

Thirty First Sunday in Ordinary Time October 30, 2016

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Sacred Conversation

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We can argue about Zaccheus all day. The Jews loathed him, since he made his living collecting the taxes the overlord Romans demanded. But some defended him, saying that if the Jews didn't pay their taxes then the violent Romans would extract them themselves. Zaccheus was simply keeping the Jews alive and safe by keeping them in line with the demands made on them. That's another way to look at him.

And then there's this: Jesus's companions on his long journey from Galilee down to Jerusalem were faithful and devoted people who, we can assume, would LOVED to have been called by Jesus and told he was having dinner with them that night. So who does he honor with that immeasurable grace? The vertically challenged, incredibly odious tax collector who climbs a tree on a whim and gets a better view than everyone else there. That's not fair. But here's what Zaccheus will always have in his favor: *he was seeking to see who Jesus was*. Think about the people you know who have the Jesus Thing all figured out. He holds no mystery for them. They have deconstructed the miracles, googled the "the culture" about him, and, perhaps sadly, put him away with all their other childhood dreams.

You know what? Zaccheus lived in the same kind of world. Prophets and would-be Messiahs were a dime a dozen. His Roman employers were cynical business men who would certainly have snickered at Jesus and his pitiful entourage. Nevertheless, he risked it all and climbed a tree, because, no matter how ridiculous he looks, *he wanted to see Jesus*. That puts him way ahead of the game in our world today.

How can you inspire someone you love to want to see Jesus?

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Rad Retreat—for high school men—Open to discerning a vocation to the Priesthood? Register at www.DenverSeminar.org for a day of prayer and discernment at St John Vianney Seminary on Sunday, November 13, from 9am to 4pm

La Historia y Usted™



Conversaciones Sagradas

Trigésimo-primer Domingo de Tiempo Ordinario Podemos discutir acerca de Zaqueo todo el día. Los judíos lo aborrecían, ya que se ganaba la vida cobrando los impuestos que exigían los gobernantes Romanos. Pero algunos lo defendían, argumentando que si los judíos no pagaban sus impuestos, entonces los violentos Romanos los forzarían ellos mismos. Zaqueo simplemente mantenía a los judíos vivos y a salvo al ayudarles a cumplir las exigencias que se les imponían. Esa es otra manera de verlo.

Y luego tenemos esto: Los compañeros de Jesús en su larga jornada de Galilea hasta Jerusalén eran personas fieles y devotas, quienes, podemos asumir, hubieran estado FASCINADOS de que Jesús les hubiese llamado y dicho que iba a cenar con ellos esa noche. ¿Y a quien le concede esa inmensurable gracia? Al corto en estatura, increíblemente odioso cobrador de impuestos que se sube a un árbol por impulso y obtiene la mejor vista que cualquier persona presente. Eso no es justo.

Pero esto es lo que Zaqueo siempre tendrá a su favor: *Él quería saber quien era Jesús*. Piensa en todas esas personas que piensan que ya tienen a Jesús bien comprendido. En él no existe ningún misterio para ellos. Ellos han desarmado los milagros, buscado por google la "cultura" acerca de él, y, tal vez tristemente, lo han guardado junto con todos sus sueños de niñez.

¿Sabes que? Zaqueo vivía en este mismo tipo de mundo. Los profetas y los que querían ser Mesías se vendían diez por un tostón. Sus empleadores Romanos eran hombres de negocios sónicos quienes ciertamente se hubieran burlado de Jesús y su lastimoso acompañamiento. Pero aun así, él lo arriesgó todo y trepó en el árbol, porque, sin importar que ridículo se iba a ver él, quería ver a Jesús.

Eso lo pone muy a la delantera del juego en el mundo en que vivimos hoy.

¿Cómo puedes inspirar a alguien a quien amas que quiera ver a Jesús?

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www.DenverCatholicSpeedDate.com has a lot of opportunities for Catholic singles of all ages to meet other Catholics.

Around the Parish and the Community

FAITH FORMATION INFORMATION

Oct 30 10:15 am

*Children's Faith Formation

*Secrets of Scripture

Nov 01 All Saints Day

*Mass @ 8:15 am and 6:00 pm

Nov 05 8:30 – 4:00 pm

*Confirmation Retreat

Nov 06 10:15 am

*Monthly Parent Session #2 – Trinity

*Children's Faith Formation

TEMPLE TOUR

This is the last weekend to sign up for the Temple Tour! Mark your calendars for Friday, November 18 at 7:00 pm and make plans to join us for a tour of Temple Emanuel, a Reformed Jewish Congregation at 51 Grape Street, Denver, CO 80220. If you have never been to a synagogue, you are in for a fascinating experience. Even if you have been before, there is a lot to learn! We will meet at the Temple at 7:00 pm for a brief tour of the facility, then stay for Sabbath services at 7:30, followed by a question and answer session by one of the Rabbis. There is no cost, but the staff would like to adequately prepare for our group.

