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31st Sunday in Ordinary Time - Year C



In today's Gospel, we will hear about a man named Zacchaeus, who climbed a sycamore tree, just to have a glimpse of Jesus. His curiosity turned into hope when Jesus reached out to him by inviting himself to have dinner with him at Zacchaeus' house. This encounter with Jesus made all the difference in Zacchaeus' life. It shows how love and compassion can change situations of isolation, bitterness, and even despair to attitudes of openness, kindness, and hope.

As we celebrate the 31st Sunday in Ordinary Time, let us realize that such a wonderful transformation can take place also in the sinners around us we follow the example of Jesus toward Zacchaeus, if we reach out to them in brotherly and sisterly compassion.

Let us keep this in mind as we offer the Eucharist for all those in need of conversion, including ourselves.



JESUS, THE GREAT "RESCUER OF SOULS"



Money and whatever can generate it were the main concern of the tax collectors throughout the Roman Empire, including Palestine. A breed of avid creatures, they looked at people almost exclusively from the perspective of the material profit they could derive from them. They were hated because of that, but they did not mind it at all, as long as they could get what they wanted

Zacchaeus, the chief tax collector of Jericho, was not only hated by his own townsfolk because of his profession, but was also despised on account of his short height. And whenever they could take some petty revenge on him, they did it with gusto This is why, as Jesus arrived in

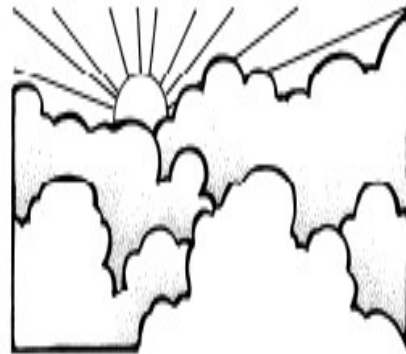
Jericho, causing quite a stir among the populace, Zacchaeus found himself hedged out of the front rows and buried in the noisy crowd of taller people. But, the resourceful man that he was, he soon found a solution

to popular rejection. In a short while, everybody saw him perched on a tree, like a street youth, proudly awaiting to see Jesus better than anybody else. This time, really, Zacchaeus didn't mean any harm. Just innocent curiosity: he wanted to see Jesus. That's all! He could never suspect that his climbing that tree was going to be a turning point in his career. Actually, the turning point of his life, for not only did he manage to see Jesus, but was seen by him. Jesus saw Zacchaeus the way God sees people – through and through, even in his most secret thoughts, desires, fears, needs Jesus saw the spiritual bankruptcy of the wealthy tax collector, his eagerness to be accepted and his need to be saved. Jesus' self-invitation to stay in the house of Zacchaeus caused not only an emotional earthquake in the prejudiced crowd (see Lk 19:7), but a real spiritual revolution in the hated and despised tax collector. Jesus' saving look totally disintegrated the chains of greed and mercilessness which had fettered Zacchaeus up to that moment. What came down from the tree was another man, a new Zacchaeus, splendidly renewed from within, beaming with the happiness that can only come from God's redeeming grace.

In the light of his new-found treasure – the love of Jesus Christ – all his riches appeared to Zacchaeus like scum. Guided by his new perception of things, he promptly declared his readiness to give half of his belongings to the poor, and to repay abundantly those he might have victimized. (See Lk 19:8.)

That day, salvation had indeed entered the house and the heart of the poor sinner, despised by all but not by God. Unlike most of us who are infested with self-righteousness, which brings us to reject and condemn sinners, He overlooks the sins of men that they may repent. (See Wis 11:23.) He, actually, ventures beyond that: He goes "to search out and save what is lost" (Lk 19:10), for He loathes nothing of what He has made and is a tremendous "lover of souls." (See Wis 11:24 and 26.)

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The Lord lifts up all
who are falling
and raises up all
who are bowed down.

