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# LUKE 19:1-10

## JESUS AND ZACCHAEUS

WEEKLY BULLETIN OF HOLY NAME OF JESUS PARISH – NOVEMBER 3, 2013

### 31st Sunday in Ordinary Time

### XXXI Niedziela zwykła

November 3, 2013

Rite: 9:30am Deacon Missal

First reading: Wisdom 11:22 – 12:2

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

**R. 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: For all souls committed to our prayer

Worship leader: 9:30am Rev. Mr. James Konicki

Lector: Claudia Bertasso

- Worship begins at 9:25am with Matins.
- Service of Worship and Holy Communion at 9:30am
- Coffee Hour, SOCL Class
- All Souls Service at Good Shepherd Cemetery, Amsterdam at 1pm

### 32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

### XXXII Niedziela zwykła

November 10, 2013

Rite: 9:30am Deacon Missal

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

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

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

Epistle: 2 Thessalonians 2:16 – 3:5

Gospel: Luke 20:27-38

Intention: For all souls committed to our prayer

Worship leader: 9:30am Rev. Mr. James Konicki

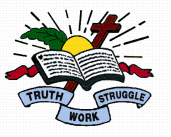
Lector: Larry Panfil

- Worship begins at 9:25am with Matins.
- Service of Worship and Holy Communion at 9:30am
- Coffee Hour, SOCL Class

***"But come then, and let us see what was the manner of Zacchaeus' conversion. He desired to see Jesus, and climbed therefore into a sycamore tree, and so a seed of salvation sprang up within him. And Christ saw this with the eyes of Deity: and therefore looking up, He saw him also with the eyes of the manhood, and as it was His purpose for all men to be saved, He extends His gentleness to him, and encouraging him, says, "Come down quickly." – St. Cyril***

**Sick Calls and Hospital Visits** – Please know that hospitals will not advise parishes when an individual is admitted. Health confidentiality regulations prevent them from doing so. If someone is admitted please let Deacon Jim know so he might visit, pray with them, and bring Jesus' healing presence to them. Parishioners in need of anointing should contact Fr. Mark Gnidzinski at 518-437-1889.

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### Upcoming...

- **November 3: 31st Sunday in Ordinary Time/All Souls Service at Good Shepherd Cemetery in Amsterdam, NY at 1pm**
- **November 5: Election Day**
- **November 7: Commemoration – St. Willibrord of Utrecht**
- **November 10: 32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time**
- **November 11: Veteran's Day/Remembrance Day/Polish Independence Day**
- **November 17: 33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time/Breakfast and Pampered Chef Party after church**
- **November 21: Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary**
- **November 24: Solemnity of Christ the King/Free Lunch on Sunday**
- **November 28: Thanksgiving**

### Keep Inviting...

Remember– we must continue to invite our friends, neighbors, and relatives to Church.  
Keep at it!



Doing whatever it takes

Now a man there named Zacchaeus, who was a chief tax collector and also a wealthy man, was seeking to see who Jesus was; but he could not see him because of the crowd, for he was short in stature.

Zacchaeus was not a good person. As we learned last week, people despised tax collectors. Zacchaeus was not just a tax collector – but was the chief tax collector!

Zacchaeus may likely have suffered from what we might call a Napoleon complex (although he lived long before Napoleon). A Napoleon complex is an informal term describing a psychology that is said to exist in persons, usually men, of short stature. People with a Napoleon complex compensate for their short stature by being overly aggressive and domineering.

So here you have Zacchaeus, short, the chief of the thieves, living the high life – nice house, great food, all the luxuries who is also aggressive and domineering.

We consider what may have motivated Zacchaeus to see Jesus. He certainly heard of Jesus, and likely knew Jesus’ reputation – He was a healer, a prophet, and was known to have broken the rules by spending time with sinners. Jesus invited a tax collector to follow Him (Luke 5), His feet were bathed by the tears of a prostitute (Luke 7), He healed those possessed by evil (Luke 8, 9, 11), tax collectors and sinners were all drawing near to hear him (Luke 15:1).

The power of grace moved Zacchaeus to see Jesus. He was moved to do whatever it took to see Him. He was moved by the possibility of Jesus, the remote chance that Jesus might notice him and heal the smallness of his soul.

Zacchaeus’ hopes were met when

Jesus stopped, looked up, and said "Zacchae’us, make haste and come down; for I must stay at your house today."

Grace motivated Zacchaeus to seek the Lord, and the Lord replied to Zacchaeus’ response, not just by saying ‘you are forgiven,’ but by emphatically stating that He MUST stay with Him. Zacchaeus did whatever it took and Jesus answered. Zacchaeus was raised up out of sin and into new life – repenting and doing whatever it took to make his life right before God: And Zacchae’us stood and said to the Lord, "Behold, Lord, the half of my goods I give to the poor; and if I have defrauded any one of anything, I restore it fourfold."

