

“[GOD] IS NOT GOD OF THE DEAD,
BUT OF THE LIVING,
FOR TO HIM ALL ARE ALIVE.”

LUKE 20:38

THIRTY-SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

NOVEMBER 6, 2022

Any who have a relationship with a child—parents, grandparents, aunts, uncles, special friends—know the power of love it is possible to feel for another. It is not that the child is incapable of doing wrong; we know they can and will. Rather, their mistakes do not change our love for them. In fact, the love makes us want what is best for them. Often, we can see their potential with greater perspective than they themselves can. They're the apple of our eye. We are the apple of God's eye, beloved children of our Lord. God knows (God really knows) that we can and will fail. We fall short of the potential that God is certain we have. Yet God does not cease to love us and to call us to live as God's own in the world.

HIDDEN IN THE SHADOW OF GOD'S WINGS

Certain that we are held closely by God frees us to live the challenge of the gospel, to give our lives for the sake of others. We will be tempted to take the easy route and ignore the voice of the Lord, listening instead to the call of wealth, power, acceptance, status, and earthly security. Today's readings remind us that we can face temptation, secure that we are hidden in the shadow of God's wings, strengthened and guarded from evil by our Lord Jesus Christ. What challenging thing are you called to do today as a follower of Jesus? About what must you take a stand? What might be the consequences of discipleship at this time in your life? "May the Lord direct your hearts to the love of God and the endurance of Christ."

Today's Readings: 2 Mc 7:1-2, 9-14; Ps 17:1, 5-6, 8, 15; 2 Thes 2:16 — 3:5; Lk 20:27-38

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Deacon John Erdag

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*We hope that you have enjoyed celebrating Mass with us
and felt welcomed in our church as your "home away from home."
Whether you are new to the area or have lived here for years,
you are invited to join our parish family. **Please come again!***

Zacchaeus

By Deacon John

Today's Gospel is a story of God's benevolence, compassion, and His forgiving mercy for sinners. And it's about repentance and conversion that can happen within us. It describes the conversion of a tax-collector named Zacchaeus and how God's grace worked in him to lead him from curiosity to repentance, conversion and amends.

Jericho was a very wealthy, commercial town in the Jordan valley. Being a wealthy city, the tax collectors in Jericho had no problem taking advantage of the people, and Zacchaeus became rich by swindling them out of large sums of tax moneys. Obviously, even though he was rich, he was not a popular fellow.

It was Passover time, which meant that thousands of Jewish pilgrims were arriving at the toll booth at Jericho to pay their taxes. Jesus also made this trip and, since He had become very famous by that time, people in Jericho wanted to see Him. They lined the streets looking for Him. Naturally, Zacchaeus was curious to see the rabbi from Nazareth who welcomed tax-collectors and sinners as his friends.

To avoid the crowd and get a clear vision of Jesus, he climbed a sycamore tree and sat hidden in its leafy branches. Yet, Jesus noticed him and called to him, "Zacchaeus! Come down quickly, for today I must stay at your house!"

At that moment, Zacchaeus realized that Jesus accepted him. Zacchaeus' dignity was restored, his heart was changed, and he repented of his sins. He fully accepted the forgiving grace from Jesus, and during the banquet, he showed his gratitude by committing to giving half his possessions to the poor and returning payment fourfold to the defrauded.

What a wonderful story of Christ's mercy and forgiveness to even the worst of sinners, and the transformation it brings. But what does it mean to us? Well, exactly the same thing.

We may not be the worst of sinners, yet we are all sinners to a greater or lesser degree. Regardless of our level of sinfulness, through today's Gospel message, Jesus is inviting each one of us to complete conversions. He wants us to be repentant of all our weaknesses and injustices, no matter how large or how small. He loves us despite our ugly thoughts and broken actions, and He wants to put us back on the straight road to Heaven.

In the Sacrament of Reconciliation, Jesus ministers to us individually, just as he interacted individually with Zacchaeus. As Zacchaeus did, we need to leave the perches of our pride, become repentant, and allow the mercy of Jesus to forgive us. If you haven't been to Confession recently, I strongly urge you to take advantage of this wonderful healing grace.

Next, we need to love all people as Jesus loves us. Jesus loved the sinner Zacchaeus and by that love Zacchaeus was transformed. How often are we reluctant to help or love someone because we judge them by their sins? The drug addicted homeless person, the young unwed pregnant woman, the illegal immigrant, the gang banger in jail. Jesus shows us that we must love and accept others despite their sin, just as He does.

