

THIRTY-FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

OCTOBER 30, 2016

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

— Psalm 145:14

GOD IS WITH US

The book of Wisdom tells us that the spirit of God is in all things. What a wonderful thought, and what a wonderful image to keep in front of us as we travel down life's road. For if the path is revealed in the treading, it's good to know that God is with us—and all around us—every step of the way.

But Paul knows that this divine presence is not timid. Instead, God calls out to us, and Paul prays that we, along with the Thessalonians, might be made worthy of that call. And who knows more about God's call than Zacchaeus, the tax collector? Jesus called him out of a tree, for goodness' sake. Or perhaps more correctly, as we reflect upon the end of today's Gospel reading, for heaven's sake.

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TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading — LORD, you love all things that exist (Wisdom 11:22 — 12:2).

Psalm — I will praise your name forever, my king and my God (Psalm 145).

Second Reading — May the name of Christ be glorified in you and you in him (2 Thessalonians 1:11 — 2:2).

Gospel — Zacchaeus, a tax collector, considered to be a sinner, is converted to the Lord (Luke 19:1-10).

OUR GIFTS RECORD

	Offertory	Development
Last Week's Collection	\$7,538.00	\$5,832.00
Number of Families contributing	158	124
Total Pledge for 2016	\$171,467.00	\$185,504.00
Pledged to Date (42 Weeks)	\$141,785.00	\$153,134.00
Received to Date	\$164,604.73	\$115,916.73
Envelopes Outstanding	(\$22,819.73)	\$37,217.27

LADIES OFFERTORY RECORD

Amount given last week	Amount given to Date in 2016
\$4620.00	\$8,748.00

Forty-nine ladies made a contribution last week.

BISHOP'S ANNUAL APPEAL WEEKLY REPORT

2016 Parish Goal	\$23,330.00
Amount Received to Date	\$11,104.52
Amount Outstanding	\$12,225.48

Nine made a B.A.A. contribution last week.

HALL RENOVATION FUND WEEKLY REPORT

Amount given last week	Amount given to Date in 2016
\$410.00	\$10,733.00

Eight people made a Hall Fund contribution last week.

PARKING LOT totaled \$13.00.

38 **CHILDREN** contributed \$198.00.

POOR BOX totaled \$71.00.

PROPAGATION OF THE FAITH totaled \$489.00

The **ATTENDANCE** for last Saturday 4:00 P.M. Mass was 200 and Sunday 10:00 A.M. Mass was 130.

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

A man who was the lone survivor of a terrible shipwreck was washed ashore on a tiny uninhabited island. Marooned and alone, the man cried out to God to rescue him from his terrible fate. Unfamiliar with survival tactics, the man struggled to endure. Eventually he was able to construct a hut to protect him and his few possessions. Every day he faithfully scanned the horizon for the answer to his prayers.

One day after scavenging for food, he arrived home and found his little hut burning to the ground. There was nothing left but ashes and smoke. "God how could you do this to me!" he cried. Broken and despaired he sobbed himself to sleep.

The next day, he was awakened by the sound of a ship. It had come to rescue him. He asked the sailor, "How did you know I was here?" "As we were heading East we saw your smoke signal," the sailor replied.

God is working in our lives, even in the midst of our pains and sufferings. We easily get discouraged when things are going bad. But take heart and remember, the next time your little hut is burning to the ground, it is just a smoke signal that attracts God's blessings.

FLOWERS IN THE CHURCH ARE OFFERED BY:

1. The Wife and Family of Eddie O. Riley in loving memory of him on his 62nd Birthday;
2. Michelle, Pete Christensen and Tanner in loving memory of Steven Riley on the 2nd Anniversary of his death;
3. and Parish Family Member in thanks to St. Expedite;

CONGRATULATIONS to Ireland Carroll and Lenox Sherlock for making the All A Honor Roll; Jax Carroll, Monroe Carroll, Patrick Lewis Riley and Royal for making the A-B Honor Roll.

FOOD FOR THE POOR This weekend Fr. Bob Karris from the *Food for the Poor* is preaching to us. Be generous in supporting this noble cause.

HALLOWEEN TRUNK OR TREAT GET-TOGETHER

will be held this Monday, October 31st at 5:30p.m. in the Parking Lot. All are welcome.

NOVEMBER 1st: ALL SAINTS DAY is a *Holy Day of Obligation*. The Vigil Mass will be celebrated this Monday, October 31st at 7:00 P.M. and the feast day mass on Tuesday, November 1st 10:00 A.M.

