

31st SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

October 30, 2022

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GO UP IN A TREE

Zacchaeus was a tax collector and a wealthy man; it is likely he had amassed his wealth by charging more taxes than were due. While materially wealthy, he was derided by his fellow Jews, known as a sinner, isolated from the company of his people. He had become curious about Jesus. So much so that he climbed a tree to see Jesus as he passed by. And from that vantage point, he saw his weaknesses and failings clearly. When Jesus called, he responded, a changed man. Are we ready to go up in a tree of prayer and reflection, peer into our hearts and lives, and grow in r e a d i n e s s t o c h a n g e ?

COME DOWN QUICKLY

“Come down quickly, for today I must stay at your house.” Jesus’ call to Zacchaeus was likely as surprising to Zacchaeus as it was to those who watched this encounter. The Gospel story is not only about Zacchaeus’ change of heart. It is also about Jesus’ eagerness to bring Zacchaeus into the fold, to show him mercy and forgiveness, to “seek and to save what was lost.” Jesus calls us out of our sinfulness, too. He is ready to forgive and to stay with us, to be near to us as we embrace new life as his disciples. Zacchaeus claimed his sinfulness and named what he would do to repair his relationship with God and others. This is what we do in the sacrament of Reconciliation—we name our sins, make a promise to do penance, repair our relationship with God and others, and receive forgiveness, restored in our relationship with Christ. Reflect on Zacchaeus’ example: what failings and sinfulness do you need to claim? Are you ready to hear Jesus’ call to you? Come down quickly. Receive the mercy of the Lord and know that salvation can be yours.

TODAY’S READINGS: Wis 11:22 - 12:2; Ps 145:1-14; 2 Thes 1:11 - 2:2; Lk 19:1-10

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SUBIR A UN ÁRBOL

Zaqueo era un recaudador de impuestos y un hombre rico; es probable que hubiera amasado su riqueza cobrando más impuestos de los debidos. Aunque era materialmente rico, sus compañeros judíos se burlaban de él, lo consideraban un pecador y lo aislaban de la compañía de su pueblo. Sin embargo, sintió curiosidad por Jesús. Tanto es así que se subió a un árbol para ver a Jesús cuando pasaba por allí. Y desde ese punto de vista, vio claramente sus debilidades y defectos. Cuando Jesús le llamó, respondió, un hombre cambiado. ¿Estamos dispuestos a subirnos a un árbol para orar y reflexionar, asomarnos a nuestro corazón y a nuestra vida, y crecer en la disposición al cambio?

BAJA RÁPIDO

“Baja pronto, porque hoy debo quedarme en tu casa”. Es probable que la llamada de Jesús a Zaqueo haya sido tan sorprendente para éste como para los que presenciaron este encuentro. El relato del Evangelio no sólo trata del cambio de corazón de Zaqueo. También trata del afán de Jesús por llevar a Zaqueo al redil, por mostrarle misericordia y perdón, por “buscar y salvar lo que estaba perdido”. Jesús también nos llama a salir de nuestra pecaminosidad. Está dispuesto a perdonar y a quedarse con nosotros, a estar cerca de nosotros mientras abrazamos una nueva vida como discípulos suyos. Zaqueo reclamó su pecaminosidad y nombró lo que haría para reparar su relación con Dios y con los demás. Esto es lo que hacemos en el sacramento de la Reconciliación: nombramos nuestros pecados, hacemos una promesa de hacer penitencia, reparamos nuestra relación con Dios y con los demás, y recibimos el perdón, restaurados en nuestra relación con Cristo. Reflexiona sobre el ejemplo de Zaqueo: ¿qué faltas y pecados tienes que reclamar? ¿Estás dispuesto a escuchar la llamada de Jesús? Baja pronto. Recibe la misericordia del Señor y sabe que la salvación puede ser tuya.