Lastly, we are called to actively live a life of faith. Zacchaeus was changed from being greedy to being generous, from selfishness to selflessness. There was a change deep within his heart. Jesus wants every one of us to continue to move forward from small and feeble faith to a greater and more powerful faith, just as Zacchaeus did. When we accept God's presence within us, that grace melts our coldness and selfishness and lead us to repentance and a change of life.

How do we respond to Jesus' demand, "I must stay at your house today?" Well, Jesus has visited the homes of each and every one of us. Through the Sacraments of Baptism and Confirmation, we have received the spiritual indwelling of God the Holy Spirit within us. Through the Sacrament of the Holy Eucharist, we receive His physical presence into ourselves; into our homes.

How are we reacting to that? Are we excitedly welcoming Jesus into our homes and accepting His grace that will build our faith and our lives? Or are we ignoring His invitation to enter our houses and trying to live by ourselves instead?

Let us ask the Lord to reach out to us as He reached out to Zacchaeus. Let us be thankful to Him for coming to our houses. And let us find the true repentance that brings transformation, sanctification, and salvation.

Thirty-second Sunday in Ordinary Time

We remember in our prayers all the sick, especially the following:

Ben Clymer. John & Nitja McGrane. Pat Schmeier. Ethan Cowles. Cayla Goodson. Ruth & David Barber. Msgr. Ron Diegel. Richard & Dottie Schuetz. Tom Fabitz. Jodie Woods. Doris Hoffman. Yolanda & Eldon Boyd. Wanda & George Duke. Jean Hamilton. Kathleen Fleming. Jaye Anderson. Greg Mooney. Garry Fetsch. Karee Haney. Charlie Parker. Jacob Stephens. Elise Sugg. Avery Boultinghouse. We list the names of our sick Parishioners. Friends and Relatives for one month.

PLEASE NOTIFY THE CHURCH OFFICE TO REMOVE OR ADD A NAME TO THE PRAYERS OF THE SICK.

Please pray for the men and women active military service from our parish community:

Dawn Quinn, US Army PFC (Granddaughter of Jean Quinn). Reid Patrick Hope, US Marine (Nephew of Mike Stephens). 1LT Joseph Chandler, U.S. Army (Nephew of Mike & Margaret Jernigan). Jay Guajardo, Navy Rescue School (Great Nephew of Lex & Liza Forster). Staff Sergeant, Natalie York (Daughter of Steve & Julie York). Lt. Gary Buchanan; Capt. Blake Gaughan; 2nd Lt. Will Corrigan (Great Nephews of Jess & Eva Corrigan). Paul Moreno E4 AMT 3rd Class (Grandson of Kathy & Dale Boman). Staff Sergeant Daniel Hodan. U.S. Army (Grandson of Ron & Barbara Emma). Petty Officer 2 Rainer Hauck (Grandson of Jerry & Vicki Hauck & nephew of Jeff & Cathy Ellis).

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Mass—Intentions

- Sat. 11/05 Gena Roth+** (M/M Clymer)
- Sun. 11/06 Legion Members Active & Auxiliary** (Legion of Mary)
- Tues. 11/08 9:00am Communion Service**
- Wed. 11/09 9:00am Communion Service**
- Thurs. 11/10 9:00am Communion Service** (Fr. Mike attending Wellness Day in Tyler)
- Fri. 11/11 9:00am Mass Rudolph & Marie Soukup+** (Ruddie Anderson)
- Sat. 11/12 Shelly Pollard Birthday** (Mike Stephens)

PARISH SUPPORT

Average weekly amounts for the year of 2021

Expenditures \$ 3,666
Regular and debt & maintenance collections \$ 3,799
Attendance: 10/29 Saturday: 77 10/30 Sunday: 70

One can Give without Loving...But one cannot Love without Giving.

November Second Collections:

5th & 6th: "Building & Maintenance Fund."

12th & 13th: "Archdiocese of the Military Services."

19th & 20th: "Catholic Charities—Diocese of Tyler."

26th & 27th: "Christmas Flowers."

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Holly Spirit Priests for Tomorrow
Parish Progress as of Sept. 30th

GOAL: \$205,000.00
PLEDGES: \$242,495.00
PAYMENTS RECEIVED: \$175,385.00 (72.3%)
REMAINING BALANCE ON PLEDGES \$ 67,110.00 (27.7%)

Pope's Intention for November:



For children who suffer. We pray for children who are suffering, especially those who are homeless, orphans, and victims of war; may they be guaranteed access to education and the opportunity to experience family affection.

