



Zacchaeus, come down

November 3, 2019 • Thirty-first Sunday in Ordinary Time

Why do good things happen to bad people?

Does this question strike you as odd? Aren't we usually struggling with the *bad* things that happen to *good* people? True enough, but when good things happen to others, especially those we consider undeserving, it can seem natural to grumble. How do some people always seem to "get away with it," while we spend our lives trying to act as God would want? As a tax collector, Zacchaeus cheated and got rich off of his own people. Why does Jesus want to be so nice to him? It's just not fair!

"TODAY I MUST STAY AT YOUR HOUSE"

This problem of "good things for bad people" can cause as much distress as the problem of bad things happening to good people. Both touch on one of the deepest mysteries of human existence: Is the universe fair? Is God just? This is what is making the crowd grumble about Jesus favoring Zacchaeus. Why is Jesus befriending such a sinner?

This is the third such complaint about Jesus in Luke's Gospel (see Luke 5: 27–33 and 5:25–15). However, the

encounter with Zacchaeus is different. In the other accounts, Jesus responds to his critics himself, but here, it is Zacchaeus who speaks up. Not only does Zacchaeus announce compensation for those he has cheated, he vows to give away half of his goods to the poor. At this point in the Gospel, Jesus is traveling to Jerusalem, where he knows he will be put to death. No one else that Jesus meets on this journey has responded as readily as Zacchaeus to his summons—first, to come down from the tree, then to "come down" from his wealthy lifestyle and the corruption that supported it. Although he did not travel to Jerusalem with Jesus, Zacchaeus clearly understood the demands of discipleship.

This story gives us a hint as to why good things might happen to bad people: it is God's patience, with Zacchaeus and with us as well, as God awaits our response, for us to become the disciples God is calling us to be.

Today's Readings: Wis 11:22 — 12:2; Ps 145:1–2, 8–9, 10–11, 13, 14;
2 Thes 1:11 — 2:2; Lk 19:1–10

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Notes from Fr. Bob Bacik

What great fun we had on Halloween (All Saints Eve... All Hallows' Eve). Thank you to all of you who donated your time and candy and thank you for all of you who participated. The community was very grateful to have a warm and dry place to trick-or-treat! Crum Street has become one of the most visited spots on Halloween in Laingsburg. If you have any suggestions or would like to be involved with this event in the future, please let me know!

With the commemoration of All Saints Day (November 1) and All Souls' Day (November 2), this month becomes a special time to remember and pray for our deceased loved ones.

Our faith teaches us that all who die in God's grace and friendship, but still imperfectly purified, are indeed assured of their eternal salvation; but after death they undergo purification, so as to achieve the holiness necessary to enter the joy of heaven." (CCC 1030) This is GOOD NEWS for all of us who are a long ways from

perfection! The prayers of the living help the souls of the just on their journey home to God.

You will notice the "Book of the Names of the Dead" near the statue of Mary in the sanctuary. I have written the names of the twenty-two people buried through St. Isidore and Holy Family in the last year. Please feel free to enter the names of your deceased loved ones. This book will remain in the sanctuary for the month of November as a visual reminder of our sacred obligation to pray for the deceased.

Have a blessed week!
Fr. Bob Bacik



PARISH WIDE

Nov. 17—Pancake Breakfast following Mass
Nov. 19—Mass w/Anointing of the Sick—11am
At Holy Family, Ovid
Nov. 24—Thanksgiving Ecumenical Service—7pm
At Methodists Church

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION FORMATION (REF)

Sundays—10:15 AM—11:15 AM

Nov. 3—REF Classes
Nov. 10—REF Classes

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MASS WITH ANOINTING OF THE SICK

Nov. 19— 11:00 am

**At Holy Family Church, Ovid
Light Luncheon following Mass**



KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

Nov. 13—Business Meeting—7:00 pm
Nov. 17—Pancake Breakfast



Holy Family Movie Night
Nov. 4 at 6:00 pm
Title: The Zookeeper's Wife
Cost: Free

COLLECTION FOR THE ARCHDIOCESE FOR THE MILITARY SERVICES, USA November 2 & 3

Why do they need your support? They do not receive funding from the government or the military to support its programs and services. Only source of Catholic chaplains for the military and Dept. of Veterans Affairs Medical Centers. No other diocese or non-profit organization serves to provide the sacraments and pastoral care to almost 1.8 million Catholic around the world.