LECTURAS DE HOY: Sab 11:22 - 12:2; Sal 145:1-14; 2 Tes 1:11 - 2:2; Lc 19:1-10

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Please Pray for the Sick

Prayer List Updates



Suzanne Gutierrez	Frank Rodriguez	Adam Alonzo, Jr.
Syl Vasquez, Jr.	Julissa Rodriguez	Raymond Serna
Sarah Contreras	Kay Towers	Mary Martinez
Marty Carrera Tobias	Miliana Bullock	Mark Martinez
Frances Lozano	Hope Esquivel	Cecilia Rodriguez
Irma Urias	Terri Moreno	Albert Rodriguez
Mary S. Martinez	Lydia Soriano	Albert Casillas
Gina Gonzales	AB Cruz	Robert Sanchez
Galilea Romero	Robert Cruz	Santos Tello
Flora Torres	Celia Garcia	Fred Guerra
Iris Luna Sullivan	Isidoro & Angie Muñoz	Marie Weaver
Sandy Guerra	Deacon J. Rodriguez	Vanessa Quintero
Abraham Guerra	Joanne Almager	Mary Alice Vasquez
Emma O. Velasquez	Antonia Degollado	Heath Herring
Leticia Lopez Barrera	Baby Zaylee Gaitan	Joe Cevallos
Leticia Martinez	Jeanette Ortiz	Roberta Garza
Kenny De La Rosa	Bobby Rollins	Jennifer Olivarez
Virginia Morales	Darlene Lopez	Juanita Martinez
Raymond Sarabia	George Garnica	Maria Rios

We thank God for the healing of so many sick parishioners. Please be courteous and call the Parish Office if your loved one is no longer suffering or sick. Thank you.

STEWARDSHIP FOR WEEK ENDING OCT 23, 2022

5 PM Mass	-\$ 321.00
9 AM Mass	-\$ 748.00
11 AM Mass	-\$ 1,256.21
World Mission	-\$ 263.00 2nd Collection
Religious Education	-\$ 169.31
Mail In	-\$ 432.00
On Line	-\$ 50.00
Gift of Giving	-\$ 169.31
TOTAL	\$3,423.52



SECOND COLLECTION

October 30, 2022 - Religious Education

2022 GIFT OF GIVING

Contributions ending Oct. 23, 2022	\$ 169.31
TOTAL	\$ 10,981.18

Announcements

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Saturday, October 29

5:00 p.m. † Henry Z. Vidal - Castorena Family
† Antonio Sambrano - Wife Leonor & Family
Gift of Life Angie Diaz - Family
Anniversary of
Giselle & Val Velasquez - Mom

Sunday, October 30

9:00 a.m. † Belen Granados - Familia
† Angelic Weddel - Aunt
† Mr. Guadalupe Treviño - Nora Treviño
† Jesus Armando Garai - Garai Family
† Margarita Ventura - Family
† Daniel C. & Maria Arzola - Familia
† Domingo Cantu - Oralia Cantu

11:00 a.m. † Paul Salinas - Wife
† Ryan Sanchez - Family
† Nasario & Estella Jaramillo - Family
† Paul & Drew Luna - Family
† Louis P. Jaramillo - Family
† Pablo Castellano - Teresa Arzola
† Jose Juventino Arzola - Teresa Arzola

Monday, October 31

Tuesday, November 1 - ALL SAINTS' DAY

8:15 a.m. † Justin Rey Martinez - Family

7:00 p.m.

Wednesday, November 2 - ALL SOULS' DAY

7:00 p.m. † Jose, Juana & Jesus Castillo - Family
† Kathy C. Vidal - Socorro & Raquel
† Isidro Mata - Kim & Khloey Mata
† Juan Velasquez - Daughter
† Robert Gallegos, Sr. - Wife & Children
† Daniel Romero - Family
† Paul Salinas - Family
† Tomas Diaz - Olga Diaz
† Maria De Jesus Cantu - Oralia Cantu
† Rafael M. Cantu - Oralia Cantu
† Robert Ortiz - Grace Ortiz, Wife & Family

Thursday, November 3 - ST. MARTIN DE PORRES

12:00 p.m. † Roland Lozano - Family

Friday, November 4 - ST. CHARLES BORROMEIO

12:00 p.m. † Inez De Los Santos - Mom Mary De Los Santos
In Thanksgiving Chad & Chantal - Mom

Dear Parishioners and Friends:

I have nominated Mrs. Kimberly Mata as a recipient of the 2023 Lumen Gentium Award. Mrs. Kimberly Mata, a widow, has been a member of St. John Berchmans parish for several years. She is dependable, friendly, yet reserved, practices the Christian faith, knowledgeable, very professional, and treats everyone with respect and patience. She is well-known and well-liked among the parishioners because of her involvement in several ministries. She is a member of the Leaders of the Parish, ACTS organization, JOY Ministry, Youth Program, CCD Catechist, Quinceañera Coordinator, and a Lector at the 11am Mass. Mrs. Mata also serves as the Synod Parish Representative. She will also be a part of the Festival Planning Committee.

Kimberly Mata is an excellent example to others who are involved in Church service because she seriously commits to tasks at hand and does an excellent job. I believe Mrs. Kimberly Mata is well deserving of this award.

