

MUSIC FOR THE LITURGY

Sunday, October 30, 2022

Thirty-First Sunday In
Ordinary Time

4:00 PM
8:00 AM
10:00 AM

Gathering: There's A Wideness In God's Mercy
BB 490

Responsorial Psalm (Psalm 34)

*Taste and see the goodness of the Lord;
O taste and see the goodness of the
Lord.*

Preparation Christ, Be Our Light BB 598

Mass Parts Mass Of Creation

Communion Our Blessing Cup BB 357
I Received The Living God BB 324

Recessional: Lift High The Cross BB 715



Out of respect for the Lord and in consideration of fellow parishioners, please remember to silence or turn off your cell phones during Mass. Thank you!

UPCOMING SECOND COLLECTIONS

October 30	Archdiocese for Military Serv.
November 1	All Saints Day
November 6	Property Management
November 13	Catholic Campaign for Human Development
November 20	Fuel
November 27	Christmas Flowers

PLEASE HELP US!

As you leave church, kindly take your Bulletin with you - or return it to the basket at the entrance of the Church, return your music book and Mass card to their proper place, and pick up after yourself as you leave.

✠ PARISH TITHING ✠

Our Parish needs to take in \$9700.00 each week in order to make ends meet. This amount represents an adjusted budget offertory of \$8500.00 per week plus the combination of budgeted Property and Fuel second collections (\$4800.00 per month divided into 4 weeks or \$1200.00 weekly). Your weekly contribution helps ensure that the Parish remains a vibrant community. Please remember to submit your weekly gift even if you will be away. Consider signing up for electronic giving (see below). Especially in these trying times, your Parish depends on your responsible stewardship and support!

October 23, 2022

Offertory	\$5,681.41
World Missions	\$1,267.00



Saint Luke the Evangelist Parish uses **Parish Giving** to provide parishioners with an opportunity to make your offertory and other contributions through Electronic Funds Transfer (EFT). Parish Giving is a simple, secure, and convenient way to manage your stewardship without weekly envelopes and without worries. This program is available to parishioners at no cost. Log on to the St. Luke the Evangelist Parish website at <http://stlukenh.org>, click on the Parish Giving logo, and follow the easy registration instructions.

HURRICANE RELIEF

All Catholics in the US are invited to help in the aftermath of the destruction caused by Hurricane Fiona and Hurricane Ian in the US Territory of Puerto Rico and the State of Florida. Visit www.catholiccharitiesusa.org to learn how to help. Local Catholic Charities in the various Dioceses affected by the storms are already assisting people to rebuild their lives. Thank you for your prayers and concern for the people of Puerto Rico and Florida.

Suggested Weekly Contribution Based on Income

Annual Income	5% Commitment annually/ weekly	3% Commitment annually/ weekly
\$100,000	\$5,000/\$100	\$3,000/\$60
\$75,000	\$3,750/\$75	\$2,250/\$45
\$60,000	\$3,000/\$60	\$1,800/\$36
\$50,000	\$2,500/\$50	\$1,500/\$30
\$40,000	\$2,000/\$40	\$1,200/\$24
\$30,000	\$1,500/\$30	\$900/\$18
\$25,000	\$1,250/\$25	\$750/\$15
\$15,000	\$750/\$15	\$450/\$9

Suggested Weekly Contribution Based on a Percentage Increase

Your Current Offertory Contribution	25% Increase	30% Increase	40% Increase
\$75.00	\$93.75	\$97.50	\$105.00
\$50.00	\$62.50	\$65.00	\$70.00
\$40.00	\$50.00	\$52.00	\$56.00
\$35.00	\$43.75	\$45.50	\$49.00
\$30.00	\$37.50	\$39.00	\$42.00
\$25.00	\$31.25	\$32.50	\$35.00
\$20.00	\$25.00	\$26.00	\$28.00
\$15.00	\$18.75	\$19.50	\$21.00
\$10.00	\$12.50	\$13.00	\$14.00
\$5.00	\$6.25	\$6.50	\$7.00

✠ PARISH NEWS ✠



CHRISTMAS CRAFT FAIR

Our Annual Christmas Craft Fair will be held on **Saturday, November 5, 2022 from 9:00 AM to 3:00 PM**, at 8 Atkinson Depot Road, Plaistow, NH. Watch the weekly bulletins to find out how you can help, donate, volunteer, and participate in St. Luke Parish's biggest (and ONLY) fundraiser! As always, there will be 20+ vendors of high-quality, handcrafted items; plus the Country Store, Silent Auction, Jewelry Table, Cookie Heaven, and FIVE great raffles: 1000 Ca\$h Raffle, Wine Raffle, Quilt Raffle, Penny Sale, and Theme Baskets. The Cafe will serve up breakfast and lunch, and if we're lucky, Santa may stop in from 10:00 AM to 2:00 PM for photos! Got questions? Please email StLukeNHFair@gmail.com.