SECRETS OF SCRIPTURE continues each Sunday morning at 10:15 am. Please stop by and join us for conversation and prayer with the Sunday readings. Coffee and tea are always served!

DON'T FORGET...next weekend we "fall back" to regular Mountain Standard Time. Please remember to set your clocks back one hour, or you'll be a whole hour early to church!

ADVENT SERIES!

We are very pleased and excited to announce a special series on Advent entitled *Waiting for God in the Dark*, presented by Kathy McGovern, former liturgist at St Rose of Lima and author of *The Story and You*, which is featured in our bulletin each week. The series will be offered on Sunday, December 4, 11 and 18 at 10:00 am during our Faith Formation time. Mark your calendars and make plans to attend this special "mini-retreat." **Note: Parents with students in sacramental preparation should plan on attending the session on December 4 as part of the required monthly parent sessions.**

BAPTISM

Please pray for the newest member of our St Rose of Lima faith family:

Keegan Linenberger

Please keep Keegan and her family in prayer as they continue to journey with us in faith!

FACEBOOK

Have you checked out our FACEBOOK page lately? Don't forget to LIKE our page! We have a new post each day on current events and other topics of interest. Check it out and join the conversation!

Please Pray for the Sick of our Parish—

LeRoy Kress, Chuck Bauer, Felix Maes, Isabel Guzman, Raymundo Pimentel, Deacon Jerry Kotas, Bruce Courchene, Mary Maes, John Tapparo, Clarita Rubio, Regan Capps, Fernando Pimentel, Gretchen Testerman, Jana Purdy, Michelle Childers, Rich Casias, John Erger, Jesús Rubio, Bionne Solano, Alex Gallegos, Miguel Pino, Pattito Saenz, Ana Victoria, Jim Peña

La-La-La—We are looking for singers to sing with us at the 10:00pm Mass on Christmas Eve. Even if you don't currently sing in our Sunday morning choir, we hear your lovely voices out in the assembly. We invite you to consider singing with us at the Christmas Eve Mass. The more voices, the better. We know you are busy and may not be able to commit to weekly singing (although if you can, we'd love to have you). For Christmas, we will schedule monthly practices, beginning this month. As I prepare to schedule dates, I would like to get some feedback as to who is interested and which night is best for everyone. Please feel free to contact me by email: paquita727@yahoo.com or phone, 831.277.3632. Thanks. Frances Rossi, Music Director

Readings for the week of October 30, 2016

Sunday Wis 11: 22—12:2//2 Thes 1:11—2:

2//Lk 19: 1-10

Monday Phil 2: 1-4//Lk 14: 12-14

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

Wednesday Is 25: 6-9//Jn 6: 51-59

Thursday Phil 3: 3-8a//Lk 15: 1-10

Friday Phil 3: 17—4: 1//Lk 16: 1-8

Saturday Phil 4: 10-19//Lk 16: 9-15

Community Ministry needs—**Condensed Milk & Instant Mashed Potatoes** for the month of November. You can place your donation in the basket in the entrance of the church. Thank you for your generosity!

Chris Huter is taking over the 2016 St Rose of Lima Christmas Toy Drive—timeline as follows:

Nominations accepted→

—October 15-November 12

Giving Tree in Gathering Are→

--November 12-December 10

Last day to turn in gifts→

--December 14

Wrap gifts→

--December 15 & 16

Santa makes a special trip in→

--December 17

Mass Intentions

Saturday October 29

4:00 pm +Don Milner by family

Sunday October 30

9am deceased members
of the Holy Name Society

11:30am People of the Parish

Monday October 31

8:30am +Charles Onofrio
by Tony & Betty Sagoonick

Tuesday November 1

8:15am +Donald Puhalski by family
6:00pm +George Bravdica, Jr. by family

Wednesday November 2

8:30am +Bernard Rodenbaugh by family

Thursday November 3

8:30am +Jack Pepler by Betty Sagoonick

Friday November 4

8:30am Communion Service

Saturday November 5

4 pm +Rose Evangeline Doris Tracy
by Mary Ann Rhode
+Stuart Bader by Sharon Kissell

Sunday November 6

9am +Edith Marie Casias by family
11:30am People of the Parish

Prayer In the Square—come pray for the sanctity of Human Life and for an end to the persecution of Christians worldwide. On Saturday, November 5, at 9am, a Mass celebrated by Bishop-Elect Jorge Rodriguez at the Cathedral. Then at 10am at the west steps of the Capitol there will be a bi-lingual recitation of the Rosary.

Friday, November 4—**Adoration & Benediction**—6:00pm to 7:00pm. Join for all or just a part of this holy time to pray enter into the mystery of Christ present to his people in the Most Holy Eucharist. As things start to get gear up and get crazy busy, this is just the thing to offer peace and calm and a centering on what is *really* important.