



## This Week In Our Parish LITURGICAL SCHEDULE

<b>Saturday, November 3rd</b>	<b>Thirti-first Sunday in Ordinary Time</b> 5:00 pm mass: †Vicente Villaruel / George and Tess
<b>Sunday, November 4th</b>	<b>Thirty-first Sunday in Ordinary Time</b> 9:00 am mass: Dan Hertz / Lydia 11:00 am mass: †George Barth, Anne Shenfield, Anne Linley / Rosemarie Boyko
<b>Monday, November 5th</b>	<b>Ferial</b> 9:00 am mass: †Josephine Reyes / Family †Frank Salwach / Jack & Betty Egan 10:30 am mass: <b>Southwood Care Centre:</b> For all parishioners, living and deceased
<b>Tuesday, November 6th</b>	<b>Ferial</b> 9:00 am mass: †Kevin Delany Second Intention: Esther McConkey / Marion
<b>Wednesday, November 7th</b>	<b>Ferial</b> 7:00 am mass: †Paul Thompson / Peter and Madeleine 9:00 am mass: Special Intention: Anna Christina Polintan Second Intention: Health of Jack Baran / K of C 6:30 pm: Prayers for the Sick
<b>Thursday, November 8th</b>	<b>Ferial</b> 7:00 am mass: In thanksgiving / Fred and Loretta 9:00 am mass: †Fathers Molnar, Mutert and Schmelz / Rosemarie
<b>Friday, November 9th</b>	<b>Feast of the Dedication of Saint John Lateran</b> 7:00 am mass: †Yvonne Lemay / Family 9:00 am mass: †Raymond Page / St. Vincent de Paul Society
<b>Saturday, November 10th</b>	<b>Memorial of Saint Leo the Great</b> 9:00 am mass: †Patrick O'Sullivan / Peter and Madeleine
<b>Saturday, November 10th</b>	<b>Thirty-second Sunday in Ordinary Time</b> 5:00 pm mass: †Victor Moygannon and †Mary McParland / Family
<b>Sunday, November 11th</b>	<b>Thirty-second Sunday in Ordinary Time</b> 9:00 am mass: †Alexander Thompson / Peter and Madeleine 11:00 am mass: Health of Jack Baran / St. Cecilia's Adult Choir Second Intention: †Patrick Keil and †Tony Stephen / Cynthia Amarasinghe

Dear Parishioners,

Zacchaeus, a person small in stature, unnoticed, unwanted by his people, wants to see Jesus. Notice the determination of Zacchaeus. His view of Jesus was obstructed, but that didn't stop him from seeing Jesus. He had an obstacle (the crowd) and a handicap (his short stature), but he refused to allow any of this to prevent him from getting a clear view of Jesus. In fact, he did something drastic: He climbed a tree! Maybe he felt embarrassed hanging on to a tree limb; maybe onlookers thought he was odd. Maybe someone tried to talk him down. Maybe the tree was rough and tore his clothes and scratched his skin. None of that stopped him.

The Christian life isn't easy. We all have handicaps — prejudices, misconceptions, bad training, spiritual laziness, fears and doubts, and so on — which obstruct our view of Jesus. We should be like Zacchaeus. We should want to see Jesus fully, as he really is, and we should do everything possible to find a way to see Jesus. Notice that once Zacchaeus climbed the tree, Jesus zeroed in on him and gave him personal attention and affirmation.

*"I must stay at your house today!"*

Jesus' timing is perfect: He took the initiative, calling out: "Zacchaeus, make haste and come down; for I must stay at your house today." When Jesus found this strange little man sitting up in a tree, he was like a shepherd searching for his wayward sheep.

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It was Jesus who sought out Zacchaeus. "I must stay at your house today" — reminds us of his invitation to all: "I stand at the door and knock; if any one hears my voice and opens the door, I will come in to him and eat with him, and he with me" (Rev 3:20). Jesus didn't confront Zacchaeus about his sins or ask him for an account of his shady business practices. Instead, he honoured Zacchaeus with a request to be his guest. Touched by Jesus' graciousness, the little tax collector acted quickly and decisively: He "made haste and came down and received him joyfully." And with that eager response to Jesus, his life was radically transformed. Zacchaeus not only publicly admitted his wrongdoing to his unexpected guest, but also made his repentance concrete that he would share half of his possessions with the poor, and generously repay all those whom he had defrauded in making fourfold restitution. Affirming Zacchaeus' repentance, Jesus declared: "Today, salvation has come to this house." Surely, all the members of the household would have shared in the grace and blessings of Zacchaeus' transformation, just as Cornelius' entire household received salvation at his conversion. (Acts 10)

How would we respond to Jesus' demand, "I must stay at your house today?" How would we react to such an invitation? Would we be ready to welcome Jesus into our home?

Father Leo Felix Monroe, SAC



Please pray for those from our parish who have eternal rest this past year. We remember the following dearly departed and their families and friends.

Frances Clavelle, John Weigel, Margaret Stevens, William Edwin Spielman, M. Else Dos Ramos, Robert Hielman, Catherine Ward, J. Victor Dos Ramos, Norm J. Tocher, Marie Eil, William Lye, Frank Schatz, Narcisca Polintan, Margaret MacKenzie, Tyrone Patrick Deane, Jack Bradley, Karl Fischer, Frank Gough, Mary Herman, Mary DeBruyn, Cecil H. Johnson & Pierino De Iure.