

## From The Pastor's Desk

"For the Son of Man has come to seek out and to save what was lost." These are the words that conclude today's Gospel reading. How do I know when I'm lost? What does a lost person look like? Do you have to be lying in the alleyway, so drunk you can't move? Or, so stoned and strung out on drugs, completely out of touch with reality? Or, so caught up with greed that you even steal from your mother if you had a chance? Or, can you be sitting properly in a church pew, looking quite dignified and correct, and still be lost?

Zacchaeus had made a decision that had separated himself from his own community. When he chose to become a tax collector on behalf of Rome, he was at the same time choosing to cut himself off from his own Jewish community. The tax collectors were looked upon as traitors to their own people. They cheated and defrauded their own countrymen in order to gain wealth for themselves. Yes, Zacchaeus was lost as Jesus described him to be. But, he was lost by his own choosing. He deliberately put himself outside of his own community for the sake of gaining money for himself.

When we cut ourselves from the gift of the community, we lose so much. So does our community. We believe that God intended us to be part of a larger family than just our own small family. When that larger family is united around a person or an idea, we call it community. You and I belong to several communities – our family community, our neighborhood community, our work or educational community, our parish community, and even the world community. In each of these groupings of people, we have our own specific roles to play. Without each one of us, the community becomes poorer. But, when we give what we can to our communities, those gatherings of people become so much the richer.

Sometimes our sense of being lost is expressed in our reluctance to give to our community what it needs. We think that we have nothing to give and so don't give anything. Or, we think that the community will not miss what we have to offer, so we offer nothing of value. By doing this, we separate ourselves from the community.

When we gather around the Lord's Table as his family, we are gathering as the most important family on earth – God's own family. By even showing up for this wonderful celebration, we are telling God and one another that we wish to fully belong to this community that know no human limitations. Every kind and color of person is welcomed at the Lord's Table. If, at times, we don't feel as if we belong, perhaps that feeling might be coming from a reluctance to give ourselves to this community, and to all those people to whom we are sent each day of our lives. If this is so, then allow Jesus to welcome us back today into full communion with him, and with all those who belong to him. Like Zacchaeus, may we dine with Jesus and rejoice at once again being found.

*Fr. Joe*

## Weekly Readings & Activities

<b>Sunday, Oct. 30</b>	<i>Wis 11:12-12:2; 2 Thes 1:11-2:2; Lk 19:1-10</i>
<b>Monday, Oct. 31</b>	<i>Phil 2:1-4; Lk 14:12-14</i>
<b>Tuesday, Nov. 1</b>	<i>Rv 7:2-4,9-14; 1 Jn 3:1-3; Mt 5:1-12a</i>
<b>Wednesday, Nov. 2</b>	<i>Wis 3:1-9; Rom 5:5-11; Jn 6:37-40</i>
<b>Thursday, Nov. 3</b>	<i>Phil 3:3-8a; Lk 15:1-10</i>
<b>Friday, Nov. 4</b>	<i>Phil 3:17-4:1; Lk 16:1-8</i>
<b>Saturday, Nov. 5</b>	<i>Phil 4:10-19; Lk 16:9-15</i>
<b>Sunday, Nov. 6</b>	<i>2 Mc 7:1-2,9-14; 2 Thes 2:16-3:15; Lk 20:27-38</i>

### Sunday, Oct. 30

8:00 a.m. Holy Mass—†Jim Finger  
 8:30 a.m. Sunday Food & Fellowship  
 9:15/11:15 a.m. Children's Faith Formation  
 2nd Grade Mornings with Moms & Dads  
 9:15 a.m. Adult Clusters: 1 "Acts" / 2 "The Prophets"  
 9:30 a.m. Holy Mass—†Tyler Timms  
 11:15 a.m. Adult Cluster 3 "Estudio Biblico"  
 11:30 a.m. Holy Mass—†John McCann  
 12:45 p.m. All Souls' *Prayer Novena*  
 5:30 p.m. Holy Mass—Teresita Fajardo  
 6:30 p.m. Youth Ministry

### Monday, Oct. 31

8:30 a.m. Holy Mass—†Jim Finger  
 9:15 a.m. Monday Morning Scripture Study  
 7:00 p.m. Halloween Spooktacular

### Tuesday, Nov. 1 All Saints Day Holy Day of Obligation \*\*\*PASTORAL OFFICES CLOSED\*\*\*

8:30 a.m. Holy Mass—†Javier Sobalvarro  
 6:00 p.m. Holy Mass—†Paul Gennaro  
 7:00 p.m. "Divine Mercy" Class  
 7:30 p.m. Holy Mass—†Adachi Obegolu

