

Zacchaeus, come down



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November 3, 2019 • Thirty-first Sunday in Ordinary Time

Today's reading from the book of Wisdom presents an image of a patient God who "rebuke[s] offenders little by little" (Wisdom 12:2), an image endorsed by the psalmist, singing of how the LORD is "slow to anger and of great kindness, and compassionate toward all his works" (Psalm 145:8, 9). The crowd with Jesus, however, grumbles when they see Jesus' kindness and compassion extended to Zacchaeus, who was not just a tax collector, but the "chief tax

collector"—a title that surely emphasizes his standing as a sinner to be scorned. In the second reading, Saint Paul urges the Thessalonians to be "worthy" of God's calling, so that "the name of our Lord Jesus may be glorified in you" (2 Thessalonians 1:12); such people, unlike the crowd in the Gospel, would rejoice at Zacchaeus's determination to change his life after encountering Jesus.

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THIRTY-FIRST
SUNDAY IN
ORDINARY TIME
NOVEMBER 3, 2019

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Mass Intentions

Saturday, 5:45 pm	November 2, 2019 All Holy Souls req.by Ed & Judy Phelan
Sunday, 9:00 am	November 3, 2019 Parish Family of St. Patrick
Monday, 9:00 am	November 4, 2019 +John & Ann Shields
Tuesday, Wednesday,	November 5, 2019—NO MASS November 6, 2019—NO MASS
Thursday, 9:00 am	November 7, 2019 NO MASS
Friday, 9:00 am	November 8, 2019 Adoration until 11 am
Saturday, 5:45 pm	November 9, 2019 Parish Family of St. Patrick
Sunday, 9:00 am	November 10, 2019 +Francis Gallagher & +Gerald Robbins req. by Doris Robbins

Altar Servers:

Saturday, November 9 - 5:45 pm
Emily & David Horath
Sunday, November 10 - 9:00 am
Ian & Lily Kreske

Cantor / Lector (Reader) :

Saturday, November 9- 5:45 pm
Cameron Luehrs / Eva Luehrs
Sunday, November 10 - 9:00 am
Angie Kreske / Josh Kreske

Extraordinary Minister:

Saturday, November 9 - 5:45 pm
Sue Nugent
Sunday, November 10 - 9:00 am
Grace Niemiec

Usher:

Saturday, November 9 - 5:45 pm
Brad Phelps / Mark Tillotson
Sunday, November 10 - 9:00 am
Jim Ciesla / Bruce Boyle

Music: Cathy Engler

Collection Counters : Bell, Mooi, Musson

STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE

For the new fiscal year beginning July 1, 2019, the weekly Sunday collection goal is \$2,090.37
Sunday, October 27\$1,823.75

Thank you for your support of our Parish

Please Participate! Your Gift Makes a Difference!

Parish Goal:	\$ 10,400.00
Amount Pledged:	\$ 11,795.00
Amount Paid:	\$ 10,775.00
2019 Rebate	263.00

Thank you for your generous response.

The second collection THIS weekend is for our Maintenance Fund. This past week the boiler in the rectory had to be replaced. It was 25 years old and we could not get parts to repair it. Your contribution to the Maintenance Fund will help with the cost of replacing the boiler. Thank you for your continued support and generosity to our parish.

If you are unable to come to church because of illness, rehab, or living at a health care center please let the office know. A priest or home bound minister can come to your home. If there is an emergency and you need a priest, Fr. Sebastian can be reached at :
1(815) 478-3440 ex. 102.

Mass intentions can be requested through the office, or dropped in any weekend collection, please mark in a separate envelope. Think about having a Mass for a loved one. Weekday and weekend Masses are available. We are also accepting requests for our 2-week Sacred Heart Candle.



Saint Patrick's Church volunteered Saturday, October 26th at the Northern Illinois Food Bank's South Suburban Center. Along with others, we labeled and boxed 490 large cans of green beans and corn totaling over 12,000 pounds. Please consider joining us next time on Saturday, November 23^d from 9:00 - 11:30. Signup sheet is in

the vestibule. The consent form only needs to be filled out once.

Help Wanted

Holy Trinity Catholic Parish is seeking a part-time maintenance assistant.

This is a non-benefited position of 28 hours per week. Responsibilities will include electric and plumbing, custodial, event setups, some snow removal, and various maintenance duties around campus. This may include changing light bulbs and other ladder work. Must be able to lift at least 40 lbs. Position requires a team-player attitude, attention to detail, and confidentiality. Candidate must have an understanding of and appreciation for the Catholic faith, and a desire to serve in its mission. All applicants will adhere to Diocesan Hiring Guidelines including a background check and PGC requirements. Please submit a resume to apply@holytrinitywestmont.org. If you have questions, please call Ed Arenz at 630-968-1366, ext. 106.

Come Learn about the Life of St. John de Brebeuf

Thursday, November 21
6:00 - 9:00 pm
(6:00 - 7:00 pm
Potluck Dinner)



Director of Adult Faith Formation, Michael Lewandowski, will present on the life of St. John de Brebeuf. The saint was born in the Normandy region of France in 1593. As a young man, he heard the call to be a member of the Jesuits. Serious health problems confined de Brebeuf to his bed, and it seemed impossible that he would become a missionary. However, by the grace of God, he eventually was sent to the area around Quebec called "New France." His duty would be to convert the Indian tribes to the saving Gospel of Jesus Christ.

De Brebeuf ministered fearlessly among the natives. He worked tirelessly to learn their language and their culture. Eventually, some of the hearts of the natives softened and they became Catholic, abandoning their pagan ways. While working among the Hurons,



Government is a trust, and the officers of the government are trustees; and both the trust and the trustees are created for the benefit of the people.

