

## 31st Sunday in Ordinary Time

Christ loves us first. So much of the Christian life is as simple as that. Today's Gospel is a prime example! "Now a man there named Zacchaeus, who was a chief tax collector and also a wealthy man ... was seeking to see who Jesus was." We may have gotten used to the story of Zacchaeus, this short, seemingly innocent man who climbs a sycamore tree in his desperate desire to see Jesus. But this colorful, children's Bible illustration isn't what the gathering crowd would have seen. They would have seen the white collar criminal. Tax collectors were notorious for extortion. They were collaborators with the oppressive Roman overlords, overcharging for taxes and skimming a cut off the top. And how does Jesus respond to this man?

"Come down quickly," Jesus says, "for today I must stay at your house." If you had been there, would you have believed it? No doubt there were other disciples in the city or, at the very least, kind, generous, and just people. "Good" people. But those aren't the people Jesus chooses to share a meal with. Christ loves us first. He chooses Zacchaeus even before the man makes a public profession of his repentance.

"The Son of Man has come to seek and to save what was lost." We may not be tax collectors and extortionists — I hope not! — but we all have elements of our lives that are lost. We have wounds from childhood, unresolved anxieties or attachments, daily fears. No matter how "put together" we are, we all have our lost moments. Some days, it may feel like we can't see over the ways they crowd our inner life. Today's Gospel invites us to do something a little strange. Don't let your flaws, failures, or hang-ups prevent you from seeing Jesus. Take a deep breath. Go climb a tree, because Jesus is passing by. And he wants to stay in your heart today.

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**Sun. Collection:** Oct. 26/27/2019 was \$2,693.00.

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### Coat Drive at St. Cecilia

St. Cecilia Church is participating in Broadway Stage's coat drive to benefit families living in Brooklyn homeless shelters. Kindly donate new or lightly used coats for children and adults by November 24th and place the item in the collection bin located in front of the church. This is a perfect way to start the holiday season and to help our needy neighbors!

## 31er Domingo del Tiempo Ordinario

¡Subiré hasta la montaña mas alta para verte Señor! Me trepare al árbol más alto para distinguirte a la distancia. Me pregunto, ¿hasta dónde tengo que subir para encontrarte y que nada ni nadie interrumpa nuestro encuentro? Para que tú alces tu mirada y encuentres mis ojos con los tuyos. Tus ojos limpios y radiantes se encontrarán con los míos extasiados de alegría. "Cuando llego Jesús al lugar, miro hacia arriba y le dije: Zaqueo, baja enseguida, pues hoy tengo que quedarme en tu casa. Zaqueo bajo rápidamente y lo recibió con alegría." (Lucas 19:5-6).

Que admirable es la creatividad de Zaqueo; se fue a lo extremo, subir para encontrar. Y luego, con el corazón abierto y convertido, ofrece restituir todo lo que había destruido antes del encuentro con Jesús. Las relaciones rotas por el robo o la avaricia se desvanecen ante la conversión y se inicia el proceso de volver a relacionarse. El punto principal del Evangelio de hoy es realizar los deseos de Jesús; deseos de experimentar su presencia en los pobres, los inmigrantes y en los que no tienen voz. La soledad abunda en estos tiempos de incertidumbre. La sociedad está dispersa en sus propios intereses. Dios desea que subamos hasta él por medio de la oración, de la comunidad, de la familia. El compromiso de hacer y ser lo mejor; de poner el granito de arena que corresponde cada día. Eso es lo que hace la diferencia. ¿Dónde debo de restaurar lo que he roto? ¿Dónde debo dar más como Zaqueo? para que podamos escuchar "hoy ha llegado la salvación a" esta sociedad del 2019.

