COMMUNITY COMING EVENTS and ANNOUNCEMENTS

11/03 (Sunday) Right after the Mass we go to our parish cemetery for a

moment of prayer & the blessing of the graves.

11/06-07 (Wed-Thu) Fr. Adam & Fr. Henry go for the annual clergy retreat to

"Mercy by the sea" in Madison, CT. In case of any emergency you can

reach Fr. Adam calling on his cell phone.

- This year as a Christmas community resolution we'd like to join the international event: "Operation Christmas Child". Take your "shoe box" today with all the explanatory materials inside. Bring back the packed box next Sunday to the church (deadline is Sunday, Nov 17). If you have any questions about packing your box, ask Fr. Adam.
- We have already found the volunteer to clean our church in November. Thank you for your readiness to serve the Lord in His Church!
- No LITURGICAL CATECHISM today!
- We would like to remind you about the possibility to offer a Holy Mass in your own, particular intention! Take one of the envelopes from the back of the Church, write down your intention and return it to Fr. Adam. Please, consider this opportunity especially as we reach the month of November thinking about our beloved deceased family members and friends. Thank you!
- Please, pray for those who celebrate their Birthdays & Anniversaries in NOVEMBER:
 - ⇒ Nov 2 **Diane Makles** (birthday)
 - ⇒ Nov 7 Robert Klimek (birthday)
 - ⇒ Nov 9 **Motulski Donna** (birthday)
 - ⇒ Nov 13 Fr. Adam Piekarzewski (birthday)
 - ⇒ Nov 15 Edward & Harriet Zawistowski (anniversary)
 - ⇒ Nov 26 Walter Motulski (birthday)

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XXXI SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

MASS INTENTION - 10am

For ALL SOULS of our deceased parishioners, relatives, friends & pastors of St. John's parish.

INTROIT

C: As a father has compassion on his children, so the Lord has compassion on the faithful. For He knows how we are formed, remembers that we are dust.

R: As the heavens tower over the earth, so God's love towers over the faithful.

C: Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit.

R: As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.



HOLY MASS

. 10.00 am



MASS INTENTIONS

If you would like to have a Mass said for a particular intention, you must stop by the Parish Office or the sacristy in the Church before/after Sunday mass. Masses can be said for a deceased person or as a special intention for the living. You may reserve a Sunday of your choice, and your intention will be published in the parish bulletin.

We encourage you to offer a Mass on the occasion of a birthday, anniversary or special personal (family) need.

READING 1

A reading from the Book of Wisdom.

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 people's sins 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

WIS 11:22 — 12:2

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!

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

PS 145

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

READING 2

2 THES 1:11 - 2:2

A reading from the Second Letter of St. Paul to Thessalonians.

Brothers and sisters:
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 and sisters, 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.

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL LK 19:1-10

A reading from the Holy Gospel according to Luke.

Glory be to You, Lord.

At that time, Jesus 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, "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."

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Praise be to You. Lord Jesus Christ.

GOSPEL REFLECTION

What is it that "saves" and "justifies" us? Our readings today give us the answer. The reading from the Book of Wisdom is a reminder that it is GOD's love and GOD's consciousness which brings beings into existence and maintains their existence. It is the love that GOD has for people which also extends forgiveness to sinners. The Responsorial Psalm urges that praise and glory be given to GOD because GOD is "slow to anger and of great kindness." In today's passage from his Second Letter to the Thessalonians, St. Paul reminds his listeners that they have been called by GOD and therefore must respond with "every effort of faith." In the Gospel, Jesus encounters a short, Jewish tax collector who has climbed a tree to see Him. Jesus invites Himself into the tax collector's house – and into his life – and the man turns his life over more fully to spreading the Gospel.