—Henry Clay

Every
VOTE
Counts!

ANNULMENT INFORMATION DAY

Sponsored by:

THE OFFICE OF FAMILY MINISTRY

DIOCESE OF JOLIET

SATURDAY, November 16, 2019

9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m. (Check-in at 8:30 a.m.)

Blanchette Catholic Center

16555 Weber Rd, Crest Hill, IL

People interested in petitioning for an annulment, those already in the process, or anyone who wants information about the annulment process are welcome to attend.

Pre-registration is required by November 11.

Please register online at <https://conta.cc/2TOoxbW> or call the Office of Family Ministry at 815-838-5334

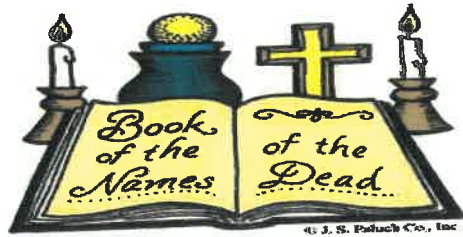




In Loving memory of Those
Buried from St. Patrick
Church, and Entered into
Eternal Life, This Past Year.

Margaret Nugent

May the Souls of all the Faith-
ful Departed through the
Mercy of God Rest in Peace.



Poor Souls in Purgatory

Seven days of Prayer for the Souls in
Purgatory cards are on the table
in the vestibule

*All Souls remembrances will be published in
the bulletin during November*



**OUR FALL CARD PARTY WILL BE NOVEMBER 7, 2019 AT 12
NOON HELD AT WILTON CENTER COMMUNITY BUILDING
TICKET PACKETS ARE AVAILABLE IN THE VESTIBULE
VOLUNTEER SIGN-UP SHEET IS IN VESTIBULE, PLEASE
HELP WHERE YOU ARE ABLE**



**The Dedication
of the
Lateran Basilica**

A GREAT AND GLORIOUS GOD

Our readings today ponder two powerful truths: God is infinitely greater than we are; and God provides every kind of help so we can discover and share in God's glory. The reading from Wisdom reminds us that we are tiny compared to "the LORD of the whole universe." Nevertheless, God preserves and nurtures us out of perfect love. If we feel tiny, weak, and sinful compared to God, we are blessed! God's greatness sustains and strengthens us. Saint Paul encourages the Thessalonian Christians with the same message. He reminds them that God alone makes the Church holy. He prays that everything they undertake will be for the glory of God. Luke's Gospel shows us what this looks like in real life: Zacchaeus, feeling small and excluded, looks for Jesus. Jesus finds him and gives him the strength he needs to repent of his sins and glorify God.

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**PLEASE REMEMBER IN
YOUR PRAYERS**

Marge Flint; Nancee Long, Shay Phelan, Lisa Bernhard, Judith Wright; Cecelia Mundt; Lorenzo Rossi; Holly Flint-Jones; Cathy Engler; Brett Burkhalter; Michelle Schneider; Lou Crabtree; Ron Englert; Father Roger Kutzner; Doris Robbins, Mike Irlle, Chuck Phelps, Jodi Mundt, Hunter Lauridsen, Karma Johnson

Anyone wishing to be on the prayer list, should contact the office.

**Intention of the Holy Father
MONTH OF NOVEMBER**

- That s spirit of dialogue, encounter, and reconciliation emerge in the Near East, where diverse religious communities share their lives together

Our parish offers Online Giving, a web based electronic contribution application. We are providing this service so that you have the option to manage our contributions online or with your offering envelopes. This service is safe and secure. It is convenient for you and for our parish staff. Sign up for Online Giving by visiting our parish website at: www.stpatrickwiltoncenter.org and selecting one Online Giving link.

**READINGS FOR THE WEEK
NOVEMBER 3, 2019**



- Monday: Rom 11:29-36; Ps :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
OBSERVANCE**

- 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



“ZACCHAEUS, COME DOWN QUICKLY”

Why do good things happen to bad people?

Does this question strike you as odd? Aren't we usually struggling with the *bad* things that happen to *good* people? True enough, but when good things happen to others, especially those we consider undeserving, it can seem natural to grumble. How do some people always seem to “get away with it,” while we spend our lives trying to act as God would want?

As a tax collector, Zacchaeus cheated and got rich off of his own people. Why does Jesus want to be so nice to him? It's just not fair!

“TODAY I MUST STAY AT YOUR HOUSE”

This problem of “good things for bad people” can cause as much distress as the problem of bad things happening to good people. Both touch on one of the deepest mysteries of human existence: Is the universe fair? Is God just? This is what is making the crowd grumble about Jesus favoring Zacchaeus. Why is Jesus befriending such a sinner?

This is the third such complaint about Jesus in Luke's Gospel (see Luke 5: 27–33 and 5:25–15). However, the encounter with Zacchaeus is different. In the other accounts, Jesus responds to his critics himself, but here, it is Zacchaeus who speaks up. Not only does Zacchaeus announce compensation for those he has cheated, he vows to give away half of his goods to the poor. At this point in the Gospel, Jesus is traveling to Jerusalem, where he knows he will be put to death. No one else that Jesus meets on this journey has responded as readily as Zacchaeus to his summons—first, to come down from the tree, then to “come down” from his wealthy lifestyle and the corruption that supported it. Although he did not travel to Jerusalem with Jesus, Zacchaeus clearly understood the demands of discipleship.

This story gives us a hint as to why good things might happen to bad people: it is God's patience, with Zacchaeus and with us as well, as God awaits our response, for us to become the disciples God is calling us to be.

Today's Readings: Wis 11:22 — 12:2; Ps 145:1–2, 8–9, 10–11, 13, 14; 2 Thes 1:11 — 2:2; Lk 19:1–10

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