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## MASS SCHEDULE

### Saturday Vigil

7:00 p.m. **Spanish** (piano & cantor)

### Sunday

8:00 a.m. **English** (organ & cantor)

9:30 a.m. **Spanish** (piano & choir/cantor)

11:30 a.m. **English** (organ & choir/cantor)

1:30 p.m. **Vietnamese** (keyboard & choir)

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#### Weekdays

8:30 a.m. **Spanish** (Mon-Fri.)

12:00 p.m. **English** (Mon-Fri)

7:45 a.m. **Vietnamese** (Thu & Sat)

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### CATHOLIC FAITH FORMATION

All those who are called to follow Jesus in the Catholic faith along with Catholics already baptized (adults, youth & children) who desire to celebrate the sacraments of First Confession, First Communion and Confirmation can make contact with the coordinator of this area for information about the various programs available. Registration for these programs are announced in the bulletin during various times of the year. Also appointments can be made in the parish office at anytime.

Parents wishing to baptize their children (ages 1-5) are invited to make an appointment in the parish office to speak with a staff member in order to make arrangements for participating in the Baptismal Program.

### SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION (CONFESSIONS)

At the parish office by appointment.

### MARRIAGE

Couples planning to be married should call for an appointment six months in advance of the wedding.

### VISITS TO THE SICK

In emergency, call the parish office at any hour. Please inform the office of sick or homebound who desire the sacraments.

### NEW PARISHIONERS

Welcome to all parishioners.

We encourage all parishioners to register at our parish office. We invite new parishioners to make an appointment to meet a member of the parish staff.

## PARISH OFFICE HOURS

MONDAY - FRIDAY 9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. open

MONDAY - THURSDAY 6:00 p.m.- 8:00 p.m. open

SATURDAY 9:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.

SUNDAY 9:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.



## THIRTY-FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

## A COMPASSIONATE GOD



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Today's reading from the book of Wisdom presents an image of a patient God who "rebuke [s] offenders little by little" (Wisdom 12:2), an image endorsed by the psalmist, singing of how the LORD is "slow to anger and of great kindness, and compassionate toward all his works" (Psalm 145:8, 9). The crowd with Jesus, however, grumbles when they see Jesus's kindness and compassion extended to Zacchaeus, who was not just a tax collector, but the "chief tax collector"—a title that surely emphasizes his standing as a sinner to be scorned. In the second reading, Saint Paul urges the Thessalonians to be "worthy" of God's calling, so that "the name of our Lord Jesus may be glorified in you" (2 Thessalonians 1:12); such people, unlike the crowd in the Gospel, would rejoice at Zacchaeus's determination to change his life after encountering Jesus.

It is difficult for us to comprehend God's mercy. We are constrained by our own experience of and often-limited willingness to be patient and forgiving. God loves all of creation and desires that we fulfill our call, glorifying our Lord in all we do. Yet we often fall short of this great purpose. We get lost in the pursuit of worldly things and lose sight of what really matters. Then, when we realize our failings, we falter, uncertain that we can really be forgiven. Today's readings invite us to deepen our trust in God's great kindness with the assurance that, as Jesus did with Zacchaeus, God waits with open arms when we turn away from our sinfulness. Let us grow in belief in Christ who came to seek and to save what was lost.

## GO UP IN A TREE

Zacchaeus was a tax collector and a wealthy man; it is likely he had amassed his wealth by charging more taxes than were due. While materially wealthy, he was derided by his fellow Jews, known as a sinner, isolated from the company of his people. He had become curious about Jesus. So much so that he climbed a tree to see Jesus as he passed by. And from that vantage point, he saw his weaknesses and failings clearly. When Jesus called, he responded, a changed man. Are we ready to go up in a tree of prayer and reflection, peer into our hearts and lives, and grow in readiness to change?

## TODAY'S READINGS

**First Reading** — LORD, you love all things that exist (Wisdom 11:22 — 12:2).

**Psalm** — I will praise your name forever, my king and my God (Psalm 145).

**Second Reading** — May the name of Christ be glorified in you and you in him (2 Thessalonians 1:11 — 2:2).

**Gospel** — Zacchaeus, a tax collector, considered to be a sinner, is converted to the Lord (Luke 19:1-10).

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## COME DOWN QUICKLY

"Come down quickly, for today I must stay at your house." Jesus' call to Zacchaeus was likely as surprising to Zacchaeus as it was to those who watched this encounter. The Gospel story is not only about Zacchaeus' change of heart. It is also about Jesus' eagerness to bring Zacchaeus into the fold, to show him mercy and forgiveness, to "seek and to save what was lost." Jesus calls us out of our sinfulness, too. He is ready to forgive and to stay with us, to be near to us as we embrace new life as his disciples. Zacchaeus claimed his sinfulness and named what he would do to repair his relationship with God and others. This is what we do in the sacrament of Reconciliation—we name our sins, make a promise to do penance, repair our relationship with God and others, and receive forgiveness, restored in our relationship with Christ. Reflect on Zacchaeus' example: what failings and sinfulness to you need to claim? Are you ready to hear Jesus' call to you? Come down quickly. Receive the mercy of the Lord and know that salvation can be yours.