ALL SAINTS DAY

All Saints Day is a holy day of obligation. Liturgies will be celebrated on **Monday, October 31 at 6:30 PM in Plaistow** and on **Tuesday, November 1 at 8:00 AM in Newton**.



ALL SOULS DAY

We will remember all of our loved ones who have died at a Mass of Remembrance on **Wednesday, November 2 at 6:30 PM in Plaistow**. All are invited to attend.

THE BOOK OF THE NAMES OF THE DEAD

Throughout **November**, a special *Book of the Names of the Dead* will be open near the Baptismal Font & Paschal Candle for parishioners to record the names of the faithful departed. It is a visible sign that the faithful departed remain with us as part of the Church. You are welcome to record names of loved ones and the dates of their death.



END OF LIFE PLANNING

Three Beliefs is a document from the Diocese of Manchester that gives valuable assistance to Catholics and others on end-of-life issues. *Three Beliefs* explains Catholic teaching on life-sustaining treatment and care and includes the New Hampshire Advance Directive form modified in such a way to make it consistent with both Catholic teaching and New Hampshire law. *Three Beliefs* contains a helpful FAQ section and wallet cards that include important information for healthcare providers.

The New Hampshire Advance Directive form was revised by a law that is consistent with Catholic teaching and the changes to the New Hampshire form. If you completed an advance directive before 2021 and your intentions for your end-of-life care have not changed, you do not need to complete a new form as long as your advance directive was valid when it was executed. For example, if you completed the October 2007 version of *Three Beliefs* and signed the document before two witnesses or a notary public or justice of the peace, you do not need to complete a new advance directive form.

Copies of *Three Beliefs* are available at the church entrance.

MEN OF ST. JOSEPH

Our ministry aims to emulate St. Joseph and become better husbands, fathers, sons and brothers. We gather together for sharing among men to help us become a better person, a better family man, and a better member of the Church. Join us on Saturday morning, **November 19, 2022 from 8:00 to 9:00 AM** in the parish hall on the Plaistow campus.

AMAZONSMILE FOUNDATION

Saint Luke the Evangelist Parish has been issued a **\$92.84** donation from the AmazonSmile Foundation as a result of AmazonSmile activity between April 1 and June 30, 2022.

AmazonSmile.com is the same market platform as Amazon.com, but with the added benefit of allowing customers to donate 0.5% of the price of items purchased to a charitable organization. Please register today to start shopping and donating at www.amazonsmile.com. For questions, please call the Parish Office at 603-382-8324. Be sure to choose:

St Luke the Evangelist Parish, Plaistow.

WHILE AWAY THIS FALL...

We appreciate all of you who remember to send in your Parish Offertory during the Fall even when on vacation or visiting other parishes. Thank you for remembering that our expenses also continue through the Fall months. We invite others to consider doing the same before or even after you return home.

✠ WEEKLY CALENDAR ✠

Sunday, October 30

10:00 AM Religious Ed – K to 6 *Plaistow*

Tuesday, November 1

6:30 PM The Cultural World of the Old Testament *Plaistow*

Wednesday, November 2

Holy Angels Church Open
All Day For Prayer

Thursday, November 3

8:30 AM – 8:30 PM Eucharistic Adoration *Newton*
10:00 AM Prayer Shawl Ministry Meeting *Plaistow*

Saturday, November 5

9:00 AM to 3:00 PM Christmas Craft Fair *Plaistow*
NO SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION



DON'T FORGET....
Turn your clocks back one
hour before going to bed on
Saturday, November 5!

VIGIL LIGHT

The Vigil Light in front of the
Blessed Mother icon
Mary, Mother of the Church
will burn this week in loving memory of
Doreen Burge
by the Burge family



RESTROOM BREAKS DURING MASS

Attention Parents

Please be sure to accompany your young children when
they need to use the restroom during Mass. This is for
their safety and your peace of mind!

