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Mission
“To Joyfully Preach, Teach, and Live the Word of God”

Theme
“One Hundred Fifty Years of Standing on the Rock”

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8:15—Malcolm Speed
11:00—Danny duMaine

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SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION
(Call for Appointment)

SUNDAY MASSES:
8:15 & 11:00 a.m.

DAILY MASSES:
Monday: 5:30 p.m.
(W, Th & F.) 11:30 a.m.
Tuesdays: 11:30 a.m.
Saturdays: 9:30 a.m.

MONDAY:
Eucharistic Adoration
4:30 p.m.—5:15 p.m.

TUESDAYS:
Exposition & Benediction:
10:30 a.m.—11:30 a.m. (1st—Tuesday) followed
by our Perpetual Help Novena & Mass
The story in today’s gospel about Zacchaeus has always been one of my favorite stories in the bible. I think it has been one of my favorites because it shows how Jesus really does reach out to the sinner, hoping that person turns away from their sins back to God. For me, this is the central theme in the gospels; God’s call to us and then our response to that call.

In this story, Zacchaeus is a tax collector, a sinner. Somehow he has heard about this marvelous preacher, Jesus, and he wants to get a look at him. In the story, although he is interested, he is not too brave. He doesn’t want to go up and confront Jesus in person but chooses to see Jesus from afar. He climbs a tree hoping to catch a glimpse of Jesus as he comes by. But Zacchaeus is on Jesus’s radar. He knows Zacchaeus has heard the promptings of God and is ready for something more. Jesus goes right over to the tree that Zacchaeus is hiding in and says that he wants to come over to Zacchaeus’ house. They have never met before, but Jesus is reaching out like they were childhood friends.

For years, the Catholic Church spent a lot of time and energy, trying to scare people into heaven. The church gave a litany of sins, mortal and venial, that was set up to frighten people of the wrath of God, but this can only work for a time, and it only goes so deep. Yes, on the surface people might be leading a moral life, but underneath they were resenting God for forcing them to live this way. This gospel shows us there can be another way of getting someone to change their lives. If Jesus had come to Zacchaeus with his list of Zacchaeus sins and trying to scare him, it would have sent Zacchaeus further up the tree like a frightened cat and may have come down. But Jesus recognizes this. He comes to Zacchaeus, reaching out in friendship. In this way, Zacchaeus’s heart melts, he is a sinner. He has cheated people out of their money. He is a crook. But Jesus’s approach changes Zacchaeus. Right then and there he promises to pay back those people he has cheated. Zacchaeus recognizes his own sinfulness and repents. If Jesus had not used this approach chances are Zacchaeus would have never changed his life.

There is a lesson in this story for us too. Notice that Jesus doesn’t make excuses for Zacchaeus. The invitation is there for change. Zacchaeus needs to change, but Jesus does what he does in a gentle way, this change can take place. When we ask people to change, we must be patient and kind. People will change, but they change when they are invited rather than demanded.

Have a nice week
THIRTY—FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

INTENTIONS 10/22/19
Cummings, Alice
George, Roberta
Schneider, Terri

INTENTIONS 10/29/19
Ambus, Ruby
Cloyd, Cori
Cloyd, Kalonda
George, Darrion
Jackson, Tamica
Parran, Kristin
Pickett, DaShawn
Reedy, Judy
Reedy, Sid
Smith, Paulette

SICKNESS 10/22/19
Atherton, Vertibe
Banks, Anita
Calhoun, Debi
Caprese, Brittany
Chapman, Bonnie
Cummings, Cleophes
Hame, (Bill) Wm
Harris, Tobey
Hood, Rosalind
Howard, Yvonne
LaBerta, Steve
Lane, Joan

Latham, Jean
Moore, Brenda
Reedy, Judy
Smith, Melba
Sickles, Laverne
Sickles, Jessica
Smith, Paulette
Sickles, Roy
Sickles, Roxy
Sickles, Ralph