### Readings for the week of November 3, 2019

Sunday:	Wis 11:22—12:2/Ps 145:1-2, 8-9, 10-11, 13, 14 [cf. 1]/2 Thes 1:11—2:2/Lk 19:1-10
Monday:	Rom 11:29-36/Ps 69:30-31, 33-34, 36 [14c]/Lk 14:12-14
Tuesday:	Rom 12:5-16b/Ps 131:1bcde, 2, 3/Lk 14:15-24
Wednesday	Rom 13:8-10/Ps 112:1b-2, 4-5, 9 [5a]/Lk 14:25-33
Thursday:	Rom 14:7-12/Ps 27:1bcde, 4, 13-14 [13]/Lk 15:1-10
Friday:	Rom 15:14-21/Ps 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4 [cf. 2b]/Lk 16:1-8
Saturday:	Ez 47:1-2, 8-9, 12/Ps 46:2-3, 5-6, 8, 9 [5]/1 Cor 3:9c-11, 16-17/Jn 2:13-22
Next Sunday:	2 Mc 7:1-2, 9-14/Ps 17:1, 5-6, 8, 15 [15b]/2 Thes 2:16—3:5/Lk 20:27-38 or 20:27, 34-38

## A Message from Fr. Rafael & Fr. Tom

There is a motto in Latin which sums up the importance of how we understand worship as Catholics: "*lex orandi, lex credendi*", which loosely translated means: "the law of what is to be prayed is the law of what is to be believed". In other words, worship and belief are so interconnected that they reflect and foster each other in a fundamental way which cannot be separated.

As Roman Catholics, our main experience of liturgy is our weekly or daily participation at the Mass. Younger Catholics may or may not realize that the current rite of Mass has only been officially in use in the Church since 1969, when Pope St. Paul VI promulgated it. How did Catholics worship before then and what did that experience of Mass look like? In the weeks to come, you will be reading about the notable characteristics of "the extraordinary form of the Roman Rite", more commonly known as the Traditional Latin Mass and what makes it unique. In 2007, Pope Emeritus Benedict XVI issued a document entitled *Summorum Pontificum*, clarifying some confusion in the Church surrounding the traditional Mass. In it, he states that:

*"In the history of the liturgy there is growth and progress, but no rupture. What earlier generations held as sacred, remains sacred and great for us too, and it cannot be all of a sudden entirely forbidden or even considered harmful. It behooves all of us to preserve the riches which have developed in the Church's faith and prayer, and to give them their proper place."*

It would not be an understatement to say that this form of the mass (like no other cultural or spiritual force) shaped the very face of Western Civilization as we know it. This would have been the Mass that nourished the faith of your ancestors; the Mass which countless saints, whom we have devotion to, would have worshiped at and been sanctified by; the Mass that sustained those who would have spread Catholicism to the Americas and beyond and the Mass which made possible the birth of classical music, arts, and architecture. It is said that in order to know where you are going, you have to first know where you have come from. With the permission of the Church and the desire to provide a unique and venerable means of sanctifying the parish, Fr. Tom and I wish to provide an opportunity for the people of Divine Mercy to be exposed to this Mass so that its goodness might aid our own journey of faith going into the future.

## Traditional Latin Mass

Beginning on Sunday, December 1<sup>st</sup> (the first Sunday of Advent), the 7:00 pm Mass at St. Cecilia will be offered in the Extraordinary Form (more commonly known as the Traditional Latin Mass). In order to help parishioners with this transition, Fr. Rafael will be preaching at the 7:00 pm Mass during all Sundays in November to explain what makes this Mass unique and how one can fruitfully participate in praying it. Also stay tuned for bulletin explanations this week and through November.

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## Memorial Gifts- At DMP

Memorial Gifts are a wonderful way to honor and remember your loved ones. Please come to the Rectory (or call) for information and available dates.

The following Memorial Gifts are available for the week:

Bread & Wine - Sanctuary Lamp,  
Altar Candles - Blessed Mother Candles  
St. Joseph Candles.

*All Memorials can be In Honor Of or Remembrance Of a family member or friend.*

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## Mass Book 2020

The 2020 Mass Book is open for intentions  
January to June

The stipend for Masses is: \$20.00 for a weekend Mass, \$15.00 for a weekday Mass.

The 9:30 am Sunday Mass at St. Cecilia, the 10:30 am Sunday Mass at St. Nicholas and the last Sunday of the month at the 11:30 am Mass at St. Francis will all be collective Masses.

