



Sunday Church Bells

*of the St. Valentine's
Polish National Catholic Church*

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**Thirty First Sunday
in Ordinary Time
November 3, 2013
Trzydziesta Pierwsza
Niedziela
w Okresie Zwykłym
3 Listopada 2013**



We live in a world that is constantly changing. Nothing ever stays the same. People change – circumstances change -- sometimes for better, sometimes for worse. Change can be a good thing or it can be evil. Change can come about by coercion or persuasion; by circumstances, by accident or on purpose – but change will come. Life can change us; death can change us. And perhaps most important of all, *love can change us*.

In 1869 the English poet Alfred Lord Tennyson wrote *Idylls of the King*. In it he said; “