

Holy Spirit Catholic Church

**“The Son of Man has come to seek
and to save what was lost.”**

Luke 19:10



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Thirty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time

October 30, 2022

HOLY SPIRIT CATHOLIC CHURCH

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PARISH ANNEX

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MASS SCHEDULE

*MASSSES ARE LIVE-STREAMED AT 6:30 AM MON/TUES/WED;
8:00 AM THUR/FRI; AND 9:00 AM ON SUNDAYS
(YOU TUBE HOLY SPIRIT CHURCH MARYLAND HEIGHTS)*

Monday thru Wednesday.....6:30am
Thursday and Friday.....8:00am
Saturday:8:00am and 5:00pm (Vigil)
Sunday: 7:30am, 9:00am, and 11:00am

Holy Days: Please consult the bulletin.

Eucharistic Chapel Hours

Weekdays: 12am to 6am and 9am to 12 midnight.

Saturdays: 12am to 7am

Chapel will close at 7am Saturday until 9am Monday.

Eucharistic Adoration

1:00pm—6:50pm followed by Benediction

SPECIAL REQUESTS

COMMUNION CALLS

Please call the Parish Office to request Communion if someone is unable to attend Church.

HOSPITAL VISITS

Please notify the Parish Office concerning hospitalization.

SACRAMENTS

CONFESSION

Saturday 4:00 to 4:45pm or by appointment

BAPTISMS & CLASSES:

Baptism Class for parents/godparents is normally held on the first Monday of the month at 7 PM in the Church. To register for the meeting and/or to arrange for a baptism, call the Parish Office.

MARRIAGE

Couples planning marriage contact the pastor at least six months in advance.

Registration

New parishioners may register at Parish Office or download a registration form, www.holyspiritstl.org.

New information, such as change of address, phone numbers or moving from the parish, please call Parish Office at 314-739-0230

BULLETIN INFORMATION

Please submit information for the bulletin by Noon TWO Fridays before publication. Include name, daytime phone number of person submitting information, and group name.
Items can be e-mailed to msaputo@holyspiritstl.org.

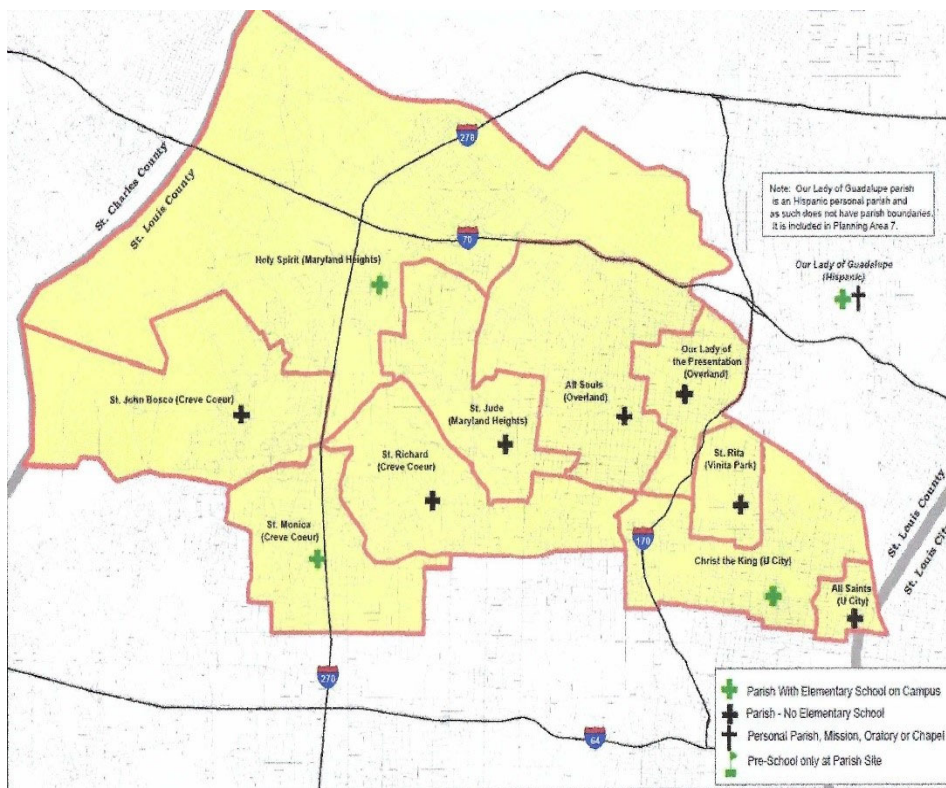


A Note from Father Bob

Dear Friends,

Grace and peace to you!