It is my responsibility to inform you that our Shepherd Archbishop Gustavo Garcia-Siller has urged us to offer you not only the Holy Body of Christ but also the precious Blood of Christ. It is up to each one of you to receive the precious blood of Christ if you choose to. In conclusion, according to the Archbishop Garcia-Siller it will be your option to receive the precious Blood of Christ. We intend to begin offering the Precious Blood on the first week of Advent

I invite you to join your fellow westside parishioners for a Westside San Antonio Assembly that will be held on November 5, 2022 from 8:00 in the morning thru 1:00 in the afternoon. Three workshops have been scheduled: The Real Presence of Christ in the Holy Eucharist, the Holy Mass and the Church's Mission. This will take place at St. Jude's Catholic Church. Make a special effort to attend.

As of October 9th, 2022, 315 desks have been sponsored for the children at Mumiaminyi, Disangayi and Muoyo Mupeluke elementary schools situated in the city of Kananga, in the Democratic Republic of the Congo. Our goal is still maintained at 400 desks. My gratitude goes to all of you who have been very supportive of *Dikete Education Opportunity Foundation*. I thank in particular the 6th and 7th grade religion class who raised monies for up to 3 desks to sponsor the children in Kananga, Democratic Republic of Congo.

Thank you for your generosity and may God bless you always.

Fr. Fidèle Okitembo Dikete, Pastor
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Turn Clocks Back 1 Hour On Saturday Evening

Announcements



ELECTION DAY REMINDERS

Early voting will be through Friday, November 4th.

Bexar county residents can vote at any early voting location. This election is another pivotal day for our Country as there are important issues on the line. Your vote is extremely important!

For more information on voting, including your polling place go to website:
Bexar County Election Office

Election Day: Tuesday, November 8, 2022



Sunday, October 30

9:00 a.m. Mass - Church
11:00 a.m. Mass - Church
6:00 p.m. Rosary - Church

Monday, October 31

6:00 p.m. Rosary - Church

Tuesday, November 1 - ALL SAINTS' DAY

PARISH OFFICE CLOSED

8:15 a.m. School Mass - Church
7:00 p.m. Bilingual Mass - Church

Wednesday, November 2 - ALL SOUL'S DAY

7:00 p.m. Bilingual Mass - Church

Thursday, November 3

9:00am-12 Noon & 2:00pm - 5:00pm Adoration - Chapel
12:00 p.m. Mass - Chapel
7:00 p.m. Guadalupana Mtg. - Formation

Friday, November 4

12:00 p.m. Mass - Chapel

Saturday, November 5

5:00 p.m. Mass - Church



EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION
THURSDAY'S ONLY (CHAPEL)
9:00 AM -12 Noon & 2:00 - 5:00 P.M.



On Tuesday, November 1, 2022, for All Saints' Day.
Office will re-open on Wednesday during regular business hours.

TYPES OF PRAYER

VOCAL
"By words, mental or vocal, our prayer takes flesh". It is the spoken prayer, through which we translate our feelings externally. e.g. The Our Father

MEDITATIVE
"Meditation is above all a quest" to discover what the Lord wants from us. It engages thought, imagination, emotion, and desire.

CONTEMPLATIVE
"Contemplative prayer is silence". Is the type of prayer in which we are one with Christ, it is a communion of love and a gaze of faith.

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IN MEMORIAM

The community and staff of St. John Berchmans parish extends their heartfelt condolences to the family of:
† Peter Anthony Cruz
† Diana Flores
† Ernesto E. Torres



We welcome anyone to help us clean our beautiful church. We meet every **Saturday morning at 8:00 a.m.**

Ministry Scheduled
Saturday, November 5, 2022
Guadalupanas

THE SANCTUARY CANDLE
IN MEMORY OF

All impacted by Hurricane Ian
Country of Ukraine
All Migrants
Community of Uvalde



BULLETIN ANNOUNCEMENTS

All requests must be sent by email to osantoyo1104@gmail.com and will be finalized for approval by Father Fidèle. We ask that you submit your requests at least two (2) weeks in advance for placement in the bulletin.



NEW TO OUR PARISH AND WANT TO REGISTER AS A NEW PARISHIONER?

If you are interested in registering as a new parishioner at St. John Berchmans Church, please contact our Parish Office at 210-434-3247 to fill out a registration form.

