

PARISH CALENDAR

Thirty-first Sunday
in Ordinary Time

October 30, 2022

My soul is thirsting
for the living God.



Saturday, October 29	..... 5:00 p.m.	Mass
Sunday, October 30	..... 7:00 a.m.	Mass
	..... 9:00 a. m.	Mass (Live Stream)
	..... 5:00 p.m.	Mass
Monday, October 31	..... 8:00 a. m.	Mass
	..... 9:30-11:00 a.m.	Food Pantry Open
Tuesday, November 1	..... 8:00 a.m.	Mass
Wednesday, November 2	..... 8:00 a.m.	Mass
	..... 9:30-11:00 a.m.	Food Pantry Open
Thursday, November 3	..... 8:00 a. m.	Mass
Friday, November 4	..... 8:00 a. m.	Communion Service
Saturday, November 5	..... 10:00-12 pm	Confession - 87-1511 Nakii St.
	..... 5:00 p.m.	Mass

NEXT SUNDAY READINGS:

2 Mc:7:1-2, 9-14: Even their torturers marveled at the heroism of the seven Maccabee brothers who trusted in God and faced death with courage.

2 Thes:2:16-3:5: Paul prayed that God the Father, who consoled him, also comfort and strengthen the saints of the Thessalonian church.

Lk:20:27-38: When some Sadducees tried to trap Jesus with some legal questions, he showed them god's power over life and the Lord's love for the living

(Masks are optional but encouraged)

We continue to Live Stream the Sunday Mass @ 9:00 a. m. @ <https://www.stritananakuli.org/livestream> or https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCepqtr_VuHL7R-MjmZpe7Cg/

REFLECTING ON GOD'S WORD

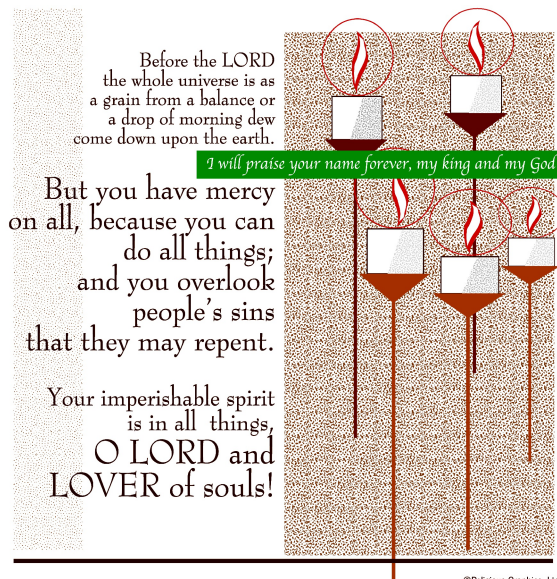
Luke sketches his characters quickly but with precision, telling us all we need to know to appreciate the situation. Zacchaeus was chief tax collector, a wealthy man, and short. Most important, he was a seeker, trying to catch sight of Jesus. Because of the crowd Jesus attracted as he was passing through town and because of his height, Zacchaeus had to climb a tree. His stature might not have been the only reason why. Tax collectors were nobody's favorite; they collaborated with the Roman occupiers and became rich to the detriment of their own people. Up a tree would have been the safest location for a tax collector in a crowd.

What makes this story so appealing is the joy that both Jesus and Zacchaeus show in meeting each other. "Come down quickly," Jesus says, "for today I must stay at your house" (Luke 19:50). Zacchaeus drops quickly and receives Jesus with joy. The crowd, however, does not share in this joy. They grumble about a prophet eating with a sinner! But Zacchaeus holds his ground, saying that if—notice the "if"—he has defrauded anyone, he will make amends four-fold, keeping to the strictest restitution demanded by the law. Jesus, not to be overdone in generosity, proclaims: "Today salvation has come to this house" (19:9), adding that this is why he came in the first place, "to seek and save what was lost" (19:10).

Sometimes we can find ourselves "up a tree," even in our relationship with God. Remember Zacchaeus. Jesus brought him down safely and restored him to the community. This is why he still comes into our lives: to bring salvation to our own house.