Thank you to all who participated in our Parish Listening Sessions for All Things New two weeks ago. Both sessions were well-attended, and many people offered feedback on the proposals presented. If you were unable to attend, all the information, proposals, workbooks, and feedback opportunities, will be published on November 2nd when all the listening sessions in our planning area have concluded. Below is a map of our planning area, which is number 7.



One concern that was mentioned during the session was for people who do not have access to computers or the internet. Please contact the Parish Office, we will provide the information to you and offer you the opportunity to submit your feedback.

The opportunity to provide feedback will conclude on December 31st. If you have difficulty obtaining the information from the All Things New website, please contact the parish office so that we can provide assistance. These coming weeks will be filled with many questions, may we put prayer at the center of all we do so that we might be guided by the Holy Spirit through this process.

This Tuesday, November 1st, The Solemnity of All Saints, is a Holy Day of Obligation. Masses will be at 6:30 am, 8:00 am, and 7:00 pm. Wednesday, November 2nd, is the Commemoration of all the Faithful Departed, All Souls' Day. We will offer Mass at 6:30 am and at 7:00 pm. The Mass at 7:00 pm will remember all those from the parish who died in the past year. We will have a light reception provided by our Lady's Club following the evening Mass.

As we pray for each other this week, let's pray in a special way for an end to violence in our cities. May God bless you all!

Peace,

Father Bob

MASS INTENTIONS THIS WEEK

Sunday, October 30

7:30am Audrey Schmidt
9:00am People of the Parish
11:00am Charles Dent

Monday, October 31

6:30am Cory Fisk

Tuesday, November 1—ALL SAINTS DAY

6:30am Richard Klump
8:00am Kevin Moder
7:00pm People of the Parish

Wednesday, November 2—ALL SOULS DAY

6:30am Villadiego/Agasino souls
7:00pm Mass of Remembrance

Thursday, November 3

8:00am Emily Beckmann

Friday, November 4

8:00am Marge Horton

Saturday, November 5

8:00am Evelyn Mareschal
5:00pm Hilary Dsouza

Sunday, November 6

7:30am Benjamin Magparangalan
9:00am People of the Parish
11:00am Violeta Dickmann



**THANK YOU *THANK YOU *
THANK YOU!**

to each of you who were there to fill a need during our **Blanket & Coat Drive**.

We received a fantastic number of items!

You are an example of the Hands, Feet and Heart of Christ to people in need.

Thanks to Lois Frein for organizing this effort and the volunteers who assisted her!

Come Participate in SENIOR EXERCISE!

It is SO helpful to keep moving and enjoy the companionship of folks just like you! Please consider joining us on Wednesdays & Thursdays from 9-10am in the Annex!
Everyone is Welcome

Holy Spirit

Contemplative Prayer Group

This group meets on the **1st and 3rd Monday** of the month: **3:30—4:45pm in the Resource Center**.

NEXT MEETING ~ Mon., Nov. 7

Contemplative prayer, such as Centering Prayer, can lead one to discover the meaning of Psalm 46:

“Be still and know that I am God”.