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## St. Nicholas Winners

A television (donated by the St. Nicholas Committee) and Echo Dot (donated by the Sciangula Family) was raffled at the Flea Market on Sunday, October 20, 2019.

The Winner of the TV – Domingo Diaz

The Winner of the Echo – Angel Reveron

A vendor: Marianna Nastasi-Schwartz raffled a basket of Arbonne Products – The Winner Gianna Sciangula

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## St. Theresa Guild

The next meeting of the St. Theresa Guild will be on Thursday, November 7, at 7:30 pm in the rectory basement of St. Francis of Paola.

**Gifts of Love—Emergency Food Pantry  
At Divine Mercy Parish**

*“For I was hungry and you gave me food; I was thirsty and you gave me drink; I was a stranger and you made me welcome... “(Matt 25:35-36)*

God our Father and Giver of all gifts, make us grateful for what we have and help us to share with those who have less. May our possessions never get in the way of loving You and our brothers and sisters. We pray in Jesus’ name.

Specific items needed: **Pasta Sauce**  
Food Pantry Coordinators and Volunteers

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**St. Francis of Paola Church  
Memorial Gifts – November 3, 2019**

**BREAD & WINE**

In Celebration of Saints, Angels, Sacred Heart and Virgin Mary of Carmen by Gertrudis Vidot Ginares

**ST. JOSEPH CANDLES**

In Memory of the Dazzo Family by Amelia C. Petagna  
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**ALTAR CANDLES**

Josephine Iachetta by Friends  
Josephine Iachetta by Friends

**BLESSED MOTHER CANDLES**

Jane Squarciafico by Frank Marino  
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**Rosary Society of Divine Mercy Parish  
Christmas Extravaganza**

Saturday, November 16, 2019

6:30 P.M. – St. Cecilia’s Auditorium

Tickets \$25.00 dinner included

50/50, Raffles, Money & Door Prizes

You can purchase your ticket at the Parish Office or in back of Church after the 9:30 am Mass at St. Cecilia.

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**Christiana Cole**

We congratulate Christiana Cole. She is starring in a new Off-Broadway Show, “An Enchanted April”. The show runs three weekends, with performances Wed. through Sun., Nov. 1-16. All performances take place at Theater Two at Theater Row on 42<sup>nd</sup> Street. Ticket info: telecharge.com or use discount code TRBiz on website telechargeoffers.com.

**Mass Intentions for the Week  
St. Francis of Paola Church**

**Saturday, November 2, 2019**

5:00pm Marie Ferzola

**Sunday, November 3, 2019**

8:00am Antonetta Cherubino by Luigia Rozza & Family

11:30am San Sabino Deceased Members

**Monday, November 4, 2019**

7:45am Tutti Santi by Raffaella Morena

**Tuesday, November 5, 2019**

7:45am Gianpiero Bartolotta Happy Birthday in Heaven by Mom and Family

**Wednesday, November 6, 2019**

7:45am Josephine Iachetta by Friends

**Thursday, November 7, 2019**

7:45am Vito Gallo by Raffaella Morena

**Friday, November 8, 2019**

7:45am Cono Babino by Mr. & Mrs. Nicola Speranza

**Saturday, November 9, 2019**

7:45am Donna Kukura by Amelia C. Petagna

5:00pm Anthony, Jennie & Frank Torre by Torre Family

**Sunday, November 10, 2019**

8:00am Joseph Rinaldi

11:30am Our Lady of the Snow Deceased Members

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**Life Line Screening**

Will be at St. Francis of Paola Auditorium  
200 Woodpoint Road, Brooklyn, N.Y. 11211

**Wednesday, November 20, 2019**

**5 Important Screenings:**

Carotid Artery (Plaque Screening), Heart Rhythm Screening (Atrial Fibrillation), Abdominal Aortic Aneurysm Screening, Peripheral Arterial Disease Screening, and Osteoporosis Risk Assessment.

**Three ways to register for the screenings:**

Call toll-free: # 1-866-229-0469

Online: [www.lifelinescreening.com/communitycircle](http://www.lifelinescreening.com/communitycircle)

Text: the word **circle** to **797979**

Please see the flyer located on the table in the back of the churches for more information and cost.

