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LUKE 19:1-10

JESUS AND ZACCHAEUS

HOLY NAME OF JESUS PARISH – OCTOBER 30, 2016

31st Sunday in Ordinary Time

XXXI Niedziela Zwykła

October 30, 2016

Rite: Pew Missal, page 63, Canon, page 84.

First reading: Wisdom 11:22-12:2

Psalm: Ps 145:1-2,8-11,13-14

I will praise your name for ever, my king and my God.

Epistle: 2 Thessalonians 1:11-2:2

Gospel: Luke 19:1-10

Intention: 9:30am for Emily Ruchalski and 11:30am for all parishioners

Celebrant: 9:30am and 11:30am Rev. James Konicki

Lector: 9:30am Derek Westcott, 11:30am Claudia Bertasso

- Matins at 9:20am. Holy Mass at 9:30am (Contemporary Rite).
- Coffee Hour/School of Christian Living,
- Parish Breakfast offered in memory of Emily Ruchalski
- Holy Mass at 11:30am (Contemporary Rite).

32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

XXXII Niedziela Zwykła

November 6, 2016

Rite: Pew Missal, page 63, Canon, page 84.

First reading: 2 Maccabees 7:1-2,9-14

Psalm: Ps 17:1,5-6,8,15

Lord, when your glory appears, my joy will be full.

Epistle: 2 Thessalonians 2:16-3:5

Gospel: Luke 20:27-38

Intention: 9:30am and 11:30am for all deceased parishioners and benefactors

Celebrant: 9:30am and 11:30am Rev. James Konicki

Lector: 9:30am Marilyn Hietala, 11:30am Claudia Bertasso

- Matins at 9:20am. Holy Mass at 9:30am (Contemporary Rite). Exposition and Benediction
- Coffee Hour/School of Christian Living.
- Holy Mass at 11:30am (Contemporary Rite).

“The Christian ought not to grudge another’s reputation, nor rejoice over any man’s faults. In the love of Christ, he ought to grieve at his brother’s faults, and rejoice over his brother’s good deeds. He ought not to be indifferent or silent before sinners. He who shows another to be wrong ought to do so with all tenderness, in the fear of God, and with the object of converting the sinner. He who is proved wrong or rebuked ought to take it willingly, recognizing his own gain in being set right. – St. Basil the Great

Sick Calls and Hospital Visits – Please know that hospitals will not advise parishes when an individual is admitted. Confidentiality regulations prevent them from doing so. If someone is admitted please let Father Jim know so he might visit, pray with, anoint, and bring Jesus’ healing presence to them. Call Fr. Jim at 518-522-0944. You may also call Fr. Mark Gnidzinski at 518-453-2258

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Upcoming...

- **October 30: 31st Sunday in Ordinary Time/Holy Mass at 9:30 and 11:30am. Parish Breakfast.**
- **October 31: Vigil of All Saints, Holy Mass and Novena at 8am**
- **November 1: Solemnity of All Saints/Holy Mass and Novena at 8am and Holy Mass at 7pm.**
- **November 2: Observance of All Souls. Holy Mass and Novena at 8am**
- **November 3-5: Holy Mass and Novena at 8am**
- **November 6: 32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time/Holy Mass at 9:30 and 11:30am. All Souls Prayers at Good Shepherd Cemetery at 2pm.**
- **November 7: Holy Mass and Novena at 8am**
- **November 8: Election Day. Holy Mass and Novena at 8am**
- **November 11: Veterans’ Day.**
- **November 13: Daylight Savings Ends. 33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time/Holy Mass at 9:30 and 11:30am.**

We invite all who believe in the true presence of Christ in the Holy Eucharist to partake. It is our practice to distribute the Holy Eucharist by intinction. The Body and Blood of Christ are placed on the tongue, never in the hand.

Jesus' imperative.

"Zacchaeus, come down quickly for today I must stay at your house."

