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November 3, 2019 • Thirty-first Sunday in Ordinary Time

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.

Today's Readings: Wis 11:22 — 12:2; Ps 145:1-2, 8-9, 10-11, 13, 14;
2 Thes 1:11 — 2:2; Lk 19:1-10

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OFFICE HOURS:

Monday -Thursday 8:45 a.m. -12:00 p.m.; 1:00 p.m.-5:00 p.m.

Parish Staff

Rev. Albert Yankey, Parochial Administrator
Sr. Valerie Janecka, IWBS - Parish Secretary
Janet Weaver, Bookkeeper
Martha Nichols, PCL/Safe Environment Coordinator
Tammy Fikac, PCL
Martha Nichols - RCIA
Elaine Mayer & Thomas Santos, Music Ministry

NEW PARISHIONERS WELCOME

Registration forms online at www.lourdesvictoria.org
or email: ollvic@lourdesvictoria.org

MASS SCHEDULE:

Saturday Vigil: 4:00 p.m.
Sunday: 7:30 a.m. and 10:00 a.m.
Daily (Mon-Sat): 8:00 a.m.

CONFESSIONS:

Saturday 3:15 p.m. to 3:45 p.m.
Before daily Mass

ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT:

First Friday - 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

BAPTISMAL INSTRUCTIONS:

First Sunday of every month

CHOIR PRACTICE:

Every Wednesday @ 6:15 p.m.

THIS WEEK

SUNDAY - November 3 - Thirty-first Sunday in Ordinary Time

7:30 am - Our Lady of Lourdes Parish Family
10:00 am - Wallace & Kathy Bianchi †



MONDAY - November 4

8:00 am - Adella Mullino †

TUESDAY - November 5

8:00 am - Holy Souls in Purgatory †

WEDNESDAY - November 6

8:00 am - Buddy Waida †

THURSDAY - November 7

8:00 am - Minnie Bochat †

FRIDAY - November 8

8:00 am - Jerome Krenek †

SATURDAY - November 9

8:00 am - Reinhart Schoener †
4:00 pm - David & Jimmy Hobbs, Carolyn Goldman †

SUNDAY - November 10 - Thirty-second Sunday in Ordinary Time

7:30 am - Cap Ressman †
10:00 am - Our Lady of Lourdes Parish Family
William "Bill" Striedel, Jr. †



READINGS FOR THE WEEK



Monday: Rom 11:29-36; Ps 69:30-31, 33-34, 36; Lk 14:12-14
Tuesday: Rom 12:5-16b; Ps 131:1bcde-3; Lk 14:15-24
Wednesday: Rom 13:8-10; Ps 112:1b-2, 4-5, 9; Lk 14:25-33
Thursday: Rom 14:7-12; Ps 27:1bcde, 4, 13-14; Lk 15:1-10
Friday: Rom 15:14-21; Ps 98:1-4; Lk 16:1-8
Saturday: Ez 47:1-2, 8-9, 12; Ps 46:2-3, 5-6, 8-9; 1 Cor 3:9c-11, 16-17; Jn 2:13-22
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]

Question of the Week

Given space for repentance, for what failings do I need to seek forgiveness? To whom can I give space for repentance?



PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR SICK

Mae Jean Willemin, Johnnie Bomersbach, Hailey Vasquez, Patricia Pooley, W. R. Nichols, Samuel William Bek, Barbara Yanta, Matt Brown, Marvin Kucera, Milton Greeson, Raymond Spann, John Correll, Cheryl Barker, Norma Guerra, Dorothy Boehm, Mary Ann Bernhard, Tom Goslin, Kathleen Edwards, Darren Mikulik, David Reynolds, Tina Moya, Cole Ohrt, Ramona Perez, James Rung, Wade Shumbera, Judge Whayland & Dolores Kilgore, Carly Walker, Gerald Yankey, Ann Hagel, Stephen Diess, Piper Eloisa Lara, Winston Wilson

THIRTY-FIRST SUNDAY in ORDINARY TIME
National Vocations Awareness Week

Collection/Envelope: Weekly Stewardship
2nd Collection: Building Repairs/Maintenance

TUESDAY - Election Day

WEDNESDAY - Food & Paper Goods Delivery (mid-morning)
Choir Practice (6:15 pm)

THURSDAY - Slaw Workshop (8:30 am)

FRIDAY - Celery & Onion Workshop (8:30 am)
Season Turkeys @ KC Hall (1:00 pm)

SATURDAY - Cook Chickens/Turkey Necks/Cool Broth (6:00 am)
Confessions: 3:15 pm - 3:45 pm

THIRTY-SECOND SUNDAY in ORDINARY TIME

Collection/Envelope: Weekly Stewardship
2nd Collection: Archdiocese for the Military Services, USA

NEXT WEEKEND - November 9/10, 2019

EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS

of HOLY COMMUNION and **LECTORS**

Sat. 4:00 pm - Lillian Berger, Liz Lemke, Joe Ryan	Harvin Suggs
Sun. 7:30 am - Sherry Kainer, Joy Loest, Standby x1	Dennis Boehm
Sun. 10:00 am - April Nunley, Geraldyn Biediger, Standby x1	Jeff Nunley

ALTAR SERVERS:

Sat. 4:00 pm - Suzie Ryan, Standby x2
Sun. 7:30 am - Clayton E., Joshua Z., Standby x1
Sun. 10:00 am - Ross N., Jace S., Joseph V.

USHERS:

Sat. 4:00 pm - Julius Cano, John Novak, Norman Schoener
Sun. 7:30 am - Gary Pribyl, Patrick Pribyl, Matt Warwas
Sun. 10:00 am - Howard Bludau, Pat Krenek, Standby x1

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.

