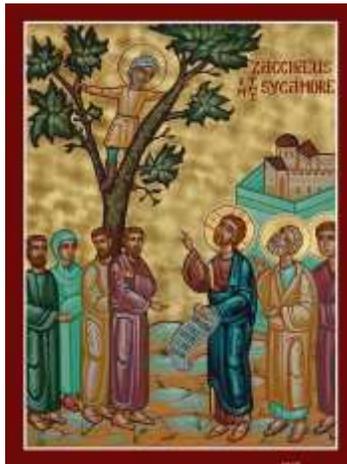


Lover of Souls: Scott Hahn Reflects on the 31st Sunday in Ordinary Time

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Wisdom 11:22-12; 1 Psalm 145:1-2, 8-11, 13-14; 2 Thessalonians 1:11-2:2
Luke 19:1-10



Our Lord is a lover of souls, the Liturgy shows us today. As we sing in today's Psalm, He is slow to anger and compassionate towards all that He has made.

In His mercy, our First Reading tells us, He overlooks our sins and ignorance, giving us space that we might repent and not perish in our sinfulness (see Wisdom 12:10; 2 Peter 3:9).

In Jesus, He has become the Savior of His children, coming himself to save the lost (see Isaiah 63:8-9; Ezekiel 34:16).

In the figure of Zacchaeus in today's Gospel, we have a portrait of a lost soul. He is a tax collector, by profession a "sinner" excluded from Israel's religious life. Not only that, he is a "chief tax collector." Worse still, he is a rich man who has apparently gained his living by fraud.

But Zacchaeus' faith brings salvation to his house. He expresses his faith in his fervent desire to "see" Jesus, even humbling himself to climb a tree just to watch Him pass by. While those of loftier religious stature react to Jesus with grumbling, Zacchaeus receives Him with joy.

Zacchaeus is not like the other rich men Jesus meets or tells stories about (see Luke 12:16-21; 16:19-31; 18:18-25). He repents, vowing to pay restitution to those he has cheated and to give half of his money to the poor.

By his humility he is exalted, made worthy to welcome the Lord into his house. By his faith, he is justified, made a descendant of Abraham (see Romans 4:16-17).

As He did last week, Jesus is again using a tax collector to show us the faith and humility we need to obtain salvation.

We are also called to seek Jesus daily with repentant hearts. And we should make our own Paul's prayer in today's Epistle: that God might make us worthy of His calling, that by our lives we might give glory to the name of Jesus.

ANNOUNCED MASSES
October 29th – November 6th, 2016

Sat. Oct. 29th 4:30 p.m.	Weekday Jose J. Ponte – RIP – by Maria
Sun. Oct. 30th 9:00 a.m.	31st Sunday in Ordinary Time Gaudencio Arao arao – RIP – by the family
11:00 a.m.	Benjamin Saldaña – RIP – by Anna Jaronel
Mon. Oct. 31st	NO MASS
Tues. Nov. 1st 7:00 p.m.	ALL SAINTS DAY For Souls in Purgatory – by the Timbol and Garcia Family
Wed. Nov. 2nd 9:00 a.m.	ALL SOULS DAY For all Saints, Souls and Angels – by the Ferraro family
7:00 P.M.	For all our Deceased Parishioners
Thurs. Nov. 3rd 9:00 a.m.	Saint Martin de Porres Santo and Augusta – RIP – by Leah del Pino
Fri. Nov. 4th 9:00 a.m.	Saint Charles Borromeo For Souls in Purgatory – by Phil
Sat. Nov. 5th 10:00 a.m.	Weekday Edmond Awakim – RIP – by the family
4:30 p.m.	Dominic D’Souza – RIP – by his family
Sun. Nov. 6th 9:00 a.m.	32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time Madelaine Thibodeau – RIP – by Frank Kebe and family
11:00 a.m.	Jeffrey Saldaña – RIP – by Anna Jaronel

*Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord,
and let perpetual light shine upon them.
May their souls and the souls of all the faithful departed
through the mercy of God rest in peace.*

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SPECIAL MASS ON WEDNESDAY

Special Mass will be offered on **Wednesday, November 2nd at 7 p.m.** for all our deceased parishioners.

ALL SAINTS (NOVEMBER 1)

This feast honours all the saints of the Church, known and unknown. The occasion provides an opportunity to reflect on the nature of sainthood and to celebrate the exemplary faithfulness of holy men and women of every place and time whose lives and deeds continue to inspire us.

Originally a feast in the Eastern Church for all martyrs, it was extended to the whole Roman Church in the 9th century as a feast including non-martyrs. It was given this date, November 1, to counter a pagan feast on the same day. In England it was called Allhallows. ('Hallow' is from the Old English word for 'holy.')

Thus 'Hallowe'en, a vestige of this pagan celebration, is from 'Allhallows even,' or 'the eve of All Saints.' (*Living with Christ, November 2016*)

PRAYING FOR THE DEAD

Yellow envelopes are available on the pews for anyone who wishes to offer Masses for the souls of departed family members and friends. These envelopes will be kept in the Sanctuary throughout November, the month of prayers for the dead.

SAINTLY PRAYER: For the Dead

"Eternal Father, I offer thee the Most Precious Blood of thy Divine Son, Jesus, in union with the masses said throughout the world today, for all the Holy Souls in Purgatory, for sinners everywhere, for sinners in the universal church, those in my own home and within my family. Amen."
- Saint Gertrude the Great

BE MY DISCIPLES NEWS

HARVEST PARTY – Saturday, November 5th, 6:30 – 9:00 pm, in the church hall, for Be My Disciples children and their families. **All friends are welcome.** This will be an evening of great fun and friendship with activities for every taste. Donation is \$2.00 per person. The harvest equals abundance of God's gifts and generosity, so we ask that **everyone who attends please contribute a non-perishable food item for OASIS.** A box will be available in the hall. Please contact Connie Kuhr if you would like to attend.

PARENT MEETING – November 13th, 2016, immediately following the 9:00 a.m. Mass. All parents of Be My Disciples children must attend.

CHRISTMAS BOXES - The shoeboxes are available at the office. For information please contact Frank - 514-333-0791; Connie - 514-747-9347, or the office – 514-747-4226. **DEADLINE** for returning the filled boxes is **Sunday, November 13th.** **Thank you** to ALL parishioners for your great generosity.

THE FOOD BANK "OASIS"

Christian charity obliges us to share our bread with the hungry and the needy. So please remember to bring non-perishable food and leave them in the bins at the doors of the church...Thank you.