# 31st Sunday in Ordinary Time

In today's Gospel we see Jesus entering Jericho and passing through it. "A man was there named Zacchaeus; he was a chief tax collector and was rich. He was trying to see who Jesus Was...." So many times in the Gospel we see Jesus passing by or through a place. If he is not stopped, he will keep going. Similarly, he constantly passes through our lives. He comes every day in one form or another. He will come into my life today. Will I recognize him? Where am I expecting to find him? In what person? In what place? In what experience? To be really ready I have to be prepared to meet him in any experience.

Zacchaeus in order to see Jesus did not hesitate to climb a tree to get a better look. Imagine Zacchaeus' surprise when Jesus looked up and said, "Zacchaeus, hurry and come down; for I must stay at your house today." What wonderful words for Zacchaeus to hear! How wonderful when Jesus says them to us! Are we ready to offer him hospitality?

"To have courage for whatever comes in life - everything lies in that." St. Teresa of Avila

### **Prayers for the Faithful Departed**

There are envelopes available at the back of the church for prayers for our faithful departed. Please write names of your loved ones to be prayed for and place your envelope into the basket in front of the altar. There will be Masses celebrated from November 2 - 8 in their intention. You are also invited to light a candle in their intention and place it into the special light container in front of the altar.

#### **Mass Intentions**

There are weekday Mass intentions available for deceased, sick or any special intention for family and friends. Please call or visit office if you would like to request a Mass.

#### **Vocations – November 3, 2019**

Can I risk sharing the goodness God has given me? Can I care for the needs of my brothers and sisters? Can I respond to God as a priest, deacon, brother or sister? If you think God is calling you to be a priest, contact Fr. Michael King, Vocation Director, Diocese of Hamilton: 905-528-7988. Email: vocations@hamiltondiocese.com

## PREPARING FOR FIRST COMMUNION & CONFIRMATION

November 6, 2019 at 7:00 p.m. - Meeting with parents and Confirmation candidates. Catechetical session 2: "Reconciliation the gift of God's Mercy".

November 14, 2019 at 7:00 p.m. – Meeting with parents and First Communion candidates. Catechetical Session 1: "Discovering the grace of prayer".

#### Mass Intentions November 4 – 10, 2019

Tuesday, November 5–7:00 p.m. **All Souls Day Intentions** 

Wednesday, November 6 – 8:30 a.m. **All Souls Day Intentions** 

Thursday, November 7 – 8:30 a.m. **All Souls Day Intentions** 

Friday, November 8 – 8:30 a.m. All Souls Day Intentions

Saturday, November 9 – 9:00 a.m. Intention of Joanna Gromadowska & Wojciech **Heydel** – *Elizabeth Heydel-Quintanilla* 

Saturday - 5:00 p.m. +Bert & Leota Miller – Miller Family

Sunday, November 10 - 10:00 a.m. Parishioners of St. Teresa Parish

### **Diocese of Hamilton Prayer Calendar 2019**

Monday, November 4 – Rev. Zygmunt Baranowski Tuesday, November 5– Rev. Robert Bulbrook Wednesday, November 6 – Deceased Priests of the Diocese of Hamilton Thursday, November 7 - Rev. Timothy Higgins Friday, November 8 – Rev. David Perrin Saturday, November 9 - Rev. Brendan McGrath Sunday, November 10 – Thirty-Second Sunday

#### Stewardship Report October 27, 2019

Envelopes	\$1,826.00
Loose	
Building and Maintenance	924.35
World Mission Sunday	
Votives	

#### Children's Liturgy of the Word

All children are called to Children's Liturgy of the Word at the 10:00 a.m. Mass on Sunday, from September through May. After the opening prayer, children (ages 4-9) who wish to attend are invited to the lower church to hear the Gospel reading in simple, relatable language. Readings are accompanied by interactive dialogue, and other activities. Children return before the Liturgy of the Eucharist. Please share this message with other families.

#### **Volunteer for Children's Liturgy**

Engage and enlighten children parishioners by volunteering for the Children's Liturgy of the Word as a group leader or assistant. Ensure that both children and parents make the most of their individual liturgical experiences. If you feel that God is calling you to this ministry, please contact our parish office.

#### **Book Sale**

There is a book sale following Mass on Saturday and on Sunday at the entrance to the church. The following books are available by St. Teresa of Avila: Interior Castle, Autobiography of St. Teresa of Avila; Let Nothing Disturb You; The Imitation of Christ and Miracles of John Paul II.



