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OCTOBER 30, 2022 — THIRTY-FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

TODAY'S READINGS

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

Psalm — I will praise your name forever, 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 — Zacchaeus, a tax collector, considered to be a sinner,
is converted to the Lord (Luke 19:1-10).

A COMPASSIONATE GOD

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.

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Masses

Saturday

9:00 a.m.
5:00 p.m. (Vigil)

Sunday

7:00 a.m.
9:00 a.m.
11:00 a.m.
5:00 p.m.

Weekday

M—F 8:00 a.m.

Holy Days

Mass times as announced

Reconciliation

Saturday
4:00 pm—4:45 pm

Church of the Ascension: Youth Faith Formation Program

Church of the Ascension offers faith formation, youth ministry, and sacramental preparation programs to help families build a relationship with Christ and deepen their faith. Faith Formation sessions are held immediately after the **9 am Sunday Mass** typically from 9:55 am to 11:00 a.m.

Are you interested in volunteering for our programs?

Please email loy.oppusmoe@dsj.org or call the parish office at (408) 725-3939.



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Tuesday, November 1
(Holy Day of
Obligation)

2 Masses—
8 am & 7 pm

From One Pumpkin to Another...

A woman was asked by a co-worker, "What is it like to be a Christian?"

The co-worker replied, "It is like being a pumpkin." God picks you from the patch, brings you in, and washes all the dirt off of you. Then He cuts off the top and scoops out all the yucky stuff.



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He removes the seeds of doubt, hate and greed. Then He carves you a new smiling face and puts His light inside of you to shine for all the world to see."

—Author Unknown

Plenary (Absolute) Indulgences for Souls in Purgatory

Even while we celebrate those who have attained heaven on **All Saints' Day**, we are reminded on the following day, the **Commemoration of the Faithful Departed, All**

Souls, to not only remember our beloved dead but also to pray for them. In this regard, the Church gives us an opportunity to relieve the suffering of our loved ones but also of strangers who have no one to pray for them. The souls in Purgatory are helpless: they cannot do good works to mitigate their sins but can have their time shortened by our prayers. These prayers are called **indulgences**.

Visiting a Cemetery or a Church: An indulgence, applicable only to the Souls in Purgatory, is granted to the faithful, who devoutly visit a cemetery and pray for Souls in Purgatory. Typically the indulgence is plenary each day from November 1-8, the week of the Solemnity of All Souls' Day; on other days of the year it is only a partial indulgence. This year, however, the Vatican has extended the chance to gain a plenary indulgence for the suffering souls to **every day in the month of November**. In addition, a plenary indulgence applicable only to the Souls in Purgatory can be obtained by visiting a church or an oratory and reciting an Our Father and the Creed any day in November.

Indulgence Requirements: To acquire a plenary indulgence it is necessary also to fulfill the following three conditions: sacramental Confession, Eucharistic communion, and prayer for the intention of the Holy Father while being detached from sin. The condition of praying for the intention of the Holy Father is fully satisfied by reciting one Our Father and one Hail Mary. A plenary indulgence can be acquired only once in the course of the day.

*Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord. And let perpetual light shine upon them.
May the souls of all the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen.*

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Monday	Halloween
Tuesday	All Saints' Day (a Catholic Holy Day of Obligation, meaning all Catholics are required to attend Mass on that day, unless they have an excellent excuse, such as serious illness)
Wednesday	Commemoration of All the Faithful Departed (All Souls' Day) (a commemoration of all who have died since the beginning of the world; an opportunity to pray for all souls, especially one's relatives and souls in purgatory)
Thursday	St. Martin de Porres (17th cent. Peruvian lay Dominican brother; patron of mixed-race people, barbers, innkeepers)
Friday	St. Charles Borromeo (16th cent. Italian cardinal; patron against intestinal disorders) First Friday
Saturday	First Saturday

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

Oct 29	Sat	9 a.m.	Joan Vanderhorst & Family
		5 p.m.	Fritzie De La Cruz +
Oct 30	Sun	7 a.m.	All Parishioners
		9 a.m.	All Parishioners
		11 a.m.	Joseph Fiorentino +
		5 p.m.	All Parishioners
Oct 31	Mon	8 a.m.	All Parishioners
Nov 01	Tue	8 a.m.	All Parishioners
		7 p.m.	All Parishioners
Nov 02	Wed	8 a.m.	All Parishioners
		7 p.m.	All Parishioners
Nov 03	Thu	8 a.m.	Anne Sanquini +
Nov 04	Fri	8 a.m.	Banayan Sawadan +
Nov 05	Sat	9 a.m.	Joan Vanderhorst & Family
		5 p.m.	The Leano Family
Nov 06	Sun	7 a.m.	All Parishioners
		9 a.m.	All Parishioners
		11 a.m.	Evelyn Tanner +
		5 p.m.	All Parishioners

WOMEN'S CLUB

—BYOB (Bring your own lunch)

Let's get together to share the Good News!!

Friday, November 4th @ 11:30 am

By the "Mary Grotto" Outside Church

For questions, please call Marguerite at (408) 252-8733

THANK YOU

Oct. 23, 2022	Our Weekly Offering
NEEDED	\$5,400
COLLECTED	\$3,581
WESHARE	\$1,000
MISSIONS	\$2,464



We "fall" back one hour next Saturday so please adjust your clocks.

Happy are they who grieve not for what they have not, but give thanks for what they do have.

—Anonymous