-Psalm 145:14

Mass Etiquette

Mass etiquette is about respecting the sanctity of God's house, the Mass, and about being considerate of others. The way we worship is a reflection of our beliefs.

The Liturgy is the Lord's inclusive banquet. Err on the side of dressing up not down. Wear your better clothing. Let modesty guide your choice. Choose clothing that will not be distracting to you or to others.

Mass:

- Arriving before Mass in good time should be a priority.
- **No chewing gum.** Dispose of the gum outside in the garbage can.
- Do not bring food and drink into the church. The exception is water for those who really need it for medical reasons and bottles for babies.
- Do not bring toys (includes electronic games, etc.).
- If your young child needs a distraction, bring some books that are of a religious nature.
- Sit up close to the front with children so they can see what is going on.

Actively participate in the Mass. Responding and singing are an important part of the Mass. It is fulfilling your duty as the common priesthood of the faithful. It makes the experience more spiritually fulfilling and encourages the other parishioners to participate as well.

LIVE
the **GOSPEL**
in your life!

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THE HOLY FATHER'S PRAYER INTENTIONS FOR NOVEMBER 2013

**Suffering Priests. That priests who experience difficulties may find comfort in their suffering, support in their doubts, and confirmation in their fidelity.*

**Latin American Churches. That as fruit of the continental mission, Latin American Churches may send*



Are you an adult thinking more deeply about God? About faith? About things that last?

Are you an adult thinking about joining the Catholic Church?

Are you an adult who considers yourself Catholic but has never been baptized? Or been confirmed? Or celebrated First Communion? If so, call Sister Celia at 514- 387 5292 for more information or to find out about the RCIA process.

PLEASE NOTE: In the interest of keeping our sick list current, names will remain on the sick list in the bulletin for a period of one month. After a month, the name will be removed, unless it is requested that the name be kept on the list. Pls. inform the Bulletin Editor by e-mail (jhnaracena@gmail.com) to add, remove or keep a name on the sick list.

What every Catholic should know
ABOUT
EVANGELIZATION
BIBLE
DISCOVERY

CALLING ADULTS WHO WOULD LIKE TO KNOW MORE ABOUT THE FAITH !!!

Every Sunday @ 9:30 a.m., @ the Church Hall.
 The Evangelization and Bible Discovery Seminars are held in our Mission community.

EVERYONE IS WELCOME !



November 16, 2013 (Saturday)
 9: 00 a.m. @ the Church Hall
Lectors and
Commentators' Workshop



"And how could a thing remain, unless you willed it; or be preserved, had it not been called forth by you?"

- Wisdom 11:25

These words from the Book of Wisdom, remind us that every single gift, skill, talent or blessing that we have has been called forth for us from God. The incredible abundance that surrounds us is all given to us by our heavenly Father for a reason. These gifts are not given for us to hoard but rather for us to share.



OFFERING

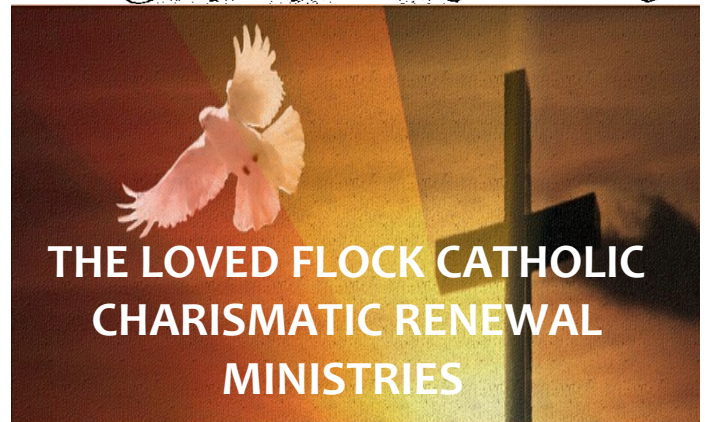
Your Offerings for the week ending October 27, 2013 totaled \$ 1,389.50

Thank you for your continuing generosity !