We are given grace every day, called to do whatever it takes to be raised from smallness of life to greatness of life in Christ. Jesus notices when we respond, and He responds by staying with us, healing us, freeing us, and making us great in the kingdom of heaven.

“So that we may no longer be children. Rather, speaking the truth in love, we are to grow up in every way into him who is the head, into Christ”

Ephesians 4:14-15

Time to Study God’s Word

SUNDAY: Ephesians 4:13  
MONDAY: Hebrews 5:12-13  
TUESDAY: 2 Peter 3:18  
WEDNESDAY: 1 Timothy 4:7  
THURSDAY: 2 Timothy 3:16-17  
FRIDAY: Psalm 119:105  
SATURDAY: Psalm 1:1-3

Pray

Jesus, grant me the grace to do whatever it takes to grow in relationship with You and to do Your will.

Food Collection

"A mother's greatest fear is not being able to provide food, and security for her children. Not being able to provide nourishment for her kids to grow, and learn. She worries about where she will find their next meal. Each morning, she is greeted by growling stomachs, and an all too familiar sense of anxiety. This mother is desperate to provide food for her hungry children and depends on the local food bank. But when she arrives, she's greeted by empty shelves, and then it's fear that fills her stomach.” – Congresswoman Marcia Fudge.

Cuts to SNAP and WIC have resulted in hundreds of thousands of low-income women, infants, and children losing needed nutrition assistance. Vulnerable families are going hungry, and are now completely dependent on food banks. Recent articles show that local food bank shelves are empty.

We are responding by collecting dry and canned goods throughout the November and December for donation to those in need locally community. We will continue donations through Advent. Let us join in making a prayerful donation in thankfulness for the bounty God has provided in our lives. Please place your donation by the Mary altar in the church and bless you for your love.

All Souls Memorials

The Holy Church sets aside the month of November to commemorate those who have preceded us in holy death. As Christians we recognize that death is not an ending, but rather a change. We pass through death into everlasting life. We remain joined with all those who have died. We rely on them for their intercession on our behalf. They rely on our prayers and intercession to ease their transition, their journey into the glory of heaven. We remember our dearly departed during the month of November according to age-old Catholic custom of commemoration and prayer...a custom known as “wypominki.”

Thank you to all who celebrated the Solemnity of All Saints with us on Friday, November 1st followed by the reading of the names of all the faithful departed. Deacon Jim will be holding an All Souls service at Good Shepherd cemetery in Amsterdam today at 1pm.

FREE LUNCH on Sunday

Our next event is today. Please be sure to continue to invite friends, family, and everyone you know to partake every month. There is no cost or charge for this meal. This service opens our home to all in need of a little company, a warm meal, and the love of Christ.

Of note...

Praying for...

Jasmine Russo, Kay Kaminski, Joseph and Lee Callahan, Tom Caulfield, Debbie Urban, Ann Marie Riley, George Williams, Diane Avellino, Laura Covari, Ellen Carey, Connie Cola, Alice and George Houser, Angela Kaminski, Carol Kosik, Eddy Stutz, Jim Kelly, Phil Haberlan, Stanley Radzyninski, Joseph Lyman, Sandy Davis, Erin Smith, Margaret Bondi, Sharon Nasner, Dan, Kym, Maggie and Hannah Bucham, Ray Callanan, Jeannie Christopher, Connie Gigliotti, Joe Avellino, Jan Shufelt, Deanna Colfels, Cathy France, Patty Martel-Baum, Rick Rodino, Judy Springer, Deb Couns, Judy Palmer, Ed Jakubiak, Rick Kaminski, Luke Sobiechowski, Mark McCarthy, Bonnie Nelson, Rosemary Ragule, Lisa Caporizzo, Joseph Peplowski, Kelly Noble, Judy Held, Stefan Węglinski, Janet Spurck, Joannie True, Robert Dominy, Patricia Lewis, Peter Loss, Wayne Balnis, Jakub Kozina, Claudia Bertasso, John Clas, Bishop Stanley, Brian Soos, Frances Myslinski, Jean Nowak, Edward Glover, Tamara Albury, Melissa Dixon, Virginia Lamb, Virginia Rogers, Laverne Dowdell, Curtis Szczepkowski, Richard, Bishop John

- All in need of God’s healing grace.
- All those who serve in the Armed Forces of the United States.
- All those in Public Service, Police Officers and Fire Fighters.
- All Active And Retired Clergy of the Holy Polish National Catholic Church.
- All who have asked for our prayers.

We continue in prayer and intercession for one of the parishes or ministries in our Holy Polish National Catholic Church. This week we remember: Holy Savior Parish in Union City, CT its congregation and pastor, the Rev. Paul Dudek.

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

**Coffee Hour:** Coffee hour has returned. Join us after worship every Sunday. Thank you to Ed Bertasso and God bless you for your ministry of hospitality in providing for this time to gather after services every week.

**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. See Deacon Jim.