

PARISH CALENDAR

Thirty-first Sunday
in Ordinary Time

November 3, 2019

Forsake me not, my God

Saturday, Nov 2	..... 5:00 p.m.	Mass, Aloha Sunday
Sunday, Nov 3	..... 7:00 a.m.	Mass, Aloha Sunday
	..... 9:00 a.m.	Mass, Aloha Sunday
	..... 10:45 a.m.	Religious Education
	..... 5:00 p.m.	Mass, Aloha Sunday
Monday, Nov 4	..... 7:45 a.m.	Morning Prayer
	..... 8:00 a.m.	Mass
	..... 9:00-11:00 a.m.	Food Pantry Open
Tuesday, Nov 5	..... 7:45 a.m.	Morning Prayer
	..... 8:00 a.m.	Mass
Wednesday, Nov 6	..... 7:45 a.m.	Morning Prayer
	..... 8:00 a.m.	FUNERAL MASS - JUANA RAMONES (+)
	..... 9:00-11:00 a.m.	Food Pantry Open
Thursday, Nov 7	..... 8:00 a.m.	Mass
	..... 7:30 p.m.	Prayer Meeting - Church
Friday, Nov 8	..... 8:00 a.m.	Mass
	..... 9:00-11:00 a.m.	Food Pantry Open
Saturday, Nov 9	..... 4:00-4:45 p.m.	Confession
	..... 5:00 p.m.	Mass

NEXT SUNDAY READINGS:

Macc:7:1-2, 9-14: *The story of extraordinary faith in the resurrection.*

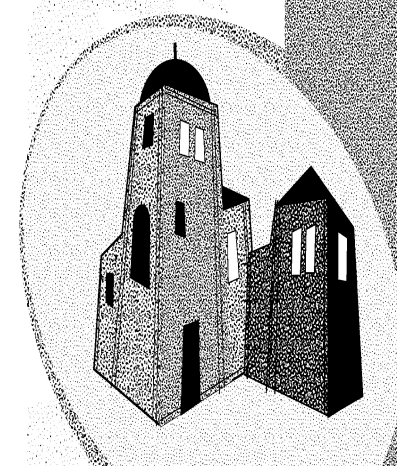
2 Thess: 2:16-3:5: *The Lord will strengthen you and guard you from the evil one."*

Luke:20:27-38: *To God, all are alive!*

The Book of Wisdom was written by faithful Hellenized Jews living in Alexandria, Egypt. The original text, written in Greek in the last century B.C., has never been included in the Hebrew canon of Sacred Scripture. Alexandria was the center of culture and learning in the Mediterranean area. Many Jews who fled Israel settled in this vibrant, intellectually stimulating city. Here they rubbed elbows with cosmopolitan, individualistic, skeptical people who were impatient with the old ways. The Book of Wisdom took up the challenge of explaining and defending the history and traditions of Israel. The leaders and scholars of Israel did not think it necessary to jettison their faith for the newest scientific discovery or religious theory. They were not baffled or threatened by new learning; they did not curl up and die or whine or complain. The first reading today responds to the scientists who were uncovering the mysteries of the physical world and to philosophers who were busily dividing the world into a warring dualism between principles of good and evil. Against this trendy new (but old) dualism, we learn of a transcendent creator God of the whole universe who loves "all things that are" and holds everything in existence.

When Zacchaeus scrambled up the sycamore tree, he had long since given up on a God who kept him in existence. Zacchaeus used all the skill and cunning he possessed not only to keep himself in existence, but to prosper financially. He laughed all the way to the bank and didn't care much about incurring the enmity of the poor, who didn't count for much anyway. Zacchaeus seemed far from God, far from the wisdom of Israel. Not much got by Zacchaeus; all his antennae were out. He was curious to see what this Jesus was like and, ever resourceful, he shinned up the tree, where he could easily see Jesus make his way down the road. And Jesus could easily see him—could see him through and through, in fact, and ripe for the picking. So Jesus invited himself to Zacchaeus' house. Delighted, Zacchaeus rose to his full stature, and suddenly and newly self-conscious, defended himself and Jesus from the murmurs of the crowd, which couldn't decide which was worse, Jesus dining with sinners or Zacchaeus identified as one. Copyright © 2003, World Library Publications. All rights reserved

**TODAY
SALVATION HAS
COME
TO THIS HOUSE**



**FOR THE SON OF MAN HAS COME
TO SEEK AND SAVE WHAT WAS LOST**

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

NOVEMBER MONTH OF ALL SOULS: The month of November is set aside to reflect and remember those who have gone before us. During November, all Masses said at St. Rita will be said for the deceased members of our parish families and friends. **NO OTHER MASS INTENTIONS WILL BE ACCEPTED.** The book of remembrance is at the back of church where you may place your loved one's name and the parish will pray for all those who have died.

