Our Lady of Lourdes Church

ALL SOULS' DAY MASS

FEAST OF ALL SOULS *Remembrance*

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

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Dear Brothers and Sisters of Our Lady of Lourdes,

The setting of the Gospel this Sunday is the sycamore tree in Jericho from which Zacchaeus the tax collector sees and encounters Jesus.

Zacchaeus – Grace Comes to the Tax Collector
By Dr. Marcellino D'Ambrosio

Zacchaeus was an especially successful tax collector and therefore an exceptionally hated man. On the road to Jericho, from the limb of a Sycamore tree, this blood-sucking vampire caught a glimpse of mercy and grace and had to make a choice.

Tax collectors have never been popular. But in Judea and Galilee during the Roman era, they were particularly hated. It was bad enough that they collaborated with the foreign oppressors. It's understandable that the Jews felt about the same thing for the Romans as the French did for the occupying Nazis in World War II.

TAX COLLECTORS AS VAMPIRES

But the Roman system of "tax farming" made tax collectors especially despised. The Romans wanted to collect as much tax as they could without tying up their own personnel. So they recruited locals and gave them a percentage of what was collected. The more a tax collector could wring out of the people, the more he could keep.

So these blood-sucking vampires profited off their countrymen's misfortune. In so doing, they helped raise the necessary funds to finance the Romans' brutal repression of the chosen people. Obviously, these parasites were repugnant to all decent, God-fearing people. They were the enemies of God Himself.

ZACCHAEUS AND GRACE

Zacchaeus should have known that there was no hope for him. After all, he had done a particularly good job of extorting money from his countryman, for Luke 19:1 says Zacchaeus was a wealthy man.

But when Jesus came to Jericho, Zacchaeus just had to "see what he was like." In John 6:44, Jesus says "no one can come to me unless the Father draws Him." The tug that Zacchaeus felt inside was the grace of God drawing him to his Son. Chances are that God wished to draw others to come out into the street and see the Savior of the world. But many probably were just too busy and resisted what they thought was just idle curiosity.

ZACCHAEUS TAKES ACTION

Zacchaeus, on the other hand, not only dropped what he was doing, but went to great lengths to respond to this inner prompting of grace. He had a hard time seeing, for he was "small of stature." So he tried to run in front of the crowd, and ultimately climbed a sycamore tree to get a good view of the celebrity.

There were many in the crowd. But Jesus zeroed right in on the short man in the tree. He had never met him, but called him by name: "Zacchaeus, hurry down, for I mean to stay at your house today."

To understand how shocking this was, consider that Jews made themselves ritually impure by entering the house of a public sinner. But this, of course, was not any Jew. A sinner could not make Him impure. Rather, He would purify the sinner.

Jesus saw past Zacchaeus' crimes and into his heart, which was open to the grace that prompted him to climb that tree. Inviting himself to the tax-collector's home meant an offer of forgiveness, mercy, acceptance by God. People knew this, and were stunned. They began to grumble.

REPENTANCE AS LETTING GO

But Zacchaeus "stood his ground." He was determined not to be shamed out of his chance at redemption. He instinctively knew that accepting Jesus into his home meant that his life had to change. His wealth had come at the expense of his people. Clinging to it would mean letting Jesus go. He had to choose. "I give half my belongings, Lord, to the poor. If I have defrauded anyone in the least, I pay him back fourfold."

Notice that he did not buy his forgiveness through this almsgiving. Mercy had already been offered to him. Salvation came to Zacchaeus not by his initiative, but by God's. Grace moved him out to the street and up the tree. And the offer to do lunch together was pure grace.

Yet Zacchaeus could have declined the offer. God is not about forced entry. The door must be opened from the inside. We must make the decision to yield to His mercy and receive the gift. And to receive the gift means that our hands must be empty. We have to let go of some things if we want to grasp the hand of Christ. Like stolen goods, for example.

For Zacchaeus, it was a no-brainer. What he had to give up was nothing compared to what he was being offered. Is the choice as clear to us?

