

BULLETIN: 31 Sunday Ord C 2016

ANNOUNCEMENTS

1. Thank you to those who donated smoke salmon for the New Archbishop's installation:

Pat & Aileen Walsh
Dan & Dee O'Connell
Rosanne & Dan Savo & Family
Angie & Bernie Venua
Fr. Scott Garrett
Janet & Tom Schlagel & Family

The salmon will be served after the Installation November 9 for appetizers!

2. My brother and sister were here in Dillingham all week. We had a great time. They helped with clearing brush around the Holy Rosary sign and helped to input cemetery data into a new data base system I purchased. They are leave Friday, October 28.

I am 59 years old but my brother Skip turned the cake upside down when he gave it to me.



HOMILY

I would like to compare and contrast two gospel stories. They are stories about people who have many possessions and are rich in material wealth.

One story is about a Rich Official (Luke 18: 18-23). He asked Jesus, "What shall I do to inherit eternal. Life?" "Keep the commandments," said Jesus. "I have," said the Rich Official. Then Jesus had said, "Sell what you have and give to the poor and you will have treasure in heaven." The rich official went away sad.

One chapter later, is today's gospel, Luke 19:1-10. Zacchaeus climbs a tree to catch sight of Jesus.

Similarities between Rich Young Man and Zacchaeus

- Both are very wealthy
- Both have lots of money
- Both looking for more in life
- Money has not brought them happiness/Peace

Rich Official

- Loved by Many
- A Son of Abraham
- Sad About Giving to the Poor
- Wealth More Important than Following Jesus
- WILL NOT Experience the Fullness of God's Love
- Chose not to Change While Visiting JC
- Never Found Happiness and Peace
- Put His Faith in Money

Zacchaeus

- Hated by Many
- Not a Son of Abraham
- Joyful About Giving to the Poor
- Following Jesus More Important Than Wealth

- WILL Experience the Fullness of God's Love
- Chose to Change While Visiting Jesus
- Found Happiness and Peace
- Put His Faith in God

Here are a few of my conclusions:

No matter what you have done in the past or who you are today, you can change for the better.

Jesus welcomes everyone, not just those who have been raised in the Church.

Every single person on earth has a chance at eternal life, happiness, and peace.

Choosing Christ is an everyday decision.

We all have something we need to change in our lives that will make us better Christians.

This week, like little Zacchaeus, I want all of you to make a change for the better. If Jesus was to come to your house today what would you change (324 Words)?

READINGS

Wisdom 11:22—12:2

Indeed, before you 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! Therefore you rebuke offenders little by little, warn them, and remind them of the sins they are committing, that they may abandon their wickedness and believe in you, O LORD!

2 Thessalonians 1:11—2:2

To this end, we always pray for you, that our God may make you worthy of his calling and powerfully bring to fulfillment every good purpose and every effort of faith, that the name of our Lord Jesus may be glorified in you, and you in him, in accord with the grace of our God and Lord Jesus Christ. We ask you, brothers, with regard to the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ and our assembling with him, not to be shaken out of your minds suddenly, or to be alarmed either by a "spirit," or by an oral statement, or by a letter allegedly from us to the effect that the day of the Lord is at hand.

Luke 19:1-10

He came to Jericho and intended to pass through the town. Now a man there named Zacchaeus, who was a chief tax collector and also a wealthy man, was seeking to see who Jesus was; but he could not see him because of the crowd, for he was short in stature. So he ran ahead and climbed a sycamore tree in order to see Jesus, who was about to pass that way. When he reached the place, Jesus looked up and said to him, "Zacchaeus, come down quickly, for today I must stay at your house." And he came down quickly and received him with joy. When they all saw this, they began to grumble, saying, "He has gone to stay at the house of a sinner." But Zacchaeus stood there and said to the Lord, "Behold, half of my possessions, Lord, I shall give to the poor, and if I have extorted anything from anyone I shall repay it four times over." And Jesus said to him, "Today salvation has come to this house because this man too is a descendant of Abraham. For the Son of Man has come to seek and to save what was lost."

INTERCESSIONS

Celebrant

Our heavenly Father is patient and compassionate towards us in our human weakness. Confident in his love for us, we now bring before him all the concerns of our hearts.

Deacon/Lector

We pray that God's beloved creation instil in all people an attitude of good stewardship and thankfulness for the world in which we live, we pray to the Lord.

For families, that they put the needs of their children first, we pray to the Lord.

For all those who are sick, of body and mind: may they know the unconditional love of the Father for them, and the comfort and strength of his Holy Spirit, we pray to the Lord.

In this month of November, we remember all those we love who have died (especially): may they find the completion of all their good desires in heaven with the Lord, we pray to the Lord.

In Silence, let us now add our own intentions for our community, our country, and for the world.....we pray to the Lord.

Celebrant

Heavenly Father, make us worthy of the holiness to which you call us, we ask this through Christ our Lord.