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Sunday: Thirty-second Sunday in Ordinary Time; National Vocation Awareness Week; Daylight Saving Time ends

Tuesday: Election Day

Wednesday: The Dedication of the Lateran Basilica

Thursday: St. Leo the Great

Friday: St. Martin of Tours; Veterans Day; Remembrance Day (Canada)

Saturday: St. Josaphat

Anyone involved in any Ministry at our Parish, you will need to be compliant on your ethics and integrity training with VIRTUS. Please notify our contact person to get signed up contact person Justin Mahaffey 903-714-3649 or

Legion of Mary— Pilgrim Statue: Our Lady of Fatima Statue is now ready to visit your home. There is a sign-up sheet in the Narthex or you may contact: Marge Clymer, 903-216-7953 or Jane Bidlack, 903-569-7749. If scheduling permits, the Statue may be kept for two weeks.

NOVEMBER NEWS & EVENTS



Sat., Nov. 5th: 9:00am Communion Service. Then join us for the Patriotic Rosary especially with the election coming up on Nov. 8th. 5:00pm Mass. **Don't forget before you go to bed set your clocks back one hour.**



Sun., Nov. 6th: K of C Breakfast after 9:00am Mass. Adults \$ 5.00. Children through senior year in high school is free.



Tues., Nov. 8th: 9:00am Communion Service. Adoration 9:30am—12:30pm; 6:00-8:00pm. **Election Day!!!!**

Wed., Nov. 9th: 9:00am Communion Service

Thurs., Nov. 10th: 9:00am Communion Service. Fr. Mike attending Wellness Day in Tyler **and it's his BIRTHDAY.** K of C Meeting 7:00pm.

Fri., Nov. 11th: 9:00am Mass. Veterans Day.



Sun., Nov. 13th: Coffee & Donuts after 9:00am Mass.

Tues., Nov. 15th: 9:00am Mass. Adoration 9:30am—12:30pm; 6:00-8:00pm. Welcome Committee Mtg. 9:30am in St. Jude's Hall.

Wed., Nov. 16th: 9:00am Mass.

Thurs., Nov. 17th: 9:00am Mass. Immediately following Mass Fr. Mike will be attending a Deanery Mtg. in Winnsboro.

Fri., Nov. 18th: 9:00am Mass.

Sun., Nov. 20th: Coffee & Donuts after 9:00am Mass

Tues., Nov. 22nd: 9:00am Mass. Adoration 9:30am—12:30pm; 6:00-8:00pm.

Wed., Nov. 23rd: No Mass. Diocese & Church Office closed

Thurs., Nov. 24th: Thanksgiving Day 9:00am Mass. Diocese & Church Office closed

Fri., Nov. 25th: No Mass. Diocese & Church Office closed

Sun., Nov. 27th: No coffee & donuts after 9:00am Mass

Tues., Nov. 29th: 9:00am Mass. Adoration 9:30am—12:30pm; 6:00-8:00pm.

Wed., Nov. 30th: 9:00am Mass.

GOOD BYE, NOVEMBER HELLO, DECEMBER

Sat., Dec. 3rd: 9:00am Mass of Reparation to the Immaculate Heart & Patriotic Rosary.

Sun., Dec. 4th: K of C Breakfast following 9:00am Mass. Adults \$ 5.00. Children through senior year in high school is free.

Tues., Dec. 6th: 9:00am Mass. Adoration 9:30am—12:30pm; 6:00-8:00pm.

Wed., Dec. 7th: 9:00am Communion Service.

Thurs., Dec. 8th: 9:00am Mass. K of C Meeting 7:00pm.

Fri., Dec. 9th: 9:00am Mass.

Angel Tree and Food Baskets



For those who are in need of help, or know of someone needing help with their **children's Christmas this year**, please encourage them to sign up at "Helping Hand" in Hawkins.

Helping Hand then gives area churches the list of toys/clothes to buy and they distribute them to the families of Wood County. They can also sign up for a Thanksgiving and/or Christmas food basket at that time. Sign up starting Tuesday, Oct.



WISHING FR. MIKE A HAPPY
HEALTHY BIRTHDAY ON
THURSDAY, NOV. 10th



The Welcome Committee will meet on Tues., Nov. 15th at 9:30am in St. Jude's Hall. Anyone interested in this ministry is asked to attend or contact Anna Parker at 903.833.7019 for more information.

Through your blessings we are able to fill our holiday food boxes. We're still feeding 15 families weekly and still need can goods; pasta; pasta sauce, etc.

Looking for volunteers to get involved with the Food Ministry. Call or email Bob Mailliard at 503-559-6022 or theduckdude@att.net



Thank you, to our Holy Spirit Food Ministry Team!