Zacchaeus the tax collector who climbed a Sycamore tree to see Jesus as he walked through Jericho, shows us the repentance that is the true fruit of grace and mercy. This post reflects on the readings for the 31st Sunday in Ordinary Time, cycle C (Wisdom 11: 22-12,1, Psalm 145, 2 Thes. 1:11-2,2 and Luke 19:1-10). (Source: https://www.crossroadsinitiative.com/media/articles/zacchaeus-look-whos-coming-to-dinner/)

In Christ's Peace,
Father Jim Ferry

MASS INTENTIONS

SATURDAY 29 OCTOBER
5:30 pm Fran Glennon

SUNDAY 30 OCTOBER
7:30 am The People of the Parish
9:30 am Andrew James Bruno
11:30 am Renato Abad (7th Ann.)

MONDAY 31 OCTOBER
8:30 am Michael & Matilda O'Boyle

TUESDAY 1 NOVEMBER
7:00 am The People of the Parish
8:30 am The People of the Parish
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*HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION

WEDNESDAY 2 NOVEMBER
8:30 am All Souls Novena of Masses
7:00 pm All Souls Day Mass and Reading of Names

THURSDAY 3 NOVEMBER
8:30 am All Souls Novena of Masses

FRIDAY 4 NOVEMBER
8:30 am All Souls Novena of Masses

SATURDAY 5 NOVEMBER
5:30 pm All Souls Novena of Masses

SUNDAY 6 NOVEMBER
7:30 am All Souls Novena of Masses
9:30 am All Souls Novena of Masses
11:30 am All Souls Novena of Masses

This week's Sanctuary Candle, a gift from Marissa & Tony Matias is in memory of **THE DECEASED MEMBERS OF THE ABAD & MATIAS FAMILIES**

This week's Bread & Wine, a gift from Rachelle Brown is in memory of **ROGER APOLLON**

Brendan Byrne
Michael DiPirro
Rita Diviasi
Eva Donnelly
Catherine Gascoyn
Amy Lejano
John Mooney
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If you wish to have a friend or loved one prayed for, please call the Rectory at 973-325-0110.

CHURCH CALENDAR

SUNDAY 30 OCTOBER
7:30 am Mass in Church
9:30 am Mass in Church
11:30 am Mass in Church
6:30 pm Rosary at Grotto nightly

MONDAY 31 OCTOBER
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Last Night 6:30 pm Rosary at Grotto nightly

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THURSDAY 3 NOVEMBER
10:00 am Deadline for News & Announcements for Nov. 13th bulletin— call the Rectory at 973-325-0110.

FRIDAY 3 NOVEMBER
5:30—7:30 pm Eucharistic Adoration

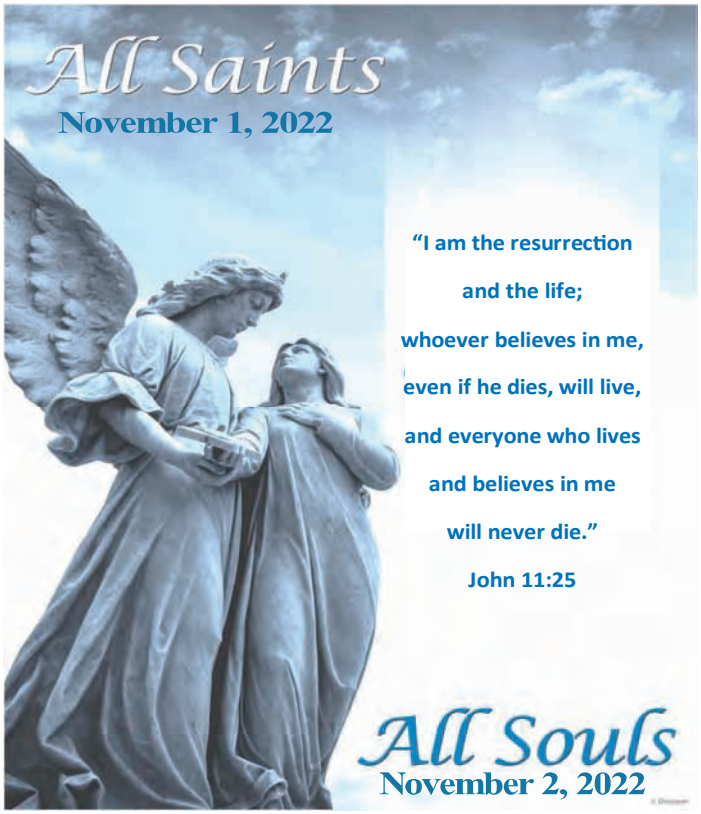
SATURDAY 5 NOVEMBER
9:30—10:30 am EGC— C. Hall, Chapel, Café.
4:15—5:00 pm Confessions in Church
5:30 pm Mass in Church