MASTER'S TABLE Ann T.'s Legion Group (Our Lady of Presentation) is scheduled to prepare and serve a hot meal to their clients at the Master's Table in Augusta this Thursday, November 3rd. If you would like to participate in this God rewarding opportunity, please contact Ann T.

ROSARY AT THE CEMETERY The *Rosary at the Cemetery* for our Parish Family members who have gone to eternal rest will be held next *Sunday, November 6th at 3:00 P.M. at Pineview Memorial Gardens.*

THANK YOU to a member for a donation in thanks to St. Expedite for the needy and St. Jude; a member for a donation in honor of St. Martin De Porres; a member for a donation in thanks to Padre Pio and St. Expedite; a member for a donation in thanks to the Sacred Heart and St. Expedite; and three members for their donations in thanks to St. Expedite.

SPECIAL COLLECTION The second collection next weekend will be for the *Solidarity Fund for the Church in Africa*. Please be generous.

JOKE OF THE WEEK

A woman and a man got into a car accident. Both of their cars were badly damaged, but amazingly neither of them were hurt. After they crawled out of the wreckage, the woman said: "Thank God we are alright. This must be a sign from Him that we be friends and not pin the blame on each other." The man replied: "Oh yes, I agree with you completely."

The woman pointed to a bottle of whisky on the ground and said: "Here is another miracle. Somehow this bottle of whisky from my back seat didn't break. Surely God wants us to drink it and celebrate our good fortune." Then she handed the bottle to the man. The man opened it, and drank about a third of the bottle. He handed it back to the woman. The woman took the bottle, immediately put the cap back on, and handed it back to the man. The man asked: "Aren't you going to have any?" The woman replied: "No. I think I'll just wait for the police – I'll let them decider whose fault it is."

MASS INTENTIONS

- Monday:** For Pete Thomas and Darien.
- Tuesday:** In honor of the Holy Souls and St. Joseph.
- Wednesday:** In loving memory of Eddie O. Riley on his 62nd Birthday.
- Thursday:** In thanks for Maverick Sherlock on his 10th Birthday.
- Friday:** In thanks for Evan Michael Carroll on his 13th Birthday.

IN HIS TIME

Did you know that He carries you?
You are one of His lambs.
And He comforts and guides you
By His strong, loving hands.

He never grows weary
And won't turn you away.
He knows all your heart aches,
And gives grace for each day.

Then look up and give Him thanks,
He is working out His plan.
Even though your load seems heavy,
In His time you'll understand.

READERS

Sat. Oct. 29th, 4:00 P.M.
Rita Weaver &
Rosie Cat

Sun. Oct. 30th, 10:00 A.M.
Jimmy Joseph &
Rose Marie

Sat. Nov. 5th, 4:00 P.M.
Ann. T. &
Grace

Sun. Nov. 6th, 10:00 A.M.
Jimmy Joseph &
Rose Marie

READERS – WEEKDAYS

Monday Dayna
Tuesday Bridget Ann
Wednesday Grace
Thursday Christina Apple
Friday Christina

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS – WEEKEND

Saturday 4:00 P.M. **October 22nd**
Front Bridget Ann
Left Cup Winnie Ann

Sunday 10:00 A.M.

October 23rd **October 30th**
Pete Man's Nora Pete Man's Nora
Rose Marie Rose Marie

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS - WEEKDAY

Monday Mary Cat
Tuesday Pete Man's Nora
Wednesday Ann T.
Thursday Rose Marie
Friday Bridget Ann

WHY WE HAVE EGO PROBLEMS?

BIRTH — Given by others
NAME — Given by others
INCOME — Given by others
RESPECT — Given by others
FIRST AND LAST BATH — Given by others
AFTER DEATH YOUR PROPERTY AND BELONGINGS —
Will be taken by others
FUNERAL SERVICE — Will be done by others
Still, I wonder why we have the unnecessary EGO PROBLEMS IN LIFE. Let us all simplify our Life, Love and Live with others peacefully.

THINK

Never think hard about the PAST, it brings TEARS.
Don't think more about the FUTURE, it brings FEAR.
Live this moment with a SMILE, it brings CHEER.

~~~~~**PRAYER CORNER**~~~~~

**JOURNEY PRAYER**

*My holy Angel Guardian, ask the Lord to bless the travel which I undertake, that it may profit the health of my soul and body; that I may reach its end, and that, returning safe and sound, I may find my family in good health. Do thou guard, guide and preserve us. Amen.*