Tough Love

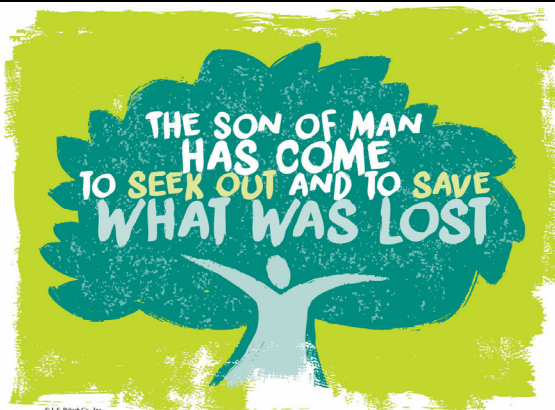
The first reading tells us that the God of all the universe is a merciful God who loves all creatures, not just enough to keep them in existence, but enough to give sinners the chance to repent. At times when I am behind a slow driver and want to arm the photon torpedoes if he doesn't move over, I remember that only God, who made all things, has the right to punish our transgressions. Instead, God gives us warnings and reminders to lead us to repentance.

Warnings are found in God's word, in the scriptures, and in Jesus. In the Hebrew scriptures, we see many warnings about sin and unfaithfulness. Besides the Ten Commandments, we also have the books of the law. While Christians no longer follow the laws of kosher, those laws can be warnings that even the smallest of sins need to be repented. White lies, for example, are usually told to keep from hurting someone's feelings. When we get used to telling white lies, however, we can be inclined to tell other lies, such as those told to protect ourselves. Those lies not only make it harder for people to trust us, they also keep us from facing our faults and taking responsibility for our actions.

Jesus also warns us about sin, both in his teaching and when he forgives sinners. In John 8:1-11, he saves the woman caught in adultery from stoning but tells her to sin no more. In today's Gospel Jesus has dinner with the tax collector, who demonstrates his repentance by offering to repay those he has extorted. Jesus tells Zachaeus and the bystanders that he came to save the lost. But part of being saved is the intention not to get lost again.

And what about "reminders"—the results of sin that usually catch up with us? The sin of arrogance can lead a driver to think he can ignore the speed limit. But when he has to pay a speeding ticket, that is the reminder that his arrogance, not the speeding, was a sin. Most sins have consequences, ranging from a guilty conscience to a jail sentence or worse. If we ignore those reminders, we may suffer eternal consequences. If we think of the results of sin as God's "tough love," perhaps they will remind us to sin no more.

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OCTOBER 16, 2022

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READINGS FOR THE WEEK

OCTOBER 31, 2022

Monday:	Phil 2:1-4; Ps 131:1bcde-3; Lk 14:12-14
Tuesday:	Rv 7:2-4, 9-14; Ps 24:1-6; 1 Jn 3:1-3; Mt 5:1-12a
Wednesday:	Wis 3:1-9; Ps 23:1-6; Rom 5:5-11 or 6:3-9; Jn 6:37-40, or any readings from no. 668 or from Masses for the Dead, nos. 1011-1016
Thursday:	Phil 3:3-8a; Ps 105:2-7; Lk 15:1-10
Friday:	Phil 3:17 — 4:1; Ps 122:1-5; Lk 16:1-8
Saturday:	Phil 4:10-19; Ps 112:1b-2, 5-6, 8a, 9; Lk 16:9-15
Sunday:	2 Mc 7:1-2, 9-14; Ps 17:1, 5-6, 8, 15; 2 Thes 2:16 — 3:5; Lk 20:27-38 [27, 34-38]

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

OCTOBER 31, 2022

<b>Monday</b> 8:30am	Francisco Aquino, Manuela Perez, Florentino, Cita Ramirez, Julia Jimenez (D) Stephen Giam (D)
12:00pm <b>Tuesday</b> 8:30am	Miguel Angel Vichay Tovar (D) - 1 <sup>er</sup> Aniversario; Luz Pelaez, Josefina Santos (D); Felicia Peña (D) - 1 <sup>er</sup> aniversario Matta Ty (D)
12:00pm <b>Wednesday</b> 8:30am	Familias Reyes, Rosario, Colon (D); Todos los fieles difuntos
12:00pm	All Souls; Mary Obaro, Ada Dike, All the dead family members of Legion of Mary of SNT
7:00pm	Felicia Peña (D); Paulo De La Cruz, Odalis De La Cruz, Nelva Perez, Diogenes De La Cruz (D)
<b>Thursday</b> 8:30am	Rosa Minchala, Julia Infante, Anastacio Montero, Juan Bautista Hernandez (D) All Souls
12:00pm <b>Friday</b> 8:30am	
12:00pm <b>Saturday</b> 7:45am	Thanksgiving (family)
7:00pm <b>Sunday</b> 8:00am	Sonia Gonzalez (D); Pilar Colon (D)
9:30am	Phero Chi (D); Thanksgiving Miguel Angel Vichay Tovar (D); Jose Arturo Flores Manzaba (D); Emilio Ramos (D)
11:30am	People of SNT; Soul of Damian Jr, St. Joseph, All souls in purgatory
1:30pm	Phero Thong & Margarita Han (D)

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**We pray for the sick:  
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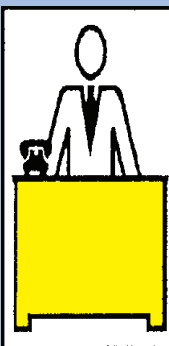
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