to financially support the parish in which you have chosen membership.



The Parish Club will again sponsor a toy/clothing/cash collection for the kids serviced by the HELP AGENCY OF THE FOREST. Gifts for children of any age are appreciated but, the most underserved are kids between the ages of 14 & 16. There will soon be boxes at the back of church. We need to deliver everything the week of December 9th. Thank you for your continued participation in this worthy cause.

31st SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

The story of Zacchaeus (Luke 19:1-10) should shake us to our core. What if Zacchaeus had not climbed that tree? Would Jesus have found him some other way? Who was the seeker and who the pursued? Was Jesus already looking for this tax collector or did the outcast's bold gesture win Jesus' attention and therefore, Zacchaeus' salvation? So much rested on that decision to climb a tree. What if he had not been too short to see? What if he had been satisfied with simply hearing Jesus' voice?

Much of the power of this story stems from the murmurs of those who were scandalized that Jesus would associate with Zacchaeus. As a tax collector, he was perceived by all as a traitor to his own people, willing to work for the oppressor. In short, Zacchaeus was an outcast in the eyes of the people and not worthy to receive God's favor. As often in the Gospel of Luke, we see here the effect of a reversal of expectations. The grumblers were shocked that Jesus would go to Zacchaeus' house, and even more shocking, to the table of a sinner.

While at the house of Zacchaeus, Jesus said, "Today salvation has come to this house because this man, too, is a descendant of Abraham." What does it mean to be a child of Abraham? Well, it does not mean automatic justification in the eyes of God. It means living according to the law and the prophets. It also means what Zacchaeus did when he said, "I give half of my belongings to the poor; I make restitution to those I have wronged."

Though we see Jesus preferring the company of repentant sinners over and over, the Church still has difficulty convincing people that their sinful ways are precisely what gains them entrance to eternal life. The Church is made up of errant people who have discovered the joy of knowing the faithful God.

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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We continue to collect non-perishable food items throughout the year so we may be able to help those in need.



Mass
Intentions

Saturday Nov. 2nd: Repose of the soul of Joe Gavlik

Sunday Nov. 3rd 9am: Repose of the soul of Kim Ryan

Tuesday Nov. 5th 9:30am Our Mission Family

Wednesday Nov. 6th 9:30am Our Mission Family

Saturday Nov. 9th 4pm: Repose of the soul of Lyn Majewski

Sunday Nov. 10th 9am: Repose of the soul of Will Fralix



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Please remember to use your envelopes

Thank you for your continued support
of St. Joseph Parish.

Prayer Requests

Averi Antich
Blaine
Marvin Bordetsky
Dawn Brenan
Janice Cahill
Danny Canzolino
Mary Canzolino
Catherine Coleman
Diane DaSilva
Eric Day
Thelma Einboden
Ruth Faulkner
Lorraine Fitzkee
Pamela Fitzkee
Kevin Fitzpatrick
Dawn Fraher
Gene Loosemore
Mary Sutton
Samantha Houldson
Pamela Mickiewicz
Mary Porter
Patsy Beam
Ruvia Doyle
Petra Herb

Gail Garrett
Martha Gartland
Lisa Gibson
Ben Hall
Maggie Hall
Lawrence Harris
Edward Hickey
Florence Humble
Raymond Jaskiewicz
Chris Keller
Jeff Keller
Rodney Keller
Jennifer Kesse
Caleb Knaggs
Helen Kocijan
Joan Langlie
Laquittia Linquist
Adam Linquist
Morris Lunn
Jim Mansfield
Bob Benjamin
Haley Falconbury
Roger Soucey
Christopher Cochran

Rick Muhlig
Joan Nehiley
Carolina Pape
Nancy Payne
Madeline Pynn
Marie Sample
Concetta Santangelo
Woody Salisbury
Dennis Soucey
Kitty Thompson
The Homebound
Greg Trace
Michael Vilt
Adele Ward
Margaret Wimberly-
Charles Young
Adele Fournier
Carolyn Ashe
Zeke Schmidt
Chris Jones
Shaunee March
Charles Dougherty
Francis Carrizzo
Chris Ulrich