PRAYER LINE

St. Luke's offers a prayer line as a resource for those
seeking prayer assistance. To submit your prayer
request please call Cathy Smith at 603-382-8324, ext.
314 or email her at csmith@stluketheevangelist.net.

FOR OUR RECORDS

We need your help to keep our records current. If there
are any births, deaths, marriages, moves, or address
changes in your family, please notify the Parish Office
at jtremblay@stluketheevangelist.net or 603-382-8324.

✠ MASS INTENTIONS ✠

Saturday, October 29 ~ 31st Sunday in Ordinary Time

Wis 11:22—12:2; 2 Thes 1:11—2:2; Lk 19:1-10 (Vigil)

4:00 PM Kevin Gallant (Birthday Remembrance)
by his family
Plaistow

Sunday, October 30 ~ 31st Sunday in Ordinary Time

Wis 11:22—12:2; 2 Thes 1:11—2:2; Lk 19:1-10

8:00 AM Doreen Burge by the Burge family
Newton

10:00 AM The Souls in Purgatory by Linda Huberdeau
Plaistow

Monday, October 31 ~ Weekday

Rv 7:2-4, 9-14; 1 Jn 3:1-3; Mt 5:1-12a

6:30 PM Madeleine Aucoin (Month's Mind)
Plaistow

Tuesday, November 1 ~ All Saints

Rv 7:2-4, 9-14; 1 Jn 3:1-3; Mt 5:1-12a

8:00 AM People of the Parish
Newton

Wednesday, November 2 ~ All Souls

Wis 3:1-9; Rom 5:5-11 or 6:3-9; Jn 6:37-40

6:30 PM Deceased Members of the Parish
Plaistow

Thursday, November 3 ~ Martin de Porres, Religious

Phil 3:3-8a; Lk 15:1-10

8:00 AM People of the Parish
Newton

Friday, November 4 ~ Charles Borromeo, Bishop

Phil 3:17—4:1; Lk 16:1-8

NO MASS

Saturday, November 5 ~ Weekday

Phil 4:10-19; Lk 16:9-15 (Day)

2 Mc 7:1-2, 9-14; 2 Thes 2:16—3:5; Lk 20:27-38 (Vigil)

4:00 PM Roger Lucey by his wife and family
Plaistow

Sunday, November 6 ~ 32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

2 Mc 7:1-2, 9-14; 2 Thes 2:16—3:5; Lk 20:27-38

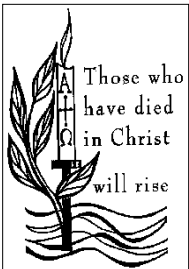
8:00 AM Tillie Massaro by the Stanley family
Newton

10:00 AM Jose Andrade by his son, Joe Andrade
Plaistow



CREMATION AND THE CHURCH

On October 25, 2016, the Vatican Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith published a new instruction on the burial of the dead and on the conservation of the ashes in cases of cremation. The instruction reiterated the longheld view that the Church is not opposed to the practice of cremation, though it continues to recommend that the bodies of the deceased be buried in cemeteries or other sacred places. **However, the new document insists that ashes should not be kept in private homes, and that the scattering of ashes in the air, on land, or at sea is not permitted.** The instruction also insisted that cremains may not be divided among various family members, nor may they be preserved in mementos, pieces of jewelry, or other objects.



ALL SOULS INTENTIONS

The month of November is a time when the Church traditionally prays in a special way for the faithful departed. The celebration of All Souls Day on November 2 is a joyful and poignant reminder that we worship and live in communion with those who have gone before us in faith.

All Souls envelopes are available at the entrance of both Churches. Any intentions listed on the envelopes will be remembered at Liturgies offered as "All Souls Intentions" throughout the coming liturgical year. All Souls envelopes can be deposited in the regular collection basket at your convenience.

The Holy Liturgy can be offered for any deceased Catholic person. Please contact the Parish Office at 603-382-8324 to inquire about scheduling. Exact dates cannot always be accommodated, so calling early for the coming year is advised. The suggested donation for an announced commemoration is \$10.00 payable to Saint Luke Parish.

THE GOD MINUTE

Every morning a small group of priests, religious, and lay people start their day in prayer. Soft music, sacred scripture, and a thoughtful reflection are weaved into a 10-minute prayer called "The God Minute." It's then uploaded for you to access and pray along with us on your own time. And it's free. Listen with your coffee in the morning, while driving to work, or taking a walk. See how easy and beautiful prayer can be! www.thegodminute.org

THIRSTING FOR GOD?

