

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

*Bishop Roger Paul Morin, third bishop of Biloxi, died on October 31, 2019. He was 78. Bishop Moran was returning to Biloxi after vacating with his family in Massachusetts and passed away during his return trip from Boston to Atlanta. We will provide funeral arrangements once they are finalized. May he rest in peace. Please keep Bishop Morin's family in your prayers.*

*Pray for our sick and shut in: Joseph Clark (healing), John Kinley, Betty, Bevonnia, Madelyn Johnson (healing), Willie Jean Barnes (recovery) and all others present and not present today. Please call/text Charo at 6013258853 with list of sick members by Thursday Weekly 6013258853.*

### Faithful Departed:

How can we pray for the dead throughout the year?


We commemorate the faithful departed on November 2nd each year. However, we can and should continue to pray for the dead. Our growth in Christian perfection takes a long time. At the time of our death, many of us might not be saints yet. But God, in His mercy, allows for those who love Him to experience purification after death. Our word for that state is Purgatory. It's the antechamber of heaven, so to speak. We know we're getting in the house, but we're not quite ready to go all the way in. There's rain to shake off our coats and dirt that's clogging our shoes.

Here on earth, we can pray for the souls in Purgatory. One way is to request that your parish offer a Mass for the intention of a specific loved one. We can also remember the departed in our daily prayers. Just as we have special intentions for family and friends here on earth, we can pray for those who have died. It's also a good act of Christian charity to pray for the forgotten, those who have no one else to pray for them. God knows who they are!

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## HOLY ROSARY CATHOLIC CHURCH

November 3, 2019



**31<sup>st</sup> Sunday**  
IN ORDINARY TIME

When he reached the place, Jesus looked up and said, "Zacchaeus, come down quickly, for today I must stay at your house." And he came down quickly and received him with joy. - Lk 19:5-6

Al llegar a ese lugar, Jesús levantó los ojos y le dijo: "Zaqueo, bájate pronto, porque hoy tengo que hospedarme en tu casa". El bajó enseguida y lo recibió muy contento. - Lc 19, 5-6

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In Jesus' day, tax collectors were a despised lot. They worked for Romans, the Gentile power who ruled their land. Tax collectors commonly supplemented their income with a surcharge. It was this despised man who was so eager to see Jesus that he climbed a tree for a better look, and it was at this man's home that Jesus chose to stay. What a change in Zacchaeus as a result? How are we changed by Jesus' presence with us?

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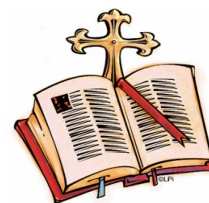


### 31st Sunday in Ordinary Time

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 extortion-ists — 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.



### Readings For The Week of November 3, 2019

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



November 3, 2019  
Holy Rosary Parishioners  
November 5, 2019  
Alex Blouin

**Date**  
**November 3**  
**November 10**

**Commentator**  
**Shirley**  
**Nikki**

**Lector**  
**Charo**  
**Shirley**

**Eucharistic Minister**  
**Arthur, Voncille**  
**Voncille, Shirley**

**November 3**  
**November 10**

**Alter Servers**  
**Adam, Raider**  
**Aj, Ameze**