God bless you always!!!

The Spirit makes us faithful, strong, and loving



would like to invite you to a LIFE IN THE SPIRIT SEMINAR. It will be held in the Church Hall of the Filipino Catholic Mission of Montreal on SATURDAY- November 9 (9:00 a.m.- 5:00 p.m. and SUNDAY - November 10 (9:00- 11:00 a.m.). FREE ADMISSION - Food and drinks will be provided. The speaker is Bro. Rogelio 'Jing' Mendoza, Head Counsellor of the Loved Flock Ministries in Manila. He will be joined by a team from the Loved flock Toronto Chapter . Come and join us to learn about and to be empowered by the Holy Spirit.

Contact information:

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 Precy Pavico – 514 738 1094 or
 THE FCMM OFFICE – 514 387-5292.



Him. Stop by or call the FCMM office (514 – 387 5292) during normal business hours and ask how you can have a Mass offered for your intention.

“ but you will receive power when the Holy spirit comes upon you...” Acts 1: 8



THOUGHT FOR THE DAY

Pure love and prayer are learned in the hour when prayer has become impossible and your heart has turned to stone.- Thomas Merton



- We join in the *Thanksgiving Intentions of:*

THE YUMUL-TUBON FAMILY, MR. & MRS. HENRY UMALI, LUIGI & AGNES SAIN, REY MALABUYIOC, CHRYSTAL FOZ, STEVEN & ILYN LEBLANC.



- Please join in lifting up to the Lord the special intentions of: THE FAMILY LIFE MINISTRY,

TIFANNY JADE REYES.

- Your prayers are also humbly requested for all the sick and suffering members of our Mission community and their loved ones especially: FR. FRANCISCO ALVAREZ pme, FR. ROGER BEGIN pme, FR. GERARD LOISELLE, pme, SR. LUZ PADERANGA op, ALFREDO PADERANGA SR., FE PADERANGA, ANNIE MOJADO, ELECITA ARACENA, BALDOMERA AMBAYEC, JULIA PERLASTAN, JOSEFINA BANGALAN, DAWN DELA PAZ, JOSIE LIMLENGCO, CARMENCITA TRIVINIO, BERNARDINO FERNANDO, ANTONIO FOZ. *May God bring them healing and peace.*

- Remember also all of our deceased relatives and friends, especially: CIRIACO CALUMPIANO, MARIA PAZ BELOSA, PACENCIA TOLENTINO, ALL SOULS IN PURGATORY and those dying everyday in battles and calamities around the world. *May their souls and the souls of all the faithful departed rest in peace.*



Because we know that death is not the end of life, it is not morbid for us Christians to visit the graves of our loved ones who have died. It is good to visit the

cemetery, especially on November 2 and then throughout the month of November, when the church celebrates the communion of saints and souls and looks forward to that harvest at the end of time when all will be gathered into the new Jerusalem. We decorate the graves of our loved ones because we believe that in baptism they have died with Christ and thus Christ will raise them up. So we place on the grave an evergreen wreath - the ancient crown of victory over death and a reminder of the eternal life promised to us in the first sacrament. Or we light vigil candles on the grave, keeping one lit throughout November - a reflection of the light of Christ given to each one of us on our baptism day, and a reminder of the wise bridesmaids who kept their lamps lit while waiting for the groom to come so that the wedding could begin.

Remember Mary Magdalene and the other two Marys going to visit Jesus' tomb. Confident that what they found, you will one day find, make

MASS INTENTIONS

The Sacrifice of the Mass contains within it all of the graces of God and all that man can do to worship

**pilgrimages to the graves of your loved ones
this month. Pray at each grave:**

Eternal rest grant

unto (Name),

O Lord,

and let

perpetual light

shine upon

her/him.

***May she/he rest
in peace.***

May her/his

soul, and the

souls of all the

faithful departed, through the mercy of God,

rest in peace. Amen.



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