We continue in our series of beautiful encounters with Jesus. Last week it was a parable meant to give people hope. Today, it is an actual encounter between Jesus and Zacchaeus meant to exhibit Jesus' missions' imperative.

Jesus call to Zacchaeus, by definition, is in an imperative sentence. These are sentences that give instruction or that express a request or command. There are actually two imperatives in this sentence and we will get back to that.

First, let's explore some of the finer details in this encounter.

Names matter in the Jewish world of the Bible. Each name, including Jesus' Jewish name Yeshua carries with it particular meaning. A child was to grow into its name. Zacchaeus' Hebrew name means the just one, righteous one, or pure one. How did someone with a name like that ever end up being a Chief Tax Collector – i.e., the chief sinner in Jericho?

The point is, it didn't matter. Jesus sees what a person can become in Him, not what he or she was before His call. As bad as a person's history might be, that is never a showstopper as to what a person can become in God's Kingdom. In this encounter, Zacchaeus is the perfect name to dramatically illustrate

God's plan for him – that through Jesus he would become what he was meant to be. Jesus offers us the same.

This point is further illustrated in the fact that Zacchaeus could not help himself. He could not go to the Temple and offer sacrifice to be absolved of his many sins. Zacchaeus was seen as having willingly sold his soul to the Devil. He recruited others to also sell their souls. He was not only seen as responsible for his sins, but also for those of his fellow tax collectors. Because the rabbis declared that retribution was a prerequisite to being forgiven; by definition, Zacchaeus could not be forgiven. He had no way of repaying those he didn't even know. Zacchaeus had no hope of ever getting right with God. We are sometimes convinced that we cannot get right with God. Yet Jesus comes to change that perspective.

The more we dig into context of this encounter, the more we marvel at how everything is there for a reason. Zacchaeus was a short person who climbed up into a sycamore tree. This Middle Eastern sycamore tree is very large, dense, and grows figs people cannot eat. These figs fall to the ground where the birds feed on them and leave their droppings in exchange. It was thus considered an "unclean" tree. Zacchaeus the unclean servant of evil climbed an unclean tree. He was complete in his uncleanness before the world. Yet Jesus calls him down using an imperative

sentence.

"Zacchaeus, I must stay at your house." This imperative is in two parts. One is to Zacchaeus himself – I have come to rescue you. I am rescuing you personally. I must do this. This is to show all people, every sinner who has lost hope, who has felt unredeemable, that I have come to rescue them personally.

Jesus Divine mandate is the relentless pursuit of the lost, the abandoned, and those who have lost hope. God's "fullness of time" grace enters Zacchaeus' life. The King of Glory has come to rescue yet another "lost sheep," this one found in a sycamore tree!

For us, this encounter reveals the heart of the imperative the Father gave to Jesus; His mission and God's purpose for the world. Now the time has come for all of us to walk out of our "no hope," death row cell and become yet another "ex-con" mercifully ushered into the Kingdom of God.

Repent therefore, and turn back, that your sins may be blotted out, that times of refreshing may come from the presence of the Lord, and that he may send the Christ appointed for you, Jesus

Acts 3:19-20

Time to Study God's Word

SUNDAY: Ephesians 4:22

MONDAY: James 4:8

TUESDAY: Acts 2:38

WEDNESDAY: Romans 15:13

THURSDAY: Acts 2:37-38

FRIDAY: Acts 17:30-31

SATURDAY: 2 Corinthians 5:17

Pray

Lord Jesus, change me, renew me, rescue me, and cleanse me. Grant me true and everlasting hope.

Praying for...