A BETTER PERSPECTIVE

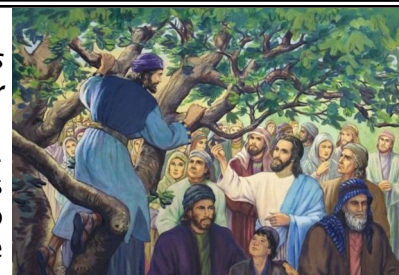
But [Zacchaeus] could not see Jesus because of the crowd, for he was short in stature. So he ran ahead and climbed a sycamore tree in order to see Jesus, who was about to pass that way. Luke 19:3-4.

In this Sunday's Gospel, Zacchaeus the chief tax collector could not see Jesus. So he climbed a tree to get a better perspective. However the crowd with Jesus grumbles when they see Jesus's kindness and compassion extended to Zacchaeus. How do we see Jesus? What prevents us from seeing Jesus more clearly?

In his apostolic exhortation, Pope Francis writes, "Christ is alive! We need to keep reminding ourselves of this, because we can risk seeing Jesus Christ simply as a memory, as someone who saved us two thousand years ago. But that would be of no use to us: it would leave us unchanged, it would not set us free. The one who fill us with his grace, the one who liberates us, transforms us, heals and consoles us is someone fully alive. He is the Christ, risen from the dead, filled with supernatural life and energy, and robed in boundless light.

May we, like Zacchaeus, be moved to see Jesus more closely.

May we grow closer to HIM so that he may invite himself to stay in our hearts.

**ATTENTION ALL VOLUNTEERS!!!!!!**

The Archdiocese of San Antonio requires that all volunteers, staff members and ordained ministers complete and keep current their **Virtus Online Safe Environment training**. Your certifications must be renewed every **three years**. All volunteers must also pass a background check.

FOR NEW VOLUNTEERS - Go to "VIRTUS" safe environment at www.virtusonline.org, go to **FIRST TIME REGISTRANT**, create an account and complete your training and background check. **The 3 modules to complete are:** 1) Protecting God's Children

2) Sexual Harassment & 3) Vulnerable Adults You can access the "Background" tab and complete the background check.

FOR CURRENT VOLUNTEERS - Sign in to your Virtus account and see if you need to update your certifications, background check or personal information. If you are unable to access any of the above information, please email or text Dolores Guardiola, derod1262@gmail.com (210) 380-0192.

LECTURAS DE LA SEMANA

Lunes: Fil 2:1-4; Sal 131:1-3; Lc 14:12-14

Martes: Ap 7:2-4, 9-14; Sal 24:1-6; 1 Jn 3:1-3; Mt 5:1-12a

Miércoles: Sab 3:1-9; Sal 23:1-6; Rom 5:5-11 o 6:3-9; Jn 6:37-40,

Jueves: Fil 3:3-8a; Sal 105:2-7; Lc 15:1-10

Viernes: Fil 3:17 - 4:1; Sal 122:1-5; Lc 16:1-8

Sábado: Fil 4:10-19; Sal 112:1b-2, 5-6, 8a, 9; Lc 16:9-15

Domingo: 2 Mac 7:1-2, 9-14; Sal 17:1, 5-6, 8, 15; 2 Tes 2:16 - 3:5; Lc 20:27-38

UN DIOS COMPASIVO

La lectura de hoy del libro de la Sabiduría presenta la imagen de un Dios paciente que "reprende a los delincuentes poco a poco" (Sabiduría 12:2), una imagen apoyada por el salmista, cantando cómo el Señor es "lento para enojarse y generoso para perdonar, a todas sus obras se extiende su ternura" (Salmo 145: 8, 9).

Sin embargo, la multitud que acompaña se queja cuando ven la bondad y compasión de Jesús dirigida a Zaqueo, quien no sólo era un recaudador de impuestos, sino el "jefe de los recaudadores", un trabajo que seguramente enfatiza su condición de pecador que hay que despreciar. En la segunda lectura, san Pablo exhorta a los tesalonicenses a ser "dignos" de la llamada de Dios, para que "el nombre de nuestro Señor Jesús sea glorificado en ustedes" (2 Tesalonicenses 1:12); esas personas, a diferencia de la multitud del Evangelio, se alegrarían de que Zaqueo tomó la decisión de cambiar su vida después del encuentro con Jesús. Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co.

PREGUNTA DE LA SEMANA

¿Si yo estuviera en los zapatos de Zaqueo y Jesús iba a venir a mi casa a pesar de que otros me consideraban un pecador, ¿qué errores prometería sanar? ¿Qué promesas audaces haría?