### Wednesday, Nov. 2 All Souls' Day

9:30 a.m. Legion of Mary  
 Holy Mass / All Souls' Potluck Dinner Following Mass  
 Family Prayer Group  
 7:00 p.m. R.C.I.A. Catechetical Session

Wednesday Evening Scripture Study  
 "Consoling the Hearts of Jesus" Class

### Thursday, Nov. 3 St. Martin de Porres

8:30 a.m. Holy Mass—†All Souls' Novena  
 6:00 p.m. All Souls' *Prayer Novena*  
 7:00 p.m. Outreach Commission Meeting  
 7:30 p.m. Choir Practice

### Friday, Nov. 4 St. Charles Borromeo

8:30 a.m. Holy Mass—†All Souls' Novena  
 9:00 a.m. Holy Hour  
 9:15 a.m. 1st Friday Exposition/Adoration  
 6:00 p.m. All Souls' *Prayer Novena*  
 7:00 p.m. 1st Friday Eve Exposition/Adoration & OLG Silver Rose Prayer Service

### Saturday, Nov. 5

8:00 a.m. Ministry of Consolation  
 8:30 a.m. Holy Mass—Intentions Tracy Graham  
 9:30 a.m. "Living Beyond the Year of Mercy" Parish Retreat  
 2:30 p.m. Lector Training  
 3:30 p.m. Confessions  
 5:30 p.m. Holy Mass—†All Souls' Novena  
 6:30 p.m. All Souls' *Prayer Novena*  
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### Sunday, Nov. 6 Daylight Savings Time Ends (Set Clocks Back 1 Hour)

8:00 a.m. Holy Mass—Intentions Maria J. Spiro Thanksgiving  
 8:30 a.m. Sunday Food & Fellowship  
 9:15/11:15 a.m. Children's Faith Formation  
 1st Grade Mornings with Moms & Dads  
 9:15 a.m. Adult Clusters: 1 "Acts" / 2 "The Prophets"  
 9:30 a.m. Holy Mass—†Phyllis & Floyd Sherrell  
 10:30 a.m. First Sunday Rosary  
 11:15 a.m. Adult Cluster 3 "Estudio Biblico"  
 11:30 a.m. Holy Mass—†Margaret Stolar  
 12:45 p.m. All Souls' *Prayer Novena*  
 5:30 p.m. Holy Mass—†All Souls' Novena  
 6:30 p.m. Youth Ministry

**Youth Ministry**

Join us **TODAY, Sunday, Oct. 30, 1:30-2:30 p.m.** at Little Bethel Cemetery. Every year before All Souls' Day our youth group picks up trash to make the place look nice for visiting family members. All ages are welcome!

We still need volunteers for the Halloween Spooktacular! If you need service hours approved just email devynbuschow@holyspiritcc.org.

Don't forget to turn in your permission forms for the Youth Stand for Life trip! The forms must be notarized and a \$100 deposit is due ASAP!

**All Souls Day Remembrance Novena Masses, Nov. 2 - 10.** If you would like Masses said for your deceased loved ones during this time, please pick up an envelope from the Narthex and fill out the names of your loves ones. Place names in the envelope with your donation, then drop it in the offertory basket **by TODAY, Oct. 30.** Please print legibly as these names will be placed on the altar during the Novena.

**All Saints Day, Tuesday, Nov. 1 – Pastoral Office Closed**  
**Holy Day of Obligation Masses:** 8:30 a.m., 6:00 p.m. & 7:30 p.m.

**All Souls' Day: Nov. 2, Wednesday, All Souls' Day**  
 No 8:30 a.m. Mass or Communion Service  
 No 6:00 p.m. Confession

Commemoration of All the Faithful Mass at 6:00 p.m.  
 Potluck dinner will follow immediately after Mass.

Pastoral offices will be closed on All Saints Day, **THIS Tuesday, Nov. 1.** Regular office hours will resume **Wednesday, Nov. 2.**

**DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME ENDS NEXT SUNDAY, Nov. 6!** Remember to set your clocks back one hour!



**VETERANS DAY MASS:** Veterans who would like to receive a special blessing at the **Saturday, Nov. 12 5:30 p.m. Mass,** please contact the Parish Office at (972) 298-4971 or please fill out the form in the Narthex. Please see details in next week's bulletin about our special Veterans Day

Mass and reception honoring our veterans for their service.



