St. Patrick Catholic Church

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Founded in 1851

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November 03, 2019 ~ Thirty-first Sunday in Ordinary Time
The Lord lifts up all who are falling
and raises up all who are bowed down. ~ Psalm 145:14

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nor asks for donations on the street.
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Wis 11:22-12:2; Ps 145:1-2,8-11,13-14; 2 Thes 1:11-2:2; Lk 19:1-10

The Lord is full of mercy and compassion (1), slow to anger and of great kindness (Ps). He has come to search out and save what was lost (3). Let us be more concerned with doing the Lord’s work than with idle speculation about when he will come again (2).

A Great and Glorious God

Our readings today ponder two powerful truths: God is infinitely greater than we are; and God provides every kind of help so we can discover and share in God’s glory. The reading from Wisdom reminds us that we are tiny compared to “the Lord of the whole universe.” Nevertheless, God preserves and nurtures us out of perfect love. If we feel tiny, weak, and sinful compared to God, we are blessed! God’s greatness sustains and strengthens us. Saint Paul encourages the Thessalonian Christians with the same message. He reminds them that God alone makes the Church holy. He prays that everything they undertake will be for the glory of God. Luke’s Gospel shows us what this looks like in real life: Zacchaeus, feeling small and excluded, looks for Jesus. Jesus finds him and gives him the strength he needs to repent of his sins and glorify God.

Treasures From Our Tradition

Every week, some treasures from our tradition are shared here. Where does all this history come from? The history of God’s people of prayer is always coming to light, mostly because scholars have dedicated their lives to research. They translate and ponder prayers and songs; explore the places used for worship; look at the vessels, books, and vestments; and read works from legal documents to letters and diaries. In the 1930s, Hitler’s rush to arm Germany closed seminaries as priests and seminarians alike were drafted into service.

One professor, Father Josef Jungman, forced from his classroom, spent the war years in an Austrian library. His careful work disclosed much of what we know of the history of the Mass. His great work, The Mass of the Roman Rite, describes the evolution of Eucharistic celebration and inspired generations of scholars to explore a tradition surprisingly rich and varied. It was said of him that he had a command of the past that cast new light on the present, and opened up a clear direction to the future. His contributions to the Second Vatican Council helped shape the way that we worship today. At the end of his life, in 1975, his studies completed, he told a friend that he was waiting patiently for the Lord’s knock at the door to take him to the heavenly banquet.

Archdiocesan Annual Appeal Update

Thank you to everyone who has made a donation to our 2019 AAA. If you haven’t donated yet, please consider making a donation.

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Please Pray for our Holy Father’s Intention for November

Pope’s Intention: Dialogue and Reconciliation in the Near East. That a spirit of dialogue, encounter, and reconciliation emerge in the Near East, where diverse religious communities share their lives together.
**Thirty-first Sunday in Ordinary Time**

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.

**“Zacchaeus, Come Down Quickly”**

Why do good things happen to bad people?

Does this question strike you as odd? Aren’t we usually struggling with the bad things that happen to good people? True enough, but when good things happen to others, especially those we consider undeserving, it can seem natural to grumble. How do some people always seem to “get away with it,” while we spend our lives trying to act as God would want? As a tax collector, Zacchaeus cheated and got rich off of his own people. Why does Jesus want to be so nice to him? It’s just not fair!

**Today I Must Stay at Your House**

This problem of “good things for bad people” can cause as much distress as the problem of bad things happening to good people. Both touch on one of the deepest mysteries of human existence: Is the universe fair? Is God just? This is what is making the crowd grumble about Jesus favoring Zacchaeus. Why is Jesus befriending such a sinner?

This is the third such complaint about Jesus in Luke’s Gospel (see Luke 5: 27–33 and 5:25–15). However, the encounter with Zacchaeus is different. In the other accounts, Jesus responds to his critics himself, but here, it is Zacchaeus who speaks up. Not only does Zacchaeus announce compensation for those he has cheated, he vows to give away half of his goods to the poor. At this point in the Gospel, Jesus is traveling to Jerusalem, where he knows he will be put to death. No one else that Jesus meets on this journey has responded as readily as Zacchaeus to his summons—first, to come down from the tree, then to “come down” from his wealthy lifestyle and the corruption that supported it. Although he did not travel to Jerusalem with Jesus, Zacchaeus clearly understood the demands of discipleship.

This story gives us a hint as to why good things might happen to bad people: it is God’s patience, with Zacchaeus and with us as well, as God awaits our response, for us to become the disciples God is calling us to be. 

**Artistry**

Love is a canvas furnished by nature and embroidered by imagination.

**New Beginning**

That day which you fear as being the end of all things is the birthday of your eternity.

**Begin with Ardor**

If we wish to make any progress in the service of God we must begin every day of our life with new ardor.