SUNDAY 6 NOVEMBER
7:30 am Mass in Church
9:00 am Rosary in Church
9:30 am Founders Day Mass, Church
9:30—11:30 am MHS Rel. Ed. -Mass & C. Hall
11:30 am Mass in Church

Celebrating Our 108th Anniversary

WEEKEND MINISTRY SCHEDULE NOV 5 - NOV 6, 2022

Mass	Lectors	Eucharistic Ministers		
5:30 pm	Joy Hayward	Emily Kunz		
7:30 am	Mary Cassels	Lou Volpe		
9:30 am Choir	Carol Ford	Sonia Murphy		
11:30 am	Carmelita Dizon	Espie Cain		



EUCHARISTIC ADORATION

1ST FRIDAY OF THE MONTH

November 4, 2022

5:30–7:30 pm in Church

Join Us!

Jesus is waiting for You!

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS
WEST ORANGE COUNCIL #5519

Sunday, 30th of OCTOBER 2022

8:30 am - 11:30 am

CONNOR HALL

$10 DONATION - ADULTS AND CHILDREN 13 & OVER
$5 CHILDREN 6-12
(No charge for any child 5 & under)

Pancakes, sausage, eggs, juice, and coffee will be served.

Please make plans for you and your family to attend. All proceeds will go towards supporting local charities in the West Orange area.

Annual Appeal Update

(Goal Achieved for 2022)

Thank you for your support toward the Lourdes parish Annual Appeal Goal before the June 30 deadline which has resulted in both a 2022 reduction of $15,000 in assessment expenses and an additional surplus refund.

As of October 17, 2022 your giving to the Annual Appeal 2022 amounts to $34,733.50. Through your generosity, our surplus as of October 17 is $6,523.50.

If you would like to make a gift, your gift will increase the surplus refund for Lourdes Parish. Call Father Jim Ferry with any questions.

Fr. Jim Ferry, Pastor

PARISH GIVING

FISCAL YEAR STARTING JULY 2022

WEEKLY GOAL	$ 6800
Collection*: October 15-16*	**$ 4437**
Deficit:	$ 2363

*** Includes Online Giving Weekly Average Deposit**

For Your Stewardship of Time, Talent and Treasure.

At Our Parish

Tuesday, November 1:

Holy Day of Obligation

All Saints Day—Mass at 7:00 am, 08:30 am and 7:00 pm (Evening)

Wednesday, November 2:

All Souls Day—Mass at 8:30 am and Evening Mass with reading of names at 7:00 pm

The Annual Christmas Giving Tree will be up in November.

Please bring the gifts to Church by Sunday, December 11, 2022 before the 11:30 am Mass

Sunday, November 6:

Founders Day Mass at 09:30 am

Day Lights savings Time ends

Thursday, November 24:

Thanksgiving Day—Mass at 8:30 am (Rectory Office Closed)

Friday, November 25:

(Rectory Office Closed)

First Sunday of Advent, November 27:

Saturday Mass—5:30 pm

Sunday Masses—7:30 am, 9:30 am, & 11:30 am

Wednesday, November 30:

Last Day to buy Raffle Tickets.

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