ARCHDIOCESE FOR THE MILITARY SERVICES, USA:

Next weekend our parish will take up the Collection for the Archdiocese for the Military Services, USA (AMS). Established by Saint John Paul II in 1985, the AMS is the only U. S. diocese responsible for providing pastoral care to men and women serving the U. S. Armed Forces, enrolled at a U. S. Military Academy, being treated as a patient at any of the 153 U. S. Department of Veterans Affairs Medical Centers, or working for the federal government beyond U. S. Borders - including those from our own parish and diocese. Including families, AMS priests and deacons serve approximately 1.8 million Catholics who hail from 50 states and U. S. territories. While the salaries and retirement of Catholic Military chaplains are paid by the U. S. Government, the AMS does not receive any funding from the government or military for program and administrative costs. To learn more about the AMS, go to www.milarch.org/nationalcollection. Please give generously. Envelopes are attached to this week's bulletin.

UNPLANNED the anti-abortion movie that is getting mainstream attention **will be shown Saturday, November 30 after 5pm Mass at St. Jude's in Makakilo.** All adults and older teens are encouraged to view this movie. Because the movie industry has rated this pro life film "R", **anyone 17 or under MUST be accompanied by their parent or guardian.** While the film-makers were certain they were making a PG-13 film, the MPAA has informed them that it will, in fact, be **rated R** unless all scenes of abortions are removed or altered. The movie runs hour and 50 minutes.

WORD OF LIFE: "God never stops offering each of us his mercy, 'a concrete reality with which he reveals his love' (MV 6)." *USCCB Secretariat of Pro-Life Activities, "Reflection: Moved by Mercy (Excerpt from Misericordiae vultus, © 2015, Libreria Editrice Vaticana. Used with permission. All rights reserved)*

WEEKLY READINGS

Nov 3 Sun: 31st Sunday in Ordinary Time
Wis:11:22-12:2; Ps:145; 2 The:1:11-2:2; Lk:19:1-10
Nov 4 Mon: Saints Charles Borromeo, Bishop
Rom:11:29-36; Ps:69:30-31, 33-34, 36; Lk:14:12-14
Nov 5 Tue: Ordinary Weekday
Rom:12:5-16b; Ps:131:1bcde, 2, 3; Lk:14: 15-24
Nov 6 Wed: Ordinary Weekday
Rom:13:8-10; Ps:112:1b-2, 4-5, 9; Lk:14:25-33
Nov 7 Thur: Ordinary Weekday
Rom:14:7-12; Ps:27:1bcde, 4, 13-14; Lk:15:1-10
Nov 8 Fri: Ordinary Weekday
Rom:15:14-21; Ps:98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4; Lk:16:1-8
Nov 9 Sat: Dedication of the Lateran Basilica
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

Long Memory

Each Sunday's readings bring us back to the source of our very soul. Those things we would like to forget, but must not, are set before us. Those things we delight in remembering are also called to mind. These deepest and richest memories are vital to our individual and shared life, for as Yogi Berra once so piquantly reminded us, "Someday it won't hurt to remember stuff like this."

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Reflection

Zacchaeus is anxious to balance his accounts and get over to the credit side as quickly as possible. His spirited self-defense is accompanied by a promise of amendment. This draws from Jesus a statement not unlike that from today's first reading. Zacchaeus, who receives Jesus into his house, is himself the recipient of salvation. The God who loves all things, hates nothing, and spares all things is the God of Abraham and of this son of Abraham, who this day is "coming home." Zacchaeus, who long ago had given up searching for God's salvation, receives it from the God who searched for him and comes this day to his house for dinner. After Zacchaeus has spent the better part of his adult life cheating justice, he learns about mercy. His modus operandi is completely reversed this day. For the rest of his life, he will live as a person sought and found and saved by a God who is anxious for his soul. Copyright © 2003, World Library Publications. All rights reserved