Envelopes are near the bulletins.



**2019 TRIENNIAL NATIONAL COLLECTION FOR THE
ARCHDIOCESE FOR THE MILITARY SERVICES, USA**

FREE THANKSGIVING DAY DINNER

Nov. 28—1:00—3 :00 pm
American Legion Hall, Laingsburg

Menu: turkey, mashed potatoes & gravy, cranberries, green beans, coleslaw, dressing, rolls, pumpkin pie, and beverages

Sponsored by the Laingsburg Lions Club and the Laingsburg American Legion post 248

RSVP by calling 651-6254 or 651-6323 by Nov. 15. Walk-ins will be served and any one who is disabled and cannot pick up their food will have it delivered.



MASS SCHEDULE FOR THIS WEEK

SATURDAY — November 2	5:30 PM	† All Deceased Members of the Parish
SUNDAY — November 3	9:00 AM	† All Deceased Members of the Parish
Monday	NO MASS	
Tuesday	NO MASS	
Wednesday	6:30 PM	† John & Sandra VanGeertruy
Thursday	8:30 AM	† Sheila Doyle by the Family
Friday	8:30 AM	† Anna Hurst by Yvonne O'Reilly
SATURDAY — November 9	5:30 PM	† Jerry Barnum by the Family
SUNDAY — November 10	9:00 AM	† Don & Gerry Ryde by Jack & Elaine Hurst

PRAYERS: PLEASE PRAY FOR MELVIN PAMMENT, - KEVIN PLATTE, OLIVER WASHINGTON, - GERRY PACE, - PAT SIMPSON, - RAY DOYLE, - KYLE WALLER, - JUDITH MARTELL (MOTHER OF TERESA PICKENS), - JIM (MAYO) HURST, - CHARLES OLENICZAK (BROTHER OF BARB WRIGHT), - BRUCE CHANDLER (BROTHER OF MARTI ROWLEY), - JIM OLENICZAK (BROTHER OF BARB WRIGHT), - ROSE MORRILL, - JULIE STONER (DAUGHTER OF GENE & BARB STONER), - FRANK LUNDIE, - JOHN MARTINEZ, (FRIEND OF JESSE ANGUIANO) - JANET ARTHUR, - PAM DELONG, - SUSAN DELONG, - THERESA HEEG, - LANA MIERSEN, - MARY STEIN, AGGIE CASSADY, - SHIRLEY GREENE, - MARY MAPES (MOTHER OF MIKE MAPES), - BILL DUSO, - TERESA KECK, (SISTER OF PHYLLIS HART & HELEN STELZER), - JOSEPHINE ANDERSON, - SHANNON HURST. - DENNY LEE, - DAVID OLENICZAK, - JEANNE OLENICZAK, - VERN WRIGHT, — DON ELLIOTT, - TONI DOYLE, - KEITH HURST, - MARY LOU DOYLE, - VIRGINIA BERNAL (COUSIN OF JESSE ANGUIANO), - HARRIET DELANEY

2019 ALL SOULS' DAY

Pray for the souls of our beloved parishioners who have passed away this year.

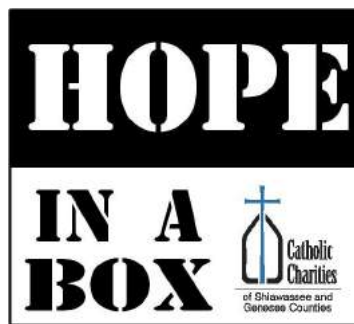
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 Anna Hurst
 Frances Zuniga
 Janet Weston
 Carolyn Mahoney
 Virginia Griswold
 Adrienne Bocek
 Michael Elliott
 Jesse Medina
 Theresa Broughan
 Raymond Bates

Annual Mission
 Collection last weekend
 \$1,460
 Thanks for your
 generosity!



OFFERTORY Oct. 26 & 27, 2019

78 Adult Envelopes	\$2,787
Loose Collection	\$312
Children's Offertory	\$25
19 ACH Electronic Offertory	\$1,630
Total Weekly Offertory	\$3,126



Need for the month of
 November

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