# St. Teresa Parish Christmas Party

Join us on Sunday, December 8th at 4:30 for a family Christmas Party. We will be having a turkey dinner with all of the fixings! Entertainment and maybe even a special guest. Tickets for adults are \$15 (includes a glass of wine) and \$5 for children. Tickets will be on sale the weekends of November 16-17, 23-24 and November 30-December 1 following Masses.

Christmas Craft and Bake Sale - it's that time of year again when we look forward to the baking, sausage and sauerkraut, prize tables, and good deals. This year we will have face painting for the children. If you have donations of crafts and prizes they will be gratefully accepted. We encourage gift cards and small prizes for all ages for the surprise grab bag table, a popular table that we had last year. We will be taking in donations from 6:30 to 8:00 pm on Thursday evenings, November 7, 14, and 21 in the downstairs meeting rooms. Call the rectory or 519-578-2019 for more information. Let's continue to make this a great parish event.

#### **Catholic Women's League Meeting**

We will meet in the hall on Tuesday, November 12th after the 7 pm Mass. We will be discussing the upcoming Craft and Bake Sale. We would love all the help we can get and your input to make this a big success. All are welcome.

Adoration for Life on Thursday, November 7<sup>th</sup> from 11 – 11:40 am at St. Agnes RC Church, 75 Bluevale St. N., Waterloo. Call KW Right to Life for more information at 519-746-5433.

Spaghetti Dinner on Friday, November 8th at St. Teresa of Avila Church Hall, 19 Flamingo Drive, Elmira, sponsored by the Knight of Columbus. The meal will be served from 5:00 - 7:30 p.m. Tickets can be purchased through the Parish Office, Monday to Friday, 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. or by calling 519-669-3387. Ticket prices are: Adults \$12.00; Children 6-12 years \$6.00, Children 5 & under are free and a Family of 4 is \$25.00. Those who have purchased take-out tickets can pick their meals up at 4:30 p.m. There will be a quilt auction as well. Last chance to purchase tickets is Wednesday, November 6th. All are welcome! Funds raised from the quilt auction will go towards the Building Maintenance Project.

Marriage Education – providing the tools for success! For information about the marriage preparation classes, contact: Teresa Hartnett @ 905-528-7988, ext. 2250 or on-line at: www.hamiltondiocese.com/offices/familyministry/ptm/

#### **Hospitals and Privacy Laws:**

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Because of privacy laws, hospitals do not notify us when parishioners are admitted. If someone in your family is admitted to hospital and you want the Parish Office to know, please call and tell us. Many hospitals, Catholic or not, have a priest assigned to visit the Catholic patients and bring them Communion, but the family must tell the admittance office of their wish for a clergy visit.

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament- we encourage parishioners to sign up for a time that you can pray in the

#### **Relit: The Heart of Evangelization**

Relit is a 2 ½ day training program to equip, prepare and form you for sharing the Good News of Jesus. Taking place at Blessed Sacrament Church, 305 Laurentian Drive, Kitchener, on November 8th, 9th and 10th. The cost for this program is \$70.00, which includes a participant workbook, snacks and refreshments. You are asked to kindly bring your own lunches. For more information or to register, please contact Janet Smith at: 519-656-3291 or at: 260churchill@gmail.com

'Unplanned' Movie will be shown at Waterloo Knights of Columbus, 145 Dearborn Place, Waterloo (Fireside Room) on Saturday, November 9<sup>th</sup> at 3 pm. Good will offering accepted. All donations go to KW Right to Life.

Craft & Vendor Sale – St. Joseph's Parish, 148 Madison Ave. S., Kitchener on Saturday, November 9th, 9:00 am to 1:00 pm. Hand-made Crafts, Home Business Products & Décor! Over 20 tables! Knit/crochet, jewelry, woodcrafts, sewing, artwork & paper crafts, décor & religious articles, food items & baking plus reps from Pampered Chef, Norwex, Avon, Tupperware, Epicure, Scentsy etc. will be on site. For more details or email Cathy at stjosephcraftsale@gmail.com."



Most Lone Hands - Bill Zister / High Score - Shirley Rogers Low Score - Bernard Brohman + Neil Hart 1st Draw - Jane Grein / 2nd Draw - Grace Feeney Next game night will be Friday, November 8th at 7:00 p.m. All are welcome.

Matinee on **Saturday, November 23rd** from 1:00 – 3:00 p.m. at the Charities Bingo Hall, 510 Krug Street, Kitchener. To assist with this fundraiser for our parish, please call the office: 519-743-4525.