The Sanctuary Lamp will burn in honor of **Mark & Carol Bielamowicz.**

**Sacramental Preparation**

The first **PARENT & STUDENT** session for the **Sacrament of Reconciliation (First Communion)** is **NEXT Sunday, Nov. 6 1:30-3:45 p.m. in the Gym.** Parents, please arrive on time so that we can start on time, as we have a lot of material to cover. Also, to help minimize disruptions (since we are such a large group this year), please contact Sharon Bush (972) 298-9460 by **Thursday, Nov. 3** to arrange for childcare needs for younger siblings. Contact Lisa Estrada, x12 with any questions.

The next **PARENT & STUDENT** session for the **Sacrament of Confirmation** is **Sunday, Nov. 13 1:30-3:45 p.m. in the Gym.** Since our Confirmation group is also very large this year, please contact Sharon Bush for childcare needs for younger siblings.

**Parents, Confirmation Retreat Permission Forms** are now due! Also, don't forget to turn in the needed Confirmation Sponsor Forms.

**SPECIAL NOTE:** There seems to be some confusion in regards to **Sunday Faith Formation/Youth Ministry attendance** when there is also a **sacramental preparation class** scheduled for that same afternoon. Parents, your children/youth must attend their regularly scheduled Faith Formation/Youth Ministry class on Sunday morning/evening **AND** the afternoon sacramental preparation meeting. It's both...not one or the other. If you have any questions regarding this issue, please contact Lisa or Devyn.

**Information and paperwork regarding infant Baptism** (ages 6 and under) may be directed to Lisa Estrada, x12. Our next baptismal preparation class for parents and godparents is **NEXT Saturday, Nov. 5, 9:00 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.** All completed paperwork should now be on file.

**NEW LECTOR TRAINING: Saturday, Nov. 5, 2:30 p.m.** in the church! Contact: carol\_lemmon@yahoo.com.

**Upcoming Special Collections:**

Catholic Charities	Weekend of Nov. 5/6
Archdiocese of the Military	Weekend of Nov. 12/13

**Finances**

**Oct. 22/23**

Contributions	\$20,983.68
Average Weekly Expenses	<u>(\$24,785.00)</u>
Deficit	<u>(\$ 3,801.32)</u>

Balance in the Future Fund: \$35,286.00

Thank you for your continued generous support of the parish, our diocese and the global Catholic Church. May God bless you!

# CHILDREN'S FAITH FORMATION



Grab your “mummy” and a canned food item and make plans to join us on Halloween night, Monday, Oct. 31, 7:00-9:00 p.m. in the Community Center Gym for our annual

## HALLOWEEN SPOOKTACULAR!

There'll be lots of games, snacks and plenty of treats! Be sure to bring a treat bag, wear your cutest costume (let's keep it from being too gory) and enjoy an evening of ghostly fun! Please be aware that due to recent national events and to ensure the safety of those attending our Spooktacular, anyone wearing a creepy clown costume will NOT be allowed inside. We will have a security officer on site, as well. **Any canned food donations will be collected at the door to help stock Holy Spirit's food pantry in anticipation of upcoming holiday needs.**

We are still accepting candy and treat donations! Please drop your donations off at the Community Center front desk or you can bring your treats Monday evening. We still need helping hands for the event, so contact Deborah or Devyn if you or your family would like to volunteer!



Please check out our Memory Table in the Community Center lobby this Sunday! There are many beautiful reminders of loved ones who have gone before us but remain forever in our hearts.

Also, feel free to pick up a Catholic Update with information on both All Saints and All Souls' Days and/or submit names of those you would like to be included in the novena for the deceased (these won't be read on Nov. 1 but be part of the novena). We'll also have the Mass schedule for The Solemnity of All Saints (Tuesday, Nov. 1), which is a Holy Day of Obligation.

**2nd Grade “Mornings with Mom & Dad” are this Sunday, Oct. 30 in the Dining Room.** Mom & Dad, plan on joining your child for some **one-on-one** time and experience what they are learning in their Faith Formation class. In order to ensure minimal disruption to the catechists and other parents, our nursery is available for younger siblings. **Please Note:** Mornings with Mom & Dad **ARE NOT** associated with our afternoon sacramental preparation program. **1st Grade “Mornings with Mom & Dad” sessions are NEXT Sunday, Nov. 6 in the Dining Room.**

**Adult & Family Ministry**

For information about any of our Adult & Family Ministry programs, please Email:

**Richard Johnson:** richardjohnson@holyspiritcc.org

**Veronica Houston:** veronicahouston@holyspiritcc.org



“Blessed are the merciful...”