—James A. Wallace, C.S.S.R.

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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.** Beginning, **Wednesday, November 2nd** the book of remembrance will be placed in the church where you may place your love ones's name and the parish will pray for all those who have died.

WORLD MISSION SUNDAY: THANK YOU for your generous response to the collection for the society for Propagation of the Faith last weekend on World Mission Sunday. You may stay connected year-round to the Pope's missions, continuing the commitment of World Mission Sunday, by visiting www.MISSIO.ORG.

WORD OF LIFE: "The mystery of the redemption of the human person is rooted in the loving involvement of God with human suffering. Hope is always possible. To those who care for the sick, the scene of the Cross provides a way of understanding that even when it seems that there is nothing more to do there remains much to do, because "remaining" by the side of the sick is a sign of love and of the hope that it contains. Healed by Jesus, we become men and women called to proclaim his healing power and provide care for our neighbors, until the very end." *USSCCB Secretariat of Pro-Life Activities "The Witness of the Good Samaritan: Palliative Care and Hospice".*

WEEKLY READINGS

Oct 30 Sun: 31ST Sunday in Ordinary Time

Wis:11:22-12:2; Ps:145; 2 Thes:1:11-2:2; Lk:19:1-10

Oct 31 Mon: Ordinary Weekday

Phil:2:1-4; Ps:131:1bcde, 2, 3; Lk:14:12-14

Nov 1 Tue: All Saints

Rev:7:2-4, 9-14; Ps:24; 1 Jn:3:1-3; Mt:5:1-12a

Nov 2 Wed: All Soul

Wis:3:1-9; Ps:23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6; Rom:5:5-11; Jn:6:37-40

Nov 3 Thur: Ordinary Weekday

Phi:3:3-8a; Ps:105:2-3, 4-5, 6-7; Lk:15:3-10

Nov 4 Fri: Saint Charles Borromeo, Bishop

Phil:3:17-4:1; Ps:122:1-2, 3-4ab, 4cd-5; Lk:16:1-8

Nov 5 Sat: Ordinary Weekday

Phil:4:10-19; Ps:112:1b-2, 5-6, 8a & 9; Lk:16:9-15

NOTES ON STEWARDSHIP

The Gospel story of Jesus' encounter with Zacchaeus makes for an ideal stewardship reflection. So does today's first reading from the Book of Wisdom. Good stewards have faith in, and give thanks for, any almighty and powerful God who transcends the universe, but who gives personal attention to every human being. God loves his creation his people. He lives in them, and through his Holy Spirit, instills a fundamental goodness in them. Good stewards recognize this movement of the Spirit as a gift, and make efforts to cultivate this gift and grow in their faith. Take time this week to stop and look around you, be aware of God's awe-inspiring creation, and give thanks for God's loving care and concern for each of us. **(International Catholic Stewardship Council)**

STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE

MAHALO FOR SHARING YOUR TREASURE

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GENTLE MERCY

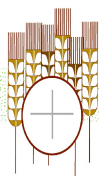
When you regard a single grain of sand or a single drop of morning dew, it looks quite small. And it is. When God looks upon each of us, we look quite small. And we are. We feel especially small when we become aware of our sins. We acknowledge with some embarrassment the evil we have done, the people we have hurt, the lies we have told, and the cover-ups we have made. The awareness of our sin fills us with remorse and diminishes our stature. If our sin becomes public, we want to hide, to go home, and to make ourselves as small as we possibly can.

We do all this as if we could hide from God. We cannot. God notices the tiniest grain of sand and the single drop of morning dew. And God notices us. God notices the tiniest things we do — for good or for ill.

When we sin, when we feel small, we need not hide from God. We can appear before God quite openly and acknowledge the wrong we have done. God will forgive. God sees the intimacy of our lives and loves it.

As the Book of Wisdom says, "You have mercy on all, because you can do all things; and you overlook people's sins that they may repent."

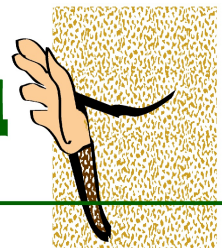
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LIFTS UP ALL
WHO ARE
FALLING



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