Jasmine Russo, Laura Covari, Alice and George Houser, Angela Kaminski, Ed Jakubiak, Rick Kaminski, Mariea Chase, Nickole Mook, Joseph Peplowski, Kelly Noble, Stefan Węgliński, Robert Dominy, Claudia Bertasso, John Clas, Bishop Stanley, Brian Soos, Frances Myslinski, Virginia Lamb, Virginia Rogers, Curtis Szczepkowski, Derek Westcott, Dolores Konicki, Pastor Tom Kendall, Joshua Moraski, Sue White, Sue & Roger White, Chris Tatlock, Mildred Lewis, Debbie Esposito, Ceil & Eddie Gibbons, Helen Pasiak, Jessie Feathers-Ostrowski, Lucas Taylor, Joanne Bauer, Shirley Greene, Madison Sheridan, Reginald, Eddie Stover, Karen & Jacob, Sean and Jessie Wilcox, Snyder Family, Amber Tatlock, Kathleen Hietala, Vicky Stover, Joe Barratiere, Tom Abbot, Dennis, Donnie Wright, Fr. Ray Drada, Karen Kisch, Joe Emmanuel, Gregory Henderson, Muse En Lystrala, Vince Cacamo, Theresa Ordon, Robert Baia, Michelle Zawistowski, Faith, Adam, Allyson Keyser, Richard and Suzette Place, Amanda Carr, Tyler Hoffman, the Hoffman Family, All in need of God's healing grace.

- All those who serve in the Armed Forces of the United States esp. Michael Angehr, Mark Collins, Patric Jones.
- All those in Public Service, Police Officers and Fire Fighters.
- All Active And Retired Clergy of the Holy Polish National Catholic Church.
- All Students and Teachers at Mont Pleasant Middle School
- The residents and staff of City Mission of Schenectady
- All who have asked for our prayers.

We continue in prayer and intercession for one of the parishes or ministries in the Polish National Catholic Church. This week we remember and pray for the clergy and people of All Saints Parish, Carnegie, PA, Very Rev. Richard Seiler, Jr.

Bless them, O Lord! Pobjogoslaw im, O Boże!

Month of November – Holy Memory

We are also reminded that the month of All Souls is right around the corner. Please provide the names of the loved ones you wish to be remembered to Fr. Jim today. We will celebrate the Solemnity of All Saints on Tuesday, November 1st with Holy Mass at 7pm along with the reading of the names of all the faithful departed. Fr. Jim will also celebrate the memory of the faithful departed interred at Good Shepherd cemetery on Sunday, November 6th at 2pm.

Nine Days of Holy Masses and Novenas

As Election Day approaches we are given an opportunity to pray for our country in a special way. Please join us starting today, and then each weekday at 8am for Holy Mass and a Novena to St. Jude offered for the intention of our nation and the upcoming election.

Thanksgiving Celebration

Our Seniorate Thanksgiving celebration will be held right here, in our parish, on Saturday, November 19th. Holy Mass will begin at 11am to be followed by a wonderful Thanksgiving dinner. We invite you and all your friends and family. We hope for an excellent turnout to welcome our brothers and sisters from throughout the Mohawk Valley. Please RSVP by E-mail or telephone to Stephanie Dominy at sdominy@nycap.rr.com or (518) 369-1346 by November 5th with the number of attendees. Join to help with prep on Friday, November 18th at 9am.

SOCL Classes

Parents are reminded that when they had their child baptized, they vowed to have the child educated in the Christian Faith. All youth of the parish should be enrolled and attend SOCL every Sunday. Sign up sheets are on the back table.

The Political Season

As Christ followers we are not bound to any ideology, party or even form of government. We are citizens of His kingdom. During these days of political tension and conflict let us practice forgiveness and remember where our true home is.

Of note...

Coffee Hour: Thank you to all who assist with this ministry of hospitality. Please volunteer to help.

Parish Organizations: Did you know that our Parish has many organizations that need you? The YMSofR - Men's Society of the Resurrection Branch 56, ANS – Women's Adoration Society, Choir, Parish Committee, and a hopefully reconstituted branch of the PNU (Spójnia) all need your help. Help is always needed for SOCL especially in instructing and encouraging our youth. Please see Fr. Jim.

--- Share the Spirit and invite others to the Kingdom of God. ---