SICKNESS 10/29/19
Ambus, Larry
Fisher, Kyle Fr.
Greer, Lois
Jones, Imani
Luster, Juanita
Morby, Jerry
Orlwerth, Gloria
Parran, Rodrick
Reedy, Christian
Sams, Mary
Valle Jr., Robert (Bobby)
Vaughn, Lodie
Voss, Greg
Watkins, Darnell (Chef D)

SHUT-IN’s
Atherton, Andrew
Bohannon, Ida
Brack, Dorothy
Clay, Irving
Lee, Rosemary

McCoy, Bernice
McCoy, Carolyn
Peters, Mae
Thomas, Bernice
Turner, Hortense

Pray for the Deceased
Pray for the repose of the soul of †Barbara Mccallebb

 Eternal rest, grant unto them, O Lord,
and let perpetual light shine upon them.
May the souls of the faithful departed
through the mercy of God rest in peace.
Amen

Ladders of Remembrance
Once again, we will remember our departed loved ones by placing their pictures on our Ladders of Remembrance during the month of November.

Please place your pictures in the basket near St. Josephs Altar. The Ladders will remain up through November 29th.

Please put your name and phone number on the reverse of your picture so we can return it to you.

The Word Was Made Flesh
and Dwell Among Us
Advent Reflection 2019

North City Deanery—Sunday, December 1st
3:00—5:00 p.m.
Presenter: Fr. Don Wester
Sts. Teresa and Bridget Church
2401 N. Grand Blvd.
St. Louis, MO 63106
314 381-1190
For more dates, times and locations or to register, visit www.catholicfaithstl.com/catholic-faith-stl-adults.
RELIGIOUS EDUCATION...

BAPTISM GUIDELINES:

Newborn – 6 years old. A parent or legal guardian and godparent(s) must attend a Baptism preparation class, instruction materials are provided.

Ages 7 – 10: The child must attend special Baptism preparation classes and the parent(s) or legal guardian and godparent(s) must attend a Baptism preparation session prior to the ceremony.

Ages 11 – 17: The young person must enroll in the Rite of Christian Initiation for Children (RCIC) program.

Age 18 and Older: The Candidate must enroll in the Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults (RCIA) program.

MATRIMONY – Engaged couples, seeking to be married at the Rock Church, must meet with the Pastor before setting a date.

RCIA/RCIC – ARE YOU SOMEONE OR DO YOU KNOW SOMEONE WHO...

• Has expressed an interest in becoming Catholic?

• Has a child over the age of seven who has not been baptized?

• Was baptized Catholic as a child, but has not celebrated the Sacraments of Confirmation and Eucharist?

We offer an opportunity to come together in a group to learn more about the Catholic Faith. Sessions focus on the teachings and experience of the Church and prepare individuals to celebrate the Sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation, and Eucharist. There are separate sessions for children and youth. You are welcome to participate in the process with your questions, insights and your faith story in a warm accepting setting.

For information on requesting any of the above Sacraments and/or to register for classes, please contact the Director of Religious Education, Sharon Cooney-Smith at 314-533-0304 ext. 1001, or via e-mail @ scooneysmith@stalphonsusrock.org.

LITURGY NOTES...

The National Black Catholic Clergy Caucus (NBCCC) of the United States voted on Tuesday, July 24, 1990 while meeting in convention at Fordham University in New York, to establish November as BLACK CATHOLIC HISTORY MONTH. The reason behind the selection of the month of November was the number of important dates to Catholics of African descent that fell within this month.

• Nov. 1 All Saints Day: an opportunity to review the lives of the hundreds of Saints of African descent in the first 300 years of the Church.

• Nov. 2 All Souls Day: a time to remember all those Africans lost to cruel treatment in the Middle Passage crossing of the Atlantic Ocean.