WEEKEND of October 26/27, 2019



Count - 515

Total Operating Income	\$ 4,314.50
2nd Collection: St. Vincent de Paul	\$ 1,273.00

Your Generosity is Greatly Appreciated.

PARISH FESTIVAL

The Festival is almost here (November 10, 2019)!

Please take note of the festival workshops and the events of the next week. Much help is needed to complete these tasks. Please come and support your parish.

Wed: 11/6/19	Deliver Food & Paper Goods	Jeff Nunley	Mid-morning
Thurs: 11/7/19	Slaw Workshop	Alex & Deborah Sullivan	8:30 am
Fri: 11/8/19	Celery & Onion Workshop		8:30 am
Fri: 11/8/19	Season Turkeys at KC Hall		1:00 pm
Sat: 11/9/19	Cook Chickens & Turkey Necks & Cool Broth	Dennis & Dorothy Boehm	6:00 am
Sun: 11/10/19	FESTIVAL		

Donations are being accepted for the **Live Auction**. If you, your business, or if you know of a business that would like to donate an auction item for the live auction, please contact Tammy Fikac at 361-649-3717. Auction items may be dropped off in the basement or brought to the Education Building on Saturday, November 9th. Large items may be taken directly to the Community Center the morning of the festival (just let Tammy know who and what was donated).

The **Silent Auction Committee** is again asking for your help to make the Silent Auction at the 2019 Festival a huge success. Donations of handcrafted items, seasonal autumn harvest and Christmas items, baked goods, baskets of homemade canned goods, and/or anything else you can think of would be greatly appreciated. Thanks to those of you who have already donated items and baskets. With all of us working together we can make this year's Festival the best one yet! Chairpersons you may contact are Sherron Baker @ 361-550-1556, Josie Berger @ 361-550-2079, and Diana Tuch @ 361-649-0178.

Raffle tickets are waiting for you at the entrance of the church and extras are in the Rectory. Please help sell! Each book contains 5 tickets (@ \$1.00 per ticket). You may turn in your money and ticket stubs in an envelope (with your name written on the outside) to the Rectory or place it in the collection basket. Thank you so much for all your donations and help!

Flyers advertising the Fall Festival are available at the entrance of the Church and in the rectory. Please help distribute this information to places of business, etc., where folks will be reminded of our parish picnic. Thank you!

The **cake walk** needs cake donations. The donated cakes may be brought to the Victoria Community Center by 10:00 am on Sunday, November 11th. Thank you, Helen John, Chairperson

Reminder: Festival workers, please park in the back of the community center to allow our patrons plenty of parking in front.

TOP THREE RAFFLE TICKET VENDORS

(as of 10/28/19)

Mr. & Mrs. B.J. Kloesel.....	\$ 166.00
George Alvarez.....	\$ 100.00
Jeff Dickinson.....	\$ 100.00

- EVENTS ALL AROUND -



Catholic Daughters of the Americas Court St. Ann #369 will meet on **November 4**. We will have a Memorial Mass for Deceased Members celebrated by Father Christopher at **St. Mary's Church** at **6:00 pm** with a regular business meeting to follow at **St. Mary's Hall**. **REMEMBER, THIS WILL TAKE PLACE AT St. Mary's!**

Sts. Cyril & Methodius Catholic Church, Shiner, is sponsoring its **33rd Annual Strudel Sale** on **November 9, 2019**. Price: \$16.00 for a frozen, unbaked strudel, complete with baking instructions. Strudel orders must be placed by Friday, November 8, to guarantee delivery. Contact Ann Duke at 361-594-3836 (aduke@sccmshiner.org). Delivery for Victoria orders will be Sunday, November 10, 1:00-1:30 pm at Our Lady of Victory parking lot.

St. Joseph Catholic Mission

FALL FESTIVAL

Sunday, November 10th

Roast Beef Dinner by Reyna's Cafe
Serving from 11:00 am - 4:00 pm
Dine In or Drive-Thru
Boling Community Center
County Road 162 - Boling, Texas

STJ Shadow Days...be a Flyer for the Day! Monday, November 11th

The St. Joseph High School Shadow Day Program offers prospective students an opportunity to spend the day on the STJ campus, attending classes and following the schedule of a STJ Student.

In addition to meeting teachers, students and administrators, shadowing students will participate in classroom discussions and learn more about Flyer clubs, sports organizations, and areas of interest to them.

To reserve your Shadow Day Experience, please contact:

Jen Korinek at 573-2446 x.217 or email at jkorinek@stjflyers.com

The STJ Shadow Days are scheduled on VISD student holidays so you won't have to miss a day at your school to participate. The Shadow Program is open to students who are considering enrollment and in good standing in their current school. Shadow Students must adhere to STJ policies and dress code while on campus.

St. Mary's 29th annual HARVEST BAZAAR

Saturday, Nov 16th, 9:00 am to 5:00 pm

Activity Center (401 S. Liberty St.)

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Serving lunch of Potato or Cheese Tortellini Soup @ \$8.00

(available for dining in or taking out)

Bring your family & friends.

YOU DO NOT WANT TO MISS THIS!

A **One-day Guided Retreat**, entitled "**Contemplative Prayer 101: Come Listen to Your Beloved**" will be offered on **November 16, 2019, 9:30 am – 3:30 pm**. It will be presented by Jeannette Easley, Director of **Ruah Spirituality Center, Houston, TX**. This day of prayer will focus on the importance of silent receptive prayer in our spiritual journey to intentionally hear the voice of God within. All are invited to the Liturgy of the Eucharist as 8:30 am in the **Incar-nate Word Chapel** which is optional. A Love Offering is accepted. Bring your lunches. Lunches are no longer purchased.

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