If you have an interest, please contact

Karlye Keleher at 314-291-5209

Consider Electronic Giving Year-Round

TO SIGN UP FOR ONLINE GIVING, GO TO

<https://holyspiritstl.org/Online-Giving>

*If you need help navigating the website, please call
Mary Saputo at the Parish Office
314-739-0230*

OFFERTORY COLLECTIONS

Stewardship for Oct. 10 - Oct. 16, 2022

Sunday Envelopes	\$ 7,672.25
Loose Collection	\$ 482.00
Online Donations	\$ 4,742.00
Total	\$ 12,896.25
Weekly Budget	\$ 17,410.00
Weekly Surplus (shortfall)	\$ (4,513.75)

Disaster Relief	HandS	Parish Improv.
\$3,064.48	\$250.00	550.00



FROM DEATH TO NEW LIFE

We express our deep sympathy and assurance of our prayers to the families of

♦ **THERESA PENN-LAVERY, SISTER OF JEAN (PAT) MARTIN
Allen Way, Husband of Joanne Way**

MAY THEIR SOULS REST IN THE PEACE OF CHRIST.

GLUTEN FREE HOSTS AVAILABLE

Gluten allergy? Would you like a gluten-free host? Please contact the Parish Office, 314-739-0230.

OUR MISSION:

We, the community of Holy Spirit Parish, centered in the Eucharist, and guided by the Holy Spirit, will use our shared wisdom to be a joyful, accepting and forgiving community. We encourage all to grow in the Catholic faith by teaching and proclaiming the Gospel, serving others and praising God.

SCHOOL NEWS

**Congratulations to our Oct. 24 Red & Blue Raffle winner of \$25 ~ Brad Burch
Thank you for supporting our school!**

Mon., Oct. 31: 1:50pm-2:45pm— Harvest Parties
Tues., Nov. 1: No School —All Saints Day
Fri., Nov. 4: 8:00am—All School All Saint's Mass led by Grade 2
Spirit Day—Wearing of Spirit Shirts with uniform bottoms or jeans no shorts or torn clothing.
Noon Dismissal—Faculty Meeting
Wed., Nov. 9: 5:30pm—Parish Hall doors open to parents for Uniform Exchange,
order Candy Grams, and purchase 50/50 raffle tickets prior to
Home & School Meeting at 6:00pm. (Babysitting Avail.) More info next week!

HOLY SPIRIT YOUTH MINISTRY

FACEBOOK & INSTAGRAM www.facebook.com/hsyouth AND as [hs_youth_stl](#) (HS Youth STL) on Instagram

HIGH SCHOOL TEENS:

EAT. PRAY. DISCUSS. gatherings are on **Thursday nights in the Resource Center from 6:30-8:00 p.m.** Over the next few weeks we'll be talking about friendship (and attempting to make Friendship Bread starters). We will have games, snacks, discussion and prayer together. Join us and bring a friend. Everyone is welcome. You don't have to commit to every Thursday. Just come when you can and stay as long as you like. We are always happy to have you. **We are inviting the 8th grade to join us this year to help build up our youth ministry and small faith community.**

WE HAVE A GROUP TEXT MESSAGE for 8th grade/high school gatherings USING REMIND APP. Contact Donna Eisenbath to be added to the group messages and reminders.

CONFIRMATION

- **8TH GRADE FAMILIES –**
 - ◇ **Confirmation is November 12.** See the information you were given at our meeting. Plan to be there at least an hour early. Please do not be late.
 - ◇ **December 4** at 10:10 – 11:45 in the Annex we will celebrate with snacks and community, and do some discussion around Session 11.
 - ◇ **Your Sacramental Record Form was due in April. Please be sure to turn this in to Donna Eisenbath as soon as possible. Thank you to those who have turned them in.**

WE NEED YOU!

- **PRAYER PARTNERS –** The most important thing you can do for us is pray. Watch here for opportunities to pray for specific needs for youth ministry and our young people.
- **NOVEMBER PRAYER INTENTION:** *In honor of All Saints and All Souls, please pray for our young people who have experienced loss in their lives. In addition, please pray for our Confirmation Candidates who are receiving their Sacrament on November 12.*
- **MIDDLE SCHOOL MADNESS (MSM) CHAPERONES – URGENT:** We still need PCG adults to help chaperone one Friday a month from 7-9 p.m. October to April. Please contact Donna Eisenbath if you able to help one month. We only have 7 months to cover. We should be able to make this happen for our young people. Volunteer for one or more months to help make this fun opportunity possible for our 7th and 8th grade.