• Nov. 3 Martin de Porres became the first black American saint. He was canonized by Pope John XXIII on May 16, 1962. Throughout his life, St. Martin de Porres exemplified God’s love for all people, regardless of their level in society.

• Nov. 13 The birth of St. Augustine in 354 A.D., the first Doctor of the Church from North Africa.

• Nov. 20 The death of Zumbi of Palmares in Brazil, South American founder of a free state for Blacks.

The first celebration of Black Catholic History Month began in November of 1990 in various cities in the United States with the celebration of St. Martin de Porres Feast day. The liturgy celebrated the 350th anniversary of St. Martin’s transition from this life to eternal life. In Detroit on this day in 1990, Archbishop Adam Maida, the local Archbishop, was the celebrant for the Mass. Also present was the President of the NBCCC, Bro. Roy Smith, OSC. The Mass was held at St. Anthony Church.

In the world today there are 200 million people of African descent in the Roman Catholic Church throughout the world.
ANNOUNCEMENTS

GRILL TO GLORY
BRINGING LOVE TO A WOUNDED WORLD

Join Us For Fun,
Exercise, Games, and Food...
Rain or Shine! Free!!

We want to thank our church family for their prayers, condolences and support during the loss of our Matriarch of the family, Lillian Barnes. Your thoughtfulness, generosity and kindness was greatly appreciated. It warmed our hearts to see how much love was shown to our family during our difficult time.

Our Love,
The Barnes, Williams, Muldrow, Taylor and Clay Family

LWANGA CENTER/BLACK CATHOLIC CONGRESS
NATIONAL BLACK CATHOLIC HISTORY MONTH EVENT
Join us Sunday, November 3rd at 2:00 p.m. at St. Nicholas Parish Center, 1805 Lucas Ave., St. Louis, 63103.
The Lwanga Center and the National Black Catholic Congress Implementation Team invites you to celebrate Double-Feature Sainthood Sunday.
We will see and discuss “Two Suitcases”, a docu-drama perspective on the life of St. Josephine Bakhita, filmed in Italy. After an intermission we will view a Saints in the Making presentation about “Venerable Pierre Toussaint” told by Fr. Benedict Groeschel.
St. Nicholas Ladies Sodality will be selling dinners for $8.50 each ($1 for beverages) after the 10:30 a.m. Mass through 1:30 p.m. The church is located in the other wing of the complex at 701 N. 18th St.
You are invited to worship and fellowship prior to the History Month Presentations. Please call the Lwanga Center (314) 367-2929 to RSVP.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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WINNER’S CIRCLE CLUB MEMBERS
Your Buttons are Here!!!
Get yours from the Gift/Debit Card Sellers on Sunday
(Get a few gift/debit cards while you’re there!!)

If You’re Not a Member, it’s Not too Late to Join Registration Forms and Rules are with the Gift/Debit Card Sellers, every Sunday

From the Peace and Justice Committee
For the fifth year, the Rock Church will be participating in providing a weekly meal at a homeless shelter during the winter months.
The new Assisi House will open at 5075 Durant Ave. Rock Sunday Suppers will begin on November 17th. It is a men’s facility—17 men during the winter months; converting to 13 permanent residents after that. Other churches and groups have been amazed at the number of people participating from the Rock Church. We hope to have even more this year.
Please sign the sheets on both ushers’ tables and you will be contacted about when you can provide your dinner.

Protecting God’s Children Class
TODAY!
after the 8:15 a.m. Mass
Parish Hall, Room 113

PARISH EVENTS

November 10, 2019
Annual Card Party
One Mass
10:00 a.m.

November 28, 2019
Parish Office Closed
Thanksgiving Day
Mass 10:00 a.m.

November 29, 2019
Parish Office Closed

Mother Of Perpetual Help Devotion and Mass ‘Tuesdays’
11:30 a.m.

Eucharistic Adoration
Mondays’
4:30 p.m.—5:15 p.m.

