

To the Heights

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Year C

Sunday Mass Readings

Hear



Click the Bible image for this week's readings if you don't have a Bible handy!

First Reading:

Wisdom 11:22-12:2

Responsorial Psalm:

Psalm 144(145):1-2,8-11,13b-14

Second Reading:

2 Thessalonians 1:11-2:2

Gospel:

Luke 19:1-10

"And he hurried down and welcomed him joyfully."

Game Changers

The Catholic Church's Liturgical Calendar is crammed full of inspirational saints and heroes, or as we like to call them, Game Changers! Check them out on our web page!

1 November All Saints, Solemnity

2 November All Souls

3 November St Malachy, Bishop

4 November St Charles Borromeo, Bishop

5 November St Martin de Porres



Reflect



1. What town was Jesus visiting?
2. What was Zacchaeus' job?
3. What would the Jewish people have thought about Zacchaeus because of his job?
4. Why did Zacchaeus climb the sycamore tree?
5. What did Jesus say when He saw him?
6. How did Zacchaeus respond?
7. What was the reaction of the crowd?
8. How do we know Zacchaeus decided to change his ways?

CHECK IT OUT: ABIDING TOGETHER



Abiding Together is a weekly podcast hosted by Michelle Benzinger, Sr. Miriam James Heidland, and Heather Khym, providing a place of connection, rest and encouragement for people who are on the journey of living out their passion and purpose in Jesus Christ. With book studies, podcasts for liturgical seasons, Apostolic Letters and series, these podcasts are full of inspirational wisdom and encouragement, particularly for Catholic women who want to go deeper in their faith.



I am standing on the shoulders of the ones who came before me. Joyce J Rouse

WHAT BRANCH DO YOU STAND ON?

Ever get so busy with people and schedules that it's hard to find perspective? Ever get so bogged down with worries, that it's hard to think clearly? Ever find yourself in need of a good confession, to clear away the sin from your heart and make room for Jesus and His grace and power to work more freely in your life? Sin and poor choices can cloud our ability to see truth clearly, but thank goodness the Lord always gives another chance!

Zacchaeus in today's Gospel, couldn't see Jesus because of the crowd. But Zacchaeus didn't let that stop him. Even though it was humiliating for a man of his status and wealth to climb a tree, he did just that. That simple climb (or maybe not so simple depending on his climbing ability!) was enough to change his whole life.

Who or what is your sycamore tree? Whose shoulders (or branches) do you stand on to see Jesus more clearly? This week we also celebrate All Saints - so many men and women who we can be inspired by and whose prayers we can benefit from today, and who can show us how to make the necessary changes in our life, like our friend Zacchaeus!

TUNE OF THE WEEK

Who am I?



Casting Crowns



WEEKLY CHALLENGE:

This week, pick a saint for the year ahead - someone you can lean on and learn from in your journey of faith. Use our Cloud of Witnesses pack to help you!

Check out our weekly resource pack on pg 3-4!

Check out our Cloud of Witnesses Resource for All Saints in our Gamechangers section on our webpage



Young Person's Prayer



Lord, grant me the humility and faith of Zacchaeus to seek you out, welcome you into my home, and change whatever needs changing in my heart! Amen



SKIT GUYS: LITTLE BILLY & ZACCHAEUS



WHAT'S ON

The Chosen: Zoom Series, Season 2:

TUESDAY nights, 8 - 9.15pm, 4 - 29 October - www.waterfordlismore.ie for more

All Saints Vigil: Do not be afraid to be holy: Mon 31 Oct, 8pm, Franciscan Friary Church, Lady Lane, Waterford with the Sisters of Mary Morning Star

All Saints Festival: Girls Get-Together for ages 8-12 Tues 1 November, 12-5.30pm. Cahir. Organised by the Servant Sisters of the Home of the Mother. Contact Sr Rachel Maria 052 7443588 / cahirshm@homeofthemothor.org

Family Day at Holy Family Mission: Sun 6th Nov, 10am - 3pm. All Saints Costume Party. Bring a packed lunch. Book essential. Email info@holymission.ie

Next Encounter night for 18-35 year olds: 11 November, 8pm, St John's Church

REnewal Lectio Divina Workshop for RE Teachers / Chaplains: Sat 12 Nov, 10am - 1pm, Waterford. Guide to meditating with scripture in the classroom. More info on www.waterfordlismore.ie / events@waterfordlismore.ie

Youth 2000 Christmas Retreat: 9 - 11 December, Newbridge - save the date!

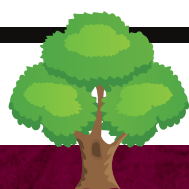
Puzzled?

Abraham
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cheated
come down
complained
crowd
four
half
house
hurry
Jericho
Jesus
Luke
poor
property
salvation
save the lost
seek out
Son of Man
sycamore
tax collector
Zacchaeus

FIND THE FOLLOWING WORDS RELATED TO THE GOSPEL IN THE WORD SEARCH. CHECK IF YOU KNOW HOW THEY LINK TO THE STORY!

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Pick one line from the gospel to reflect on this week!





LUKE 19:1-10

WHAT BRANCHES DO YOU STAND ON?

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READ LUKE 19:1 - 10 AND THEN WATCH "ZACCHAEUS & TREES TO JESUS: 1 MINUTE HOMILY" AND REFLECT ON YOUR OWN TREES IN LIFE!



- Who are the people that have helped you / are helping you to become the best version of yourself?
- Who is helping you to see Jesus better?
- Who is helping you to know yourself better?
- Write their names on the branches and offer a prayer of thanksgiving for them!