WAYS TO PRAY WITH YOUR TEENS:

In November we celebrate the feasts of All Saints and All Souls as well as Thanksgiving:

- -Find a novena and pray it together.
- -Talk about your favorite Saints. See if there are any prayers associated with them.
- -Sit outside and name all the miracles of nature that you see. Say a prayer of thanks.
- -Talk about how God has answered prayers in your life – maybe in unexpected ways – and thank God for them.
- -Pause and pray a morning prayer like the one below together before you leave the house.

Morning Prayer of St. Francis of Assisi

*Lord, help me to live this day, quietly, easily; to lean on your great strength, trustfully, restfully;
to wait for the unfolding of your will patiently, serenely; to meet others peacefully, joyfully;
to face tomorrow (today) confidently, courageously. Amen*

Please remember in your prayers our
Sick and Home-Bound *Parishioners*
and those who care for them.

Don Abramovitz	Norma Gross	Pat Romano
Brian Bannister	Sherry Holland	Peggy Rumph
Lorraine Bath	Kenneth Jordan	Jean Schepers
Ronnie Bindbeutel	Sue Knoesel	Pete Schwaninger
Carol Bonner	Sr. Joan Kuester	Jim Smith
Becky Bonner	Rita Laurentius	Lois Smith
Jim Brockmeyer	Michael Lemp	Rudi/Brenda
Karen Clarke	Charles Medvick	Torricelli
Dorothy Dailey	Susie Meyer	Charles VanDoren
Leon Deimeke	Glenn Mueller	Bill/JoanWeinzirl
Tom DuBois	Bob/Donna Pedrotti	Tom/Jeanne
Debbie Dufaux	Karen Piskulic	Zemblidge
Till Fehrenbacher	Bob/Tootie	
Ray/Betty Garvels	Ponder	
Jim Gerdes	Carolyn Putnam	
Kathy Glaser	John Rath	

Please remember in your prayers our
Sick Relatives and Friends:

Kate Allen	Michael Gill	Liz Prange
Kathryn Arnold	Carol Heffner	Mike Prinzi
Bailey Family	Greg/Jane Hefley	Jan Redden
Paul Beckerle	Diane Herman	Alford Snowden
Kendell/Tina	Paul Hyduchak	Grace Solimando
Bedell	Suzanne Johnson	Caroline Van Scoyk
Ann/Bill Boewer	Karen Kohler	Barbie Schlenk
Teagan Bracken	Jenny Lemkemann	Bob Stroder
Colton Christian	Steve Mashmeyer	Jerry Sutterer
Brenda Joyce	Barb McDonald	Will Vonder Haar
Crouch	Alton Mercer	Joyce Watts
Byron Difani	Lou /Betty Merritt	Chris Wells
Steve Essner	Colin Meyer	Paul Williams
Harold Feltmann	John Misauraca	Michelle Wilson
Kathy First	Bill Nobles	Ruby Winschel
John Garvels	Melinda Oeth	



PRAYER OF THE WEEK

Almighty and merciful God, by whose gift your faithful offer you right and praiseworthy service, grant, we pray, that we may hasten without stumbling to receive the things you have promised.
Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God, for ever and ever.

ROSARY TODAY OCT. 30th

Please join us for The Rosary, led by The Holy Spirit Knights of Columbus today at 10:15 in Church (after 9:00am Mass.) The Knights are also going to gather for lunch after the 11 am Mass. Check with the Knights in attendance that day.
All are welcome for both of these events.

For questions, contact Deacon Scott Kaufman deaconscoott@holyspiritstl.org or 314-229-6633.

PSR NEWS

FAMILIES

- There is no PSR on Tuesday, November 1. Please plan to attend Mass for the feast of All Saints.
- November 8 is our Community Prayer night in the church at 7:45. Please plan to join us.
- Progress Reports will be coming home in November. Please look for them in your email and with your child.
- Remember to attend all family events with your child. I know the children look forward to having their families join in, and your family will be entered into the drawing for free family fees for PSR.