Wednesday Mornings With the Holy Spirit

A few of us (Holy Spirit parishioners) gather each Wednesday morning (except the 1st Wednesday of the month) to have coffee/biscuits/donuts and, oh yes, Sacred Scripture. We meet in St. Jude's Hall at 10:30am and usually study/discuss the Bible till noon-ish. The facilitator provides reading/study material on weekends prior to the Wednesday morning sessions. We currently have room for a 2 or 3 more "Bible Buds". Please feel free to meet with us at our next meeting, November 9th, at 10:30; and in the meantime please read 2 Kings, chapters 1-6 in your Bible (or if you do not have access to a Bible, you can either find it on line at the USCCB website or ask the facilitator and he will find a Bible for you). If you have any questions or need additional information, feel free to contact Randy Munoz at 972-971-4067.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR PASTORAL COUNCIL NOMINATIONS

Pastoral Council: Seeking parishioners will to accept a "nomination" to Holy Spirit's Pastoral Council. An election will take place at Mass on the weekend of Nov. 12th & 13th (tentative). New members will be determined by a vote of the parish community. Five members will be selected from all the nominees based on vote totals. Those willing to consider running for this position should understand it is a very important and serious commitment to the future growth and well being of our Parish. Your purpose will be to focus on the welfare of the community, uniting the whole community and pursuing the mission of the Church. Please consider seriously your call to serve the parish community as counselors to our Pastor. The term is 3 years, renewable. Those willing to submit their name for nomination can use the "sign-up" sheet in front of Bridget's office. **Please turn in a picture and a bio if you signed up or would like more information, contact Bridget Rich 903-769-3235.** The open nomination period will close at the end of the day on Tues., Nov. 8th.

God Bless, Rev. Mike Snider

Article for the Big Sandy-Hawkins Journal. 2 November 2022 Edition
(Submission date: 28 October 2022) Submitted by Randy Munoz

For those who are in need of help, or know of some who may need help with their children's Christmas joy and celebration, this year, please encourage them to sign up at "**Helping Hand in Hawkins**". Helping Hand will then give the area churches the list of toys/clothes to buy and then distribute them to the families of Wood County. They can also sign up for a Thanksgiving and/or Christmas food basket at that time. Sign-ups are ongoing through mid-November.

A few quotes for November...

❄️ "In November, you begin to know how long the winter will be." – Martha Gellhorn

❄️ "The Month of November makes me feel that life is passing more quickly. In an effort to slow it down, I try to fill the hours more meaningfully." – Henry Rollins

❄️ "This is the month of nuts and nutty thoughts – that November whose name sounds so bleak and cheerless – perhaps its harvest of thought is worth more than all the other crops of the year." – Henry David Thoreau

❄️ "How wonderful of the days in November carry the whole memory of summer as a fire opal carries the color of moonrise." – Gladys Taber

❄️ "November is a time of change in East Texas. In late November, some of us get to change from going barefoot to occasionally wearing socks ... and maybe a sweater." – R. L. Munoz

❄️ "In November, the trees are standing all sticks and bones. Without their leaves, how lovely they are, spreading their arms like dancers. They know it is time to be still." – Cynthia Rylant

❄️ November comes, and November goes. With the last red berries and the first white snows. With night coming early and dawn coming late, ice in the bucket and frost by the gate. The fires burn, and the kettles sing, and the earth sinks to rest until next spring. – Clyde Watson

❄️ "Don't wait until the fourth Thursday in November to sit with family and friends to give thanks. Make every day a day of Thanksgiving!" – Charmaine J. Forde

❄️ "How wonderful it would be if we could help our children and grandchildren to learn Thanksgiving at an early age. Thanksgiving opens the doors. It changes a child's personality. A child is resentful, negative—or thankful. Thankful children want to give; they radiate happiness, they draw people." – Sir John Templeton

❄️ "Lord I am thankful You so love us that you gave us your only Son. Lord, I am thankful for the life you have given me and the life that awaits me. Lord, I am thankful for the Faith You have given me. Lord, I am thankful for the opportunities You send me, constantly, to serve You. Lord, I am thankful that You love me enough to let me live in East Texas." – R. L. Munoz

NOVEMBER NEWSLETTER

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Life Beyond the Chariot

In this throwback episode, we visit with special guest, Noelle Garcia McHugh, to discuss Mary and how we can have a relationship with her. We address some of the following questions: How is Mary a model of motherhood? What does Mary teach us about trusting God? Mary experienced an absence of Jesus too-- what can we learn from her? How can we help bring her into the lives of our children?

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UPCOMING EVENTS

Save the Date

avored. A Women's Retreat

Saturday March 25, 2023, 9AM-3PM
The Glass Recreation Center, Tyler

Keynote speakers include Chika Anyanwu, Deanna Johnston and Sr. Josephine Garrett. Music by Jackie Angel.

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