What a beautiful thing to be able to sit quietly with the Lord. This will be followed by mass at 5:30 p.m.. I hope you can make time for Jesus.
Please use the entrance off the parking lot to enter the Church.

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#1 holiday hack:
When you buy your gifts at smile.amazon.com, Amazon donates.
Financial Corner...

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Stewardship Prayer…

That we may joyfully share the abundant gifts God has given to us.

"But Zacchaeus stood there and said to the Lord, ‘Behold, half of my possessions, Lord, I will give to the poor, and if I extorted anything from anyone I shall repay it four times over.’"

(Luke 19:8)

We are all called to gratefully give back to the Lord in proportion to the blessings we have been given. This means everyone isn’t called to give the same amount, but is called to give equal sacrifice. No amount is too small or insignificant! Open your heart, how is God calling you to be more generous with your financial resources and possessions?

Move to the Right is coming!

You will hear more about this in the coming weeks.

In preparation for our stewardship campaign we ask that you reflect on the following:

**Prayer for Generosity**

Lord Jesus,
Teacher me to be generous;
Teach me to serve you as you deserve,
To give and not to count the cost,
To fight and not to heed the wounds,
To toil and not to seek for rest,
To labor and not to seek reward,
Except that of knowing that I do your will.

Amen

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From the Card Party Committee...

**We Need:**

**Attendance Prizes**

(new, valued at $20 minimum)

And

**Silent / Live Auction**

(new, valued at $25 or more)

Bring these items to the church by early Saturday, November 9<sup>th</sup>. We ALL have a role to play to make the Nov. 10th largest fundraiser of the year a success for our beloved “ROCK” church.
OUR LADY OF PERPETUAL HELP PRAYER MEMORIALS

Tillie Mae Alexander, Hortense Anderson, Elizabeth Henckler Aton, Lillian Barnes
Mother Dorothy Granberry Bennett, Deacon Morris E. Bohannon, Willie Steve Bowens, Dorothy Brady
Theodore Branch, Jr., Irma King Brown, Kenita Bush, Anna Chopin, Betty Jean Colbert
Charmaine Davenport, Walterene Dougherty, Roger Downs, Sr., Sr. Antona Ebo, FSM, Jerome Fields
Ossie R. Foster, Queen E. Dunlap Fowler, Craig Franklin, Willie Goss, Ann Marie Hatchett
Cherry Ophelia Jackson, Mark Jones, Mother Ruth Jones, Eldwyn Lewis, Leon Zack McClendon
Marshall Mosley, Lucille Palmer, Kathy Lin Cheers Parran, Drenea Sanders, Eugene Sanders
Christine Slaughter, Irma Steen, Susan Colbert Threats, Ralph Tyler, Robert Joseph Valle, Juanita West
Marlene Williams, Richard Williams, Clarence Zacher

SACRAMENTAL PREPARATION
Sharon Cooney-Smith, DRE
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RCIA/RCIC
Children’s Liturgy of the Word
Baptism
First Reconciliation
First Communion
Confirmation
Matrimony

COMMISSIONS & CHAIRS
Christian Formation  Jean Anthony
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Finance & Adm.      Monica Huddleston
Liturgy             Richard Buckley
Social Life         Rose Graham
Youth & Young Adults TBD

PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL
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Rhonda Graham         TBD

ATTENTION
If your telephone number or address has changed, please contact the office at 533-0304. You may also put your updated information in the locked multipurpose box located on the north-side entrance ushers’ table.

Bulletin announcements must be in the office by 12 noon Tuesdays. Please fax items to 314 533-4260 or e-mail to parish130@archstl.org

ANOINTING OF THE SICK & VISITS

"Is anyone sick among you? Call in the priests of the church and they will pray for the sick person and anoint them with oil." (James) This is the sacrament of the sick. ARE YOU SERIOUSLY SICK, GOING TO THE HOSPITAL OR HAVING AN OPERATION? Call and leave your hospital information at the office.