PARISH SCHOOL OF RELIGION-IMPORTANT DATES

- *Tues., Nov. 1 – no PSR
- *Tues., Nov. 8 – Community Prayer
- *Tues., Nov. 22 – Thanksgiving Mass at 7:00 p.m.

WHAT'S HAPPENING

Sunday, October 30

8:00-11am—Scrip Sales, Parish Hall

10:15am—Knights of Columbus ROSARY

7:00pm—Al-Anon, Rigali Rm & Zoom

Monday, October 31

1:00-7:00pm—Eucharistic Adoration,
closing with Benediction at 6:50pm

6:00pm—Quilting, Annex

Tuesday, November 1—ALL SAINTS DAY

Masses at 6:30am, 8:00am & 7:00pm

PARISH OFFICE IS CLOSED

9:00am—Quilting, Annex

Wednesday, November 2—ALL SOULS DAY

9:00am—Senior Exercise, Rigali Rm.

7:00pm—*Mass of Remembrance*

Thursday, November 3

9:00am—Senior Exercise, Rigali Rm.

6pm-7pm—Bell Choir Practice

7:15pm-8:30pm—Adult Choir Practice

7:00-8:15pm—Al Anon, by Zoom only

Saturday, November 5

4:00pm—Confessions

Sunday, November 6

8:00-11am—Scrip Sales, Parish Hall

7:00pm—Al-Anon, Rigali Rm & Zoom

SOCIAL JUSTICE SPEAKER SERIES

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 14

Our Speaker will be Joyce Jones of the Office of
Racial Harmony Diocese of St Louis.

Stay tuned for more information

Or contact, Clare Duffy

314-291-2144 or Peggy Owen 314-602-9583

**We regret to inform you that the
Holy Spirit Parish Ministry of Support Group
WILL NO LONGER MEET.**

**Subsequently, the meeting for
TUES., NOV. 8 HAS BEEN CANCELLED.**

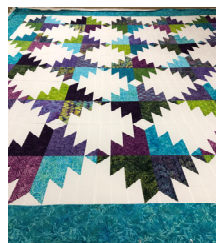


As the trees dress in their glorious Autumn hues, we are reminded of the glorious truths of our Catholic faith. Our daily programming highlights these truths and helps us stay focused on the things that really matter. Tune into **Covenant Network** 1460 AM on the radio or listen anytime on the Covenant Network app or at **OurCatholicRadio.org**

ARTISTRY

Love is a canvas furnished by nature and embroidered by imagination.

~Voltaire



THE HOLY SPIRIT QUILT BINGO

Sun., Nov. 13th

**Doors Open at 11:15
Games begin at 12:45
\$20 Admission**

**Food and refreshments Available
Tickets for the Grand Raffle will also
be available for purchase**

***Come play BINGO and you may be the
lucky winner of a beautiful quilt like the one above!***

DONATIONS WANTED

Holy Spirit Quilt Bingo is in need of
DESSERT DONATIONS.

Please consider donating a pie, cake or brownies.

You can bring your donation the Parish gym on

Sun., Nov. 13 between 11:30 - Noon.

Thank you for helping this community event
be as successful as always!

Questions: contact Cathy Fuest at 314-422-2622

BLOOD DRIVE BE THE GIVING TYPE

Holy Spirit Parish

Sunday, November 13

8:00 am - 12:30 pm

Rigali Room—Annex

3111 Parkwood Lane

LifeSavings grant to help school with Education Support

Masks optional. Appointments required.
To schedule an appointment, **scan QR code**
call ImpactLife at 800.747.5401
or online at bloodcenter.org/group, grp #10414



BLOOD TYPE MUG OR A GIFT CARD





Lonely? Experiencing a Difficult Time?

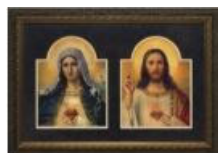
Don't suffer alone. Our Stephen Ministers are trained caregivers, ready to listen, care for and encourage you, pray with and for you, and help you through a crisis or difficult time. To find out more, call the Stephen Ministry confidential Hotline today: (314) 739-0230 ext.130. Our Stephen Ministers are there to care.

