

**Welcome to Holy Mass at Holy Cross Church
31st Sunday in Ordinary Time**

**Sunday, October 31, 2010
11:00 am**

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and all those in need of healing in our parish community

The Liturgy of the Word

Reading I

Wisdom 11: 22 – 12: 1

A reading from the book of Wisdom

You have mercy on all things because you love everything that exists.

Before the Lord, the whole universe is as a grain from a balance or a drop of morning dew come down upon the earth. But you have mercy on all, because you can do all things, and you overlook the sins of men that they may repent. For you love all things that are and loathe nothing that you have made; for what you hated, you would not have fashioned. And how could a thing remain, unless you willed it; or be preserved, had it not been called forth by you? But you spare all things, because they are yours, O Lord and lover of souls, for your imperishable spirit is in all things!

This is the Word of the Lord.

Responsorial Psalm

Psalm 145: 1-2, 8-9, 10-11, 13, 14

R: I will praise your name for ever, my king and my God.

**I will extol you, O my God and King, and I will bless your name forever and ever.
Every day will I bless you, and I will praise your name forever and ever.**

R: I will praise your name for ever, my king and my God.

The Lord is gracious and merciful, slow to anger and of great kindness. The Lord is good to all and compassionate toward all his works.

R: I will praise your name for ever, my king and my God.

Let all your works give you thanks, O Lord, and let your faithful ones bless you. Let them discourse of the glory of your kingdom and speak of their might.

R: I will praise your name for ever, my king and my God.

The Lord is faithful in all his words and holy in all his works. The Lord lifts up all who are falling and raises up all who are bowed down.

R: I will praise your name for ever, my king and my God.

Reading II

II Thessalonians 1: 11 – 2: 2

A reading from the second letter of Paul to the Thessalonians

The name of our Lord Jesus Christ will be glorified in you and you in him.

We pray for you always that our God may make you worthy of his call, and fulfill by his power every honest intention and work of faith. In this way the name of our Lord Jesus may be glorified in you and you in him, in accord with the gracious gift of our God and of the Lord Jesus Christ.

On the question of the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ and our being gathered to him, we beg you, brothers, not to be so easily agitated or terrified, whether by an oracular utterance or rumor or a letter alleged to be ours, into believing that the day of the Lord is here.

This is the Word of the Lord.

Gospel Alleluia

**I am the way, the truth, and the life, says the Lord;
No one comes to the Father, except through me. [8]**

Gospel

Luke 19: 1-10

A reading of the holy gospel according to Luke

The Son of Man came to seek and to find that which was lost.

Jesus, upon entering Jericho, passed through the city. There was a man there named Zacchaeus, the chief tax collector and a wealthy man. He was trying to see what Jesus was like, but being small of stature, was unable to do so because of the crowd. He first ran on in front, then climbed a sycamore tree which was along Jesus' route, in order to see him. When Jesus came to the spot he looked up and said, "*Zacchaeus, hurry down. I mean to stay at your house today.*" He quickly descended, and welcomed him with delight. When this was observed, everyone began to murmur, "He has gone to a sinner's house as a guest." Zacchaeus stood his ground and said to the Lord: "I give half my belongings, Lord, to the poor. If I have defrauded anyone in the least, I pay him back fourfold." Jesus said to him, "*Today salvation has come to this house, for this is what it means to be a son of Abraham. The Son of Man has come to search out and save what was lost.*"

This is the gospel of the Lord.

Thoughts from the Pulpit

[Luke 19: 1-10]

Zacchaeus: The Man on a Limb

The Gospel today shows Jesus going very far in the search for men's conversion.

He went to the house of a "sinner," the tax-collector, and stayed with the most hated man in the community. He did this because he was thinking not of himself, but of the other person's need.

How often we do what will make us popular, rather than what is right?

How often we go where we will be most welcome, rather than where we are most needed?

How often do we make an effort to be in a circle of "powerful" figures and ignore the "little" of this world? Doing so, we turn the Gospel upside down.

Look at Jesus. He goes very far in search of men's conversion. What Jesus did in the house of a sinner was gently draw the veil, giving Zacchaeus a glimpse of what lay behind it. But then he pointed him in a new direction. He gave him a new vision. He led him into a whole new world he never knew existed – the world of sharing. He did this, not by threats, but by showing concern for him. Jesus didn't care what villagers would think of him – visiting the sinner! A tax-collector! Jesus' concern was to save this man, to show him a vision of the good life of sharing!

I am like Zacchaeus. I need Christ to come to me with His salvation. I need His love, His concern. I want to make my own conversion – into the world of sharing, the world of salvation!

Amen.

Announcements for October 31, 2010

IMPORTANT REMINDER: According to our bylaws, to meet one's yearly financial obligations, **each adult member** must contribute \$275 in general stewardship and \$50 to the cemetery fund. **Next Sunday, November 7**, the second and last Cemetery Improvement envelope for 2010 is in the envelope packet. If you have not yet paid your 2010 cemetery obligation, this envelope can be used. Please remember that, regardless of when it is given, any cemetery donation must be marked specifically for the cemetery fund and is not automatically taken from a member's general stewardship offerings. Meeting both general stewardship and cemetery obligations will guarantee each member's ability to participate fully in our parish life, including voting at any congregational meeting, during 2011. Thank you.

Included in our bulletin today is the second installment of the Church Doctrine Commission's publication, "*To Live in the Spirit of God.*" Last week, the general introduction to this document was included in the bulletin. This week's excerpt concerns the Church's position regarding the issue of abortion. Please take some time to review this important clarification of our Church's belief regarding this matter.

This morning after Holy Mass, join us in the parish hall for coffee hour. Thank you, Maureen and Rick, for the treats!

Request sheets for the reading of names for All Soul's Day are available on the table in the church foyer. Please complete your requests and return them in the collection plate or to Pat Zalewski **today!** Reading of names will take place at the end of Holy Mass **next Sunday, November 7**. Thank you!

Our next community event is a pancake breakfast, sponsored by the YMS of R, on **Saturday, November 13**. Please mark your calendars.

Weekly Calendar

Wednesday, November 3 4:00 pm Choir practice

Thursday, November 4 6:00 pm Polish language class

Saturday, November 6

CLOCKS FALL BACK ONE HOUR! DON'T BE LATE FOR CHURCH!

Sunday, November 7 **ORDINARY 32**
With Benediction to the Blessed Sacrament and
Reading of Names for All Soul's Remembrance

Intention: +Reading of Names for All Soul's Remembrance

9:30 YMS of R Meeting

11:00 Holy Mass

12:15 Coffee Hour (Thank you, Richard, for the treats!)

Financial Corner

Week of	Weekly Income	Weekly Income Needed	Balance
October 3	\$783	\$642	\$141
October 10	\$434	\$642	-\$208
October 17	\$1205	\$642	\$563
October 24	\$627	\$642	-\$15
TOTALS	\$3049	\$2568	\$481