Do you know someone not baptized or baptized in a non-Catholic Christian tradition and who is thirsting for what it means to become Catholic? Are you that person?



Do you know someone already Catholic but has not yet received Confirmation & Communion? They may be thirsting too! The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA) is a place to ask questions and seek understanding. Contact Father Albert at 603 382 8324 for more information.

Conoces a alguien que no está bautizado o que ya es católica pero aún no ha recibido la Confirmación o la Comunión, que está sedienta de lo que significa ser católico? El Rito de Iniciación Cristiana de Adultos (RICA) es un lugar para hacer preguntas y buscar el entendimiento. Comuníquese con Padre Alberto para más información al 603 382 8324. 7

Join Father Albert and Nancy Ross, our RCIA Coordinator, for a visit on Sunday, November 13 after the 10 AM Liturgy in the Parish Hall at Plaistow.

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

We are truly blessed to have times for Adoration of Our Lord in our Parish. This time of prayer and intercession is not only a source of great grace for the individual, but it is a great source of grace for us as a parish family, as well.

We have many who have made the commitment to spend an hour each week with our Eucharistic Lord, **but** we need more people so there will be at least two people at each hour. We are also looking for people who would be able to substitute.

**Newton – Thursday
8:30 AM – 8:30 PM**

If you can commit to one hour a week in Adoration of our Lord, or if you can be a substitute, please contact Cathy Smith at 603-382-8324, ext. 305 or email her at csmith@stluketheevangelist.net.

The Church in Plaistow is open all day on Wednesdays for people to stop by and pray before the presence of Jesus in the tabernacle.

✠ PARISH DIRECTORY ✠

Parish Office	603-382-8324
Parish Prayer Line	603-382-8324 x 314
St. Vincent de Paul Society	603-382-8324 x 315
St. Luke's Food Pantry	603-819-4949
Preschool	603-382-9783
Presentation of Mary Convent	603-382-2744

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❖ Community News ❖



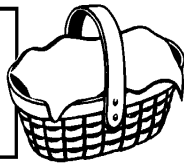
SAINT JUDE KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS MONTHLY FOOD DRIVE

The Knights of Columbus of our Parish are sponsoring a monthly food drive to support the Saint Luke the Evangelist Food Pantry. A list of items needed, along with a paper shopping bag, will be distributed at the end of Masses on the 3rd weekend of each month to those who wish to participate. We ask that you bring back the non-perishable food items the following weekend (4th weekend of the month). You are also welcome to drop off donations at the Parish Office during normal business hours or at one of our Parish churches. Monetary donations are also welcome (make checks payable to Saint Luke Food Pantry), or gift cards to local supermarkets. Thank you for reaching out to help families in our community who need assistance. The Knights and the Food Pantry appreciate your generosity and support.



St. Luke the Evangelist is now on Facebook! Go to www.facebook.com/stlukenh.org/ or **St. Luke the Evangelist Parish – Newton/Plaistow** and give us a Like! Please invite fellow parishioners & friends to do the same.

**St. Vincent
de Paul
Society**



THANK YOU!

St. Vincent de Paul would like to thank everyone who supported our Annual Appeal and our Mum Fundraiser. We sold out! A special thank you also to Newton Greenhouse for the gorgeous mums they delivered.

Your support and generosity will go a long way in helping those in need in our community.

Our next meeting on **Wednesday, November 16 at 7:00 PM.** We meet downstairs in the Church Hall in Plaistow. **New members are always welcome!**

If you seek assistance or need information about the St. Vincent de Paul Society, call 603-382-8324 x315.

**Hear, OH LORD, and answer me
for I am poor and needy.**

THANK YOU FROM THE FOOD PANTRY

We are very grateful to all of the businesses and individuals who donated backpacks, gift certificates, and made donations to our Annual Back To School Assistance Program. The Food Pantry was able to help 36 families, including 78 children, with their back to school shopping. Thank you so much for helping to make this program a success!

Joe and Marie Farren

CURSILLO

If you have a desire to know Jesus more closely, a Cursillo is for you. The Cursillo weekend is a short course in Christianity. The purpose of the weekend is to facilitate a meaningful personal encounter with Christ and his body, the Church. The three day weekend is also the bridge connecting the faithful with the supportive post-Cursillo community, where we live our faith joyfully with our fellow Christians. Cursillo weekends are being offered **October 13-16 for men** and **November 3-6 for women** at the Sato Center in Hookset, NH. To find out more, contact Mark Collopy at 603-833-7341 or explore www.nhcursillo.org.

ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS

A Men's AA Step Meeting is being on Sunday mornings from 7:00 to 8:00 AM at the St. Luke the Evangelist Parish Hall in Plaistow, NH (Holy Angels). Bring your own coffee. For more information, call 617-921-9899.



DO SOMETHING GOOD WITH US

The Knights of Columbus are a vital and vibrant part of St Luke the Evangelist Parish.

We welcome any practicing Catholic man, 18 or older, to join the Knights.

We are sons, fathers, husbands and grandfathers, whose main purpose is charitable works in support of our parish and community.

Where there is a need, there is a Knight.

Joining is simple – talk to a brother Knight, contact Dan Sullivan at 603-770-4803, email him at dans49@comcast.com or you can now join online at www.kofc.org/joinus.

**THE KNIGHTS OF
COLUMBUS
ST. JUDE COUNCIL #6617**
www.kofc6617.org





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RAISE MONEY!**

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The Gospel at Home

This Week's Gospels: Luke 19:1-10

In this Sunday's Gospel, Jesus enters the life and home of Zacchaeus. Although Zacchaeus' neighbors see him as an outsider, Jesus knows him to be a human being deserving of love and dignity. Zacchaeus' story reminds us that all people are worthy of God's love. We imitate Jesus by opening up our lives to people in the community, and the wider world, and to those who may be hungry or feel isolated.

Exploring the Gospel Message

Seeds (Preschool): Your child has learned about one of Jesus' friends, named Zacchaeus. Friends are very important to children, and this week's lesson is all about friendship. Ask your child to tell you the story of Zacchaeus in his or her own words. Talk about family friends and how important they are to you. Look together at the meal table activity your child has made and discuss how friends share meals together.

Promise (Grades K–1): This week, your child shared experiences of friendship in class and learned that Jesus wants to be friends with all people. Ask your child to use the picture page to tell you the story of Zacchaeus. Because your child prayed the Our Father in class this week, be sure to say that prayer together at least once a day.

Good News (Grades 2–3): The story of Zacchaeus helped your child recognize the value of friendship. Talk about how Zacchaeus felt when Jesus invited himself to the tax collector's house for dinner. Ask your child to show you the Mass booklet the class put together. Talk about the two parts of the Mass—the Liturgy of the Word and the Liturgy of the Eucharist. Share how your family can show friendship to others.

Venture (Grades 4–6): Your youngster has learned that Jesus invites all people to his table. Ask your young person to share some of his or her favorite meal stories from the Gospel of Luke with your family. Have your son or daughter recount some of the things they learned about homelessness from the interview they read in class. Review the story of Zacchaeus and discuss how your family can grow to be more like Jesus. Ask your youngster why Saint Martin de Porres is so important to the people of Peru.

Visions (Grades 7–9): This week's lesson uses the story of Jesus and Zacchaeus to explain the Sacrament of Reconciliation. The moments in their meeting are parallel to the four steps in the Sacrament—invitation, confession, satisfaction, and forgiveness, or absolution. Share how important the Sacrament of Reconciliation is for your family. Talk about ways you can make frequent Confession part of your family's routine. Take a moment to ask forgiveness from one another, too.

Pray Together

This Sunday falls right before the Feasts of All Saints and All Souls. As a family, take a few moments to talk about your favorite saints and loved ones in Heaven. Then thank God for the witness of these saints and loved ones. You can make your own Litany of the Saints by having each family member in turn say the name of a saint and all can answer: "Pray for us!"





Bringing Home the Word

Thirty-first Sunday in Ordinary Time (C)

October 30, 2022

Becoming Attentive Travelers

By Fr. Mark Haydu, LC

Jesus is on the road to Jerusalem and passes through the town of Jericho. His intention was to move right through town, yet when he catches sight of Zacchaeus, he stops. Jesus was on the move, yet not so obsessed with plans and objectives that he didn't notice the needy soul of Zacchaeus peering down upon him from the branches of a sycamore tree.

Part of being an apostle of Christ is having a heart that is always attuned to the inspirations of the Holy Spirit. We

cannot be so consumed with our plans that we miss opportunities to attend to those on our path.