Are You Stressed? Discouraged? Feeling Down?

You don't have to go through difficult times alone. Holy Spirit's Stephen Ministers are ready to provide you with confidential, one-to-one, Christian care and support to help you get through a tough time.

Don't keep it all inside and struggle alone. Our Stephen Ministers are there to care.

Call the Stephen Ministry confidential Hotline today: (314) 739-0230 ext.130.



The Reclamation Center of the Archdiocese of Saint Louis collects, cares for, and repurposes religious and liturgical items no longer in use.

It seeks to give these items new life in the Church, specifically in chapels, agencies, schools, retreat centers, and with the clergy.

**THERE WILL BE AN OPEN HOUSE
MONDAY, NOV. 7 FROM 11am—3pm.**

(Located behind the Cardinal Rigali Center)

Learn about their work!

No RSVP necessary

**For more information: 314-792-6461
(masks are required)**



**Save-The-Date
Holy Spirit Parish
Advent by Candlelight
Sunday, December 11**

5pm-Holy Spirit Parish Hall ~ 7pm Church



**National Shrine of Our Lady of the Snows –
Visitors Center**

***Gifts From Friends We've Yet to Meet:
A Day of Prayer***

Presenter: Virginia Herbers

Saturday November 19, 9:30 am – 3 pm

(Lunch included)

Join us for this day of reflection focusing on a few Gospel characters whose names we will never know—whether it's the boy with the loaves and fishes, the woman with the hemorrhage, or the 'good thief', there are several individuals who interact personally with Jesus and have a significant impact on his ministry—even though we cannot name them. We will explore a few of these characters, reflecting on what gifts they have to offer us for our own lives of faith and discipleship—here and now.

Cost: \$35 (Lunch included)

For more information, call 618-394-6281.

Register online at <https://snows.org/ministries/spiritual-programs/>

RCIA ~ RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION FOR ADULTS

Are you interested in finding out more about the Catholic Church?

Is a spouse, fiancé, neighbor, friend, or co-worker interested?

The RCIA process enables those who are interested in the Catholic faith to "come and see" – to explore Catholic teaching and to discover what it means to be a Catholic Christian.

Most people come because they are invited. **Be the voice of Christ and offer the first invitation.** RCIA is for anyone unbaptized or baptized in another Christian tradition, as well as Catholics who are baptized but have never celebrated Confirmation or received First Communion, or Catholics who want to return to the Church but have questions. There is no commitment placed on any one who may be interested or who has questions. Please contact the Parish Office, 314-739-0230, or the RCIA coordinator, Deacon Jim DeNatale, deacon-jim@holyspiritstl.org, or have them contact us so we can invite them to attend inquiry sessions beginning **Wednesdays at 7 p.m. in the Parish Hall.**



REQUEST FOR HANDS THANKSGIVING DINNER\DONATIONS

It's That Time of Year Again!

HandS is once again asking for food or monetary or Wal-Mart gift card donations for our Thanksgiving Food Baskets for our clients. We have **23 families** on our list and will more than likely add a few more!

NEW THIS YEAR – We are asking families to indicate choices of items they would like to receive in their basket so we have changed the donation list some!

If you prefer to contribute money, please make your check payable to “Holy Spirit HandS”; place the check or cash in an envelope marked “HandS Thanksgiving Baskets” and place it in the collection basket at Mass or drop it off at the Parish Office.

OR

If you would like to purchase a gift card to allow us to shop, please purchase **WAL-MART gift cards from Holy Spirit Script program** and they will get them to us

PLEASE MAKE YOUR DONATIONS NO LATER THAN SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 13.