~ St. Charles Borromeo

**Ministers Schedule**

**Nov 09 - 10, 2019**

**Saturday, 5:15 p.m.**

**Readers** - Barbara Villanueva, Arlene Ambata

**Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion** - Barbara Villanueva, Amy Mohler, Luzviminda Grajales, Mary Josue, Jeannette Chafe

**Sunday, 7:30 a.m.**

**Readers** - Vida Ventura, Julius Vedasto

**Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion** - Therese Guintu, Vida Ventura, Julius Vedasto, Cathy Bohol, Albert Chin, Tessie Gallardo

**Sunday, 9:30 a.m.**

**Readers** - Jim Blacksten, Cristin Salangsang

**Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion** - Ligaya Gementera, Malou Pulanco, Celso Mangoba, Rose Mangoba, Rufina Oviedo, Ben Banatao

**Sunday, 12:00 p.m.**

(Family Mass)

**Readers** - CCD Students

**Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion** - Sandra Cea, Mary Josue, Fe Macatangay, Jeannette Bird, Trini Raymundo, Carlito Pantig, Giulia Pattini

**Sunday, 5:15 p.m.**

**Readers** - Charles Roah, Fe Barcelona

**Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion** - Zachary Dul dulao, Teng Sullivan, Luzviminda Grajales, Mary Josue
Today’s Readings

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

Psalm — I will praise you name for ever, 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 — Today salvation has come to the tax collector Zacchaeus’ house (Luke 19:1-10).


Sponsors Needed

for the 9-Day Misa de Gallo

December 16 - 24, 2019 at 6:00 a.m.

As the liturgical year winds down with Advent right around the corner, we are looking for kind-hearted and generous people who would like to share some of their God-given blessings by sponsoring one of the pre-dawn Misa de Gallo Masses. Donations will go toward the festive and joyful fellowship each day featuring hot refreshments. Please bring your contribution to the office or give it to one of the parish staff by Thursday, December 12th, so your donation may be acknowledged in the Misa de Gallo program. Thank you for sharing the joy of your blessings and your Christmas spirit with your fellow parishioners!!

National Vocation Awareness Week

National Vocation Awareness Week will be celebrated in our country November 3-9, 2019. Please ask Our Lord for more dedicated, holy priests, deacons and consecrated men and women. May they be inspired by Jesus Christ, supported by our faith community, and respond generously to God’s gift of a vocation.

Relevant Radio

Tune your radio to 1260 AM or 101.7 FM for 24-hour broadcasts concerning Catholic teachings and prayers.
**Schedule of Sacraments**

**Eucharistic Celebrations**
- Sundays ~ 7:30 a.m., 9:30 a.m., 12:00 p.m., 5:15 p.m.
- Family Mass on 2nd Sunday at 12:00 p.m.
- Tagalog Mass on 1st Sunday at 2:00 p.m.
- Charismatic Mass and Healing Service on 3rd Sunday at 2:00 p.m.
- Monday through Friday — 7:30 a.m., 12:10 p.m. & 5:15 p.m.
- Saturdays ~ 7:30 a.m. & 12:10 p.m. — 5:15 p.m.

**Sacrament of Baptism (infants and children)**
- Baptismal Prep Class — Every 1st Saturday at 9:00 a.m.
- Sacrament of Baptism — Every 2nd and 4th Saturday at 10:00 a.m.

Please call the parish office at least two months before the preferred date of Baptism. All Baptisms are scheduled through the parish office and Baptism classes are required for all first time parents and godparents.

**Sacrament of Marriage**
You must first be a registered and active parishioner for at least six months prior to arranging a marriage at St. Patrick. Arrangements for this celebration must be made at least six months in advance. No date may be reserved without first consulting with the Pastor.

**Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession)**
- Tuesdays and First Fridays ~ 11:30 a.m. & 4:30 p.m.

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**Parish Meeting Schedule**

- Adult Choir
- Altar Servers
- Charismatic Prayer Group
- Forever Young Ministry
- Legion of Mary —
  - Patrician Meeting
- Liturgical Lay Ministers
- Our Lady of Fatima Devotees
- Parish Pastoral Council
- Sacred Heart of Jesus Devotion
- St. Vincent de Paul Society
- Young Adult Choir (SPYCO)
- Thursdays, 6:30 p.m.
- 3rd Sunday, 10:30 a.m.
- Sundays, 1:30 p.m.
- Sundays, 10:30 a.m.
- Sundays, 2:00 p.m.
- Last Sunday, 1:30 p.m.
- as announced
- 1st Saturday, 2:00 p.m.
- 1st Monday, 6:15 p.m.
- 1st Friday, 6:00 p.m.
- 4th Saturday, 6:30 p.m.
- Fridays, 6:00 p.m.

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**Devotions**

- Sacred Heart — Every First Friday, the Blessed Sacrament is exposed for public adoration from 8:30 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.
- Our Mother of Perpetual Help — Tuesdays after the 12:10 p.m. and 5:15 p.m. Masses
- Divine Mercy — Daily at 4:45 p.m.

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**Welcome to St. Patrick!!**

Welcome to all of our out-of-town visitors,
Thank you for worshipping with us!!
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