Zacchaeus was a public sinner, a publican, a man among the hated tax collectors and collaborators of the Romans. Rather than a person to visit he was, for the Jews, someone to be shunned. Not for Jesus! He came to seek and save the lost. And Zacchaeus wanted to be found. He was so driven to see Jesus, he made himself look ridiculous by climbing a tree, admitting to his short stature and curiosity.

How many souls along our path are showing their unquenchable thirst to discover Jesus and, even more, to be discovered by him? Some, while amassing worldly riches, realize their deep hunger can only be satisfied by something else. Only spiritual goods can satiate the Spirit. Let's be willing to go off-road and facilitate these encounters with Jesus—of course, after we ourselves have been encountered by him. +

We must never be so consumed with plans that we miss opportunities to attend to those on our path.

A Word from Pope Francis

How many people even today persist in an ill-chosen life because they have found no one willing to look at them in a different way, with the eyes, or better, with the heart of God, that is, to look at them *with hope*? Jesus instead sees a possibility for resurrection even in those who have amassed many mistaken choices.

GENERAL AUDIENCE, ROME,
AUGUST 9, 2017



Sunday Readings

Wisdom 11:22—12:2

You love all things that are and loathe nothing that you have made; for you would not fashion what you hate.

2 Thessalonians 1:11—2:2

We always pray for you, that our God may make you worthy of his calling.

Luke 19:1–10

[Jesus said to Zacchaeus,] "The Son of Man has come to seek and to save what was lost."

REFLECTION QUESTIONS



- Am I as curious, as eager, as humble as Zacchaeus?
- Would I have interrupted my plans to encounter Zacchaeus?

O, When the Saints...

By Paige Byrne Shortal

Do teachers in Catholic elementary schools still invite children to come to school on Halloween dressed as their favorite saint or Bible character? They did in my children's school. My youngest once chose Zacchaeus—an easy choice for this shortest boy in the class.

Kids like this story we hear in today's Gospel. Zacchaeus is easy to picture: a short guy so eager to see Jesus that he climbs a tree. He's the "chief tax collector," which means he's good at his job—collecting taxes from the Jews to pay the Romans. And he's wealthy, which means he's been skimming off the top. That's how tax collectors made their living—they were not paid a salary but instead kept whatever they could collect above what was owed. So he was probably not a real popular fellow, either. Imagine when it's time to pay your taxes if, instead of an impersonal form to fill out, there is an actual person knocking on your door and holding out a hand for your money. And because taxes have always been confusing, and no one knows what they really owe, you would have to give Zacchaeus whatever he told you to pay. No, he would not have been well-liked.

Zacchaeus wanted to see Jesus, but what happened is that Jesus saw him.



Really *saw* him: a lonely man; a rich man who isn't too proud to climb a tree; curious and eager; a man ready for conversion. Jesus does not ignore him as others do but invites himself to dinner. Maybe that's something else children like about this story: we all long to be noticed, to be seen not only as we are, but especially as we long to be.

This simple act of Jesus prompts the well-off Zacchaeus to become generous. And that's another thing we like about the Zacchaeus story—the quick finish. He hears the message of Jesus and applies it to himself immediately.

Isn't that the difference between

most of us and the great saints? Most of us hear the gospel truth about being poor in spirit and loving one another and taking up our cross and that camel/needle thing and we respond, "OK, sounds good...you go first." Not Zacchaeus and not those who get to use the title "Saint" before their name; those whose lives we celebrate this week on All Saints' Day. If we want to live in the company of the saints, then we had best be about applying the gospel truth to our own lives... immediately. +

*The story of Zacchaeus the
repentant tax collector
is the story of the
salvific mission of Jesus.*


PRAYER

*Merciful God, help us
to be like Zacchaeus,
who was eager to know Jesus;
and like Jesus, who noticed
those whom others shunned.
We pray in Jesus' name. Amen.*

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WEEKDAY READINGS

October 31–November 5

Monday, Weekday:

Phil 2:1–4 / Lk 14:12–14

Tuesday, All Saints' Day:

Rv 7:2–4, 9–14 / 1 Jn 3:1–3 / Mt 5:1–12a

Wednesday, All the Faithful Departed

(All Souls' Day): Wis 3:1–9 / Rom 6:3–9 /
Jn 6:37–40

Thursday, Weekday:

Phil 3:3–8a / Lk 15:1–10

Friday, St. Charles Borromeo:

Phil 3:17–4:1 / Lk 16:1–8

Saturday, Weekday:

Phil 4:10–19 / Lk 16:9–15

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