GROCERY ITEMS NEEDED:

- TURKEYS or TURKEY BREASTS**
- MARGARINE/BUTTER – 1 LB PKGS**

****PLEASE CALL NORMA (739-3159) TO MAKE A DONATION OF TURKEYS (BEFORE PURCHASING AS WE ONLY NEED A LIMITED NUMBER OF THESE!), BUTTER OR ROLLS AND TO ARRANGE A TIME FOR DELIVERY TO THE PANTRY.**

- INSTANT MASHED POTATOES
- CANNED CHICKEN BROTH
- CANNED CHICKEN GRAVY OR GRAVY PACKETS-- **NO GLASS JARS PLEASE**
- CANNED FRUIT (peaches, pears, pineapple, applesauce, fruit cocktail)
- CANNED VEGETABLES (peas, corn, green beans, peas, mixed vegetables)
- JELLO – red or orange (we do like to have a small amount of sugar free jello too)

NO CANNED PUMPKIN OR PUMPKIN PIES, STUFFING, CRANBERRY SAUCE OR SWEET POTATOES PLEASE – WE ARE PURCHASING THE NUMBER NEEDED.

THANK YOU IN ADVANCE FOR YOUR KINDNESS AND GENEROSITY.

Norma Wibbenmeyer
Thanksgiving Dinner Chairperson

31st Sunday of Ordinary Time

Wisdom 11:22--12:2
Ps 145:1-2,8-11,13-14
2 Thessalonians 1:11-2:2
Luke 19:1-10

Monday October 31

Philippians 2:1-4
Ps 131:1b-3
Luke 14:12-14

Tuesday November 1

All Saints Day

Revelation 7:2-4,9-14
Ps 24:1b-6
1 John 3:1-3
Matthew 5:1-12a

Wednesday November 2

All Souls Day
Wisdom 3:1-9
Ps 23:1-6
Romans 5:5-11 or 6:3-9
John 6:37-40

Thursday November 3

Philippians 3:3-8a
Ps 105:2-7
Luke 15:1-10

Friday November 4

St. Charles Borromeo

Philippians 3:17 4:1
Ps 122:1-5
Luke 16:1-8

Saturday November 5

Philippians 4:10-19
Ps 112:1b-2,5-6,8a,9
Luke 16:9-15

Notice the determination of Zacchaeus in this Sunday's Gospel reading. His view of Jesus was obstructed, but that didn't stop him from seeing Jesus. He had an obstacle (the crowd) and a handicap (his short stature), but he refused to allow any of this to prevent him from reaching his goal of getting a clear view of Jesus.

In fact, Zacchaeus was so eager to experience Jesus that he did something drastic: He climbed a tree! Maybe he felt embarrassed hanging onto a tree limb; maybe onlookers thought he was odd. Maybe someone tried to talk him down. Maybe the tree was rough and tore his clothes and scratched his skin. None of that stopped him.

We all have handicaps – prejudices, misconceptions, bad training, spiritual laziness, fears and doubts, and so on – which obstruct our view of Jesus. And we all have short

stature: we are much smaller than God and cannot see the goodness that he sees in and beyond our hardships. In our short-sightedness, we conclude that Jesus has abandoned us, and we feel so very alone.

Instead, we should be like Zacchaeus. In our desire to see Jesus fully, as he really is, we should do everything

possible to find a way around all obstacles and overcome all spiritual handicaps.



...ce that once Zacchaeus climbed the tree, Jesus zeroed in on him and gave him personal attention and affirmation. How did Zacchaeus respond? He quickly descended from the tree and welcomed Jesus with delight. He had so much

enthusiasm that he wanted to quadruple the penance for his sins!

Do you see Jesus in the Eucharist at Mass? If Zacchaeus' reaction to Christ's presence isn't our reaction, it means our view is still partly obstructed. We need to climb higher.

Reflect & Discuss:

1. What are you "short" on? What in your faith life is too small? What is crowding your life and obstructing an enthusiastic relationship with Jesus? How can you overcome this handicap so that you can see Jesus and recognize his nearness and hear his affirmation?
2. Name signs of spiritual determination that you've seen in others.
3. Why are we able to see Jesus better when we pray more fervently, sing in Mass more enthusiastically, serve others more eagerly, immerse ourselves in scripture more hungrily, care about others more cheerfully, or donate our treasures more generously?

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THIRTY-SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME —(NOVEMBER 6, 2022)

**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]**



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