NOVEMBER 3, 2019

## Mass Intentions for the Week

### St. Nicholas Church

#### Sunday, November 3, 2019

10:30am Juan B. Vazquez by Josefa Vazquez  
Rosa Vasquez by Dennis Torre & Sonia Rivera  
Segundo Alfonso Remache  
Maria Angeles Perez Remache  
Carlos Arturo Remache

#### Wednesday, November 6, 2019

7:00pm Open Intention

#### Sunday, November 10, 2019

10:30am Miguel Rodriguez Happy Birthday in Heaven by Sal & Diane

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**Pray For the Sick:** Onelia Velez, Antoinette Tucillo, Valarie Bruno, Michael Dick, Dorothy Madigan

#### **Pray For the Recently Deceased:**

Michael Nunziato, John Monaco, Celia Auriemma, Dominick Vilella, Lucy Blass, Norma Carlo, Con Shanahan, Salvatore Spinosa, Marie Custodio

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### Prayer Group

As members of the Prayer Group we are inviting Catholics to, either by their presence or remotely, on Wednesdays between the hours of 3 pm through 4 pm join us in the Chapel at St. Cecilia Church or be part of the prayer chain. We connect with the Lord through quiet prayer, say the Divine Mercy Chaplet and the Rosary, lift up our petitions to the Lord Jesus Christ, read either a Psalm or an insightful reading, and sing joyfully either with songs or listen to music.

As always, at the end we tell the Lord thank you for all that He has given us.

The Lord gives us many missions in our lives: some difficult, some easy but all with a reward. If you need us to pray for your petition, please send us the request.

*Hopefully you will be able to join us.*

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## Cultural Events for Catholics of African Ancestry

Sat., Nov. 16, at 7 pm Church of St. Thomas Aquinas, 1550 Hendrickson St., Bklyn., N.Y. **Tolton** *From Slave to Priest*. Performed live by Jim Coleman. Admission: free will offering. More info: 718-253-4404.

## Mass Intentions for the Week

### St. Cecilia Church

#### Sunday, November 3, 2019

9:30am Jo & Ed Collins  
Eamon & Ray McGinn  
Rosary Society  
Rich & Florence Delaney  
Luis & Elizabeth Gonzales: Living Intention  
7:00pm Open Intention

#### Monday, November 4, 2019

8:30am DeGruccio Family

#### Tuesday, November 5, 2019

8:30am Vincent Caracciolo-Good Health

#### Wednesday, November 6, 2019

8:30am Annette DeFlorio

#### Thursday, November 7, 2019

8:30am Paul & Mary Giudice by Barbara Giudice

#### Friday, November 8, 2019

8:30am Purgatorial Society

#### Saturday, November 9, 2019

8:30am Kenneth McEvoy

#### Sunday, November 10, 2019

9:30am Jane Pedota-Good Health  
Robert Knapp-Happy Birthday – Living Intention  
7:00pm For The People of Divine Mercy

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**Bible Study with Fr. Tom:** All are welcome to join Fr. Tom's Bible Study Group on the Gospel of Luke, on Wednesdays, at 7:45 pm in St. Francis of Paola Rectory. The Bible Study runs until November 20<sup>th</sup>.

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### Rosary Society

The next meeting of the Rosary Society will be on Wednesday, November 6, 2019, at 7:00 pm in St. Cecilia's auditorium. All are welcome.

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## PRAY FOR VOCATIONS

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### **RECENT PUBLIC SAFETY ISSUES**

Divine Mercy Parish is deeply grateful to Captain Williams Glynn and representatives of the 94<sup>th</sup> Precinct who took the time to speak at a few concerning public safety issues. The old adage applies—If you see something, say something. Following is some information about reporting criminal or suspicious activity.

Call 911—Emergencies

Call 311—Quality of Life Issues

P.O. Andrea Haro

Office: (718) 383-3879

Cell: (929) 371-4355

[Andrea.Haro@nypd.org](mailto:Andrea.Haro@nypd.org)

Also note that a local community meeting is held on the first Wednesday of each month with local police to receive your input at 155 Milton Street, Brooklyn, NY 11222 at 7pm

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