**Living Beyond the Year of Mercy  
Parish Retreat**

**NEXT Saturday, Nov. 5**

**Program 9:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m.**

*Continental breakfast and snacks provided*

**Featuring Maryknoll Lay Missioner Ken Eppes**

*A great way to start the retreat is to attend morning Mass!*

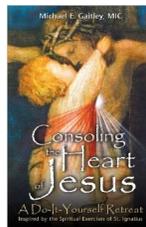
For singles, couples, & families of all ages.

Cost: Adults: \$5.00 , ages 13-18 years-old: **Free**

Childcare provided ages 1-12 years.

Call the Church Office (972) 298-4971 to reserve your space!

**Consoling the Heart of Jesus:** A 10-week small-group retreat featuring Fr. Michael Gaitley, MIC. Begins **Wednesday, Nov. 2, 7:00-9:00 p.m.** Continue living out the Year of Mercy with this program, focusing on the Sacred Heart of Jesus and the Divine Mercy. Our weekly meetings will include group discussion of the book and a video presentation by Fr. Gaitley. Registration forms available in Narthex and Community Center.



**Holy Spirit Library is Now Open!**

Hours: **Wednesdays 6:00-7:00 p.m. before evening classes and Sundays 9:00-11:30 a.m.** Come see our collection of over 500 books! Help us grow! Donations of new and gently used Catholic books are welcomed. If you are interested in helping in the library during these hours please contact **Debbie Gleason (214) 755-3534.** (Safe Environment training required.) *“When we pray we speak to God; but when we read, God speaks to us” ~ St. Jerome*



**For adults who have experienced the death of a loved one. Please join us.**

**Monday, Nov. 14 7:00 p.m.**

**Community Center**

**Facilitated by Jessica Huckeba**

*Pre-registration is requested by calling Veronica, x26 or Jessica (214) 498-6886  
Childcare is available by reservation.*

**Community Life Ministry**

**Sunday Morning Food and Fellowship**

**TODAY: Coffee & Donuts**

*Join us in the Lobby for Coffee, Juice & Donuts.*

**NEXT Sunday, Nov. 6: Breakfast Sponsored by the Youth**

**Our Lady of Guadalupe Mass & Celebration:**

**Monday, Dec. 12 - 7:00 p.m. Mass with Dinner**

**following.** Our first **planning meeting** for the OLG celebration will be on **Thursday, Nov. 10, 7:00 p.m.** for anyone who is interested in helping with the event. If you have any questions, please contact Cindy Meyer at cindymeyer@holyspiritcc.org.

**Veterans Day Reception: Saturday, Nov. 12 -**

**following the 5:30 p.m. Mass.** There will be a cake and punch reception following the Saturday Vigil Mass to celebrate our Veterans. If you are a veteran and plan to attend this Mass, please respond by **Thursday, Nov. 10** by calling (972) 298-4971.

**Outreach Ministry**

**First Sunday Rosary** for the end to abortion is **NEXT Sunday, Nov. 6, 10:30 a.m.** in the church.

**Baby Banks—Please Turn In Now!** Please bring your baby bank to the Community Center and leave it at the front desk. Thank you for donating to CPLC so we can save more babies.

**40 Days for Life:** A heartfelt thank you to all who came out to pray with us last Sunday in front of the Planned Parenthood Abortion Center. If you weren't able to join us for the 40 Days for Life Vigil, we have a group that meets there on **Saturdays, 9:00 a.m.** Our mission is to provide a peaceful presence and to pray for the women who are seeking an abortion and ultimately to help these women to choose life. We meet at 7989 W. Virginia Dr., Dallas (W. Virginia Dr. is across Wheatland from Charlton Methodist Hospital). Thank you for doing all you can to preserve the sanctity of life.

**Joseph's Corner:** “The Church asks us to understand that Christ, who came once in the flesh, is prepared to come again. When we remove all obstacles to his presence He will come, at any hour and moment, to dwell spiritually in our hearts, bringing with Him the riches of His Grace.” (St. Charles Borromeo Feast Day Nov 4). Are you ready to remove the obstacle in your heart that your involvement in an abortion story has left you? Come on a **Project Joseph** day of healing for men and let Him remove that for you. Contact Abortion AfterCare-Healing—Project Joseph: **healing@projectjosephdallas.org** or go to **www.projectjosephdallas.org** or call (469) 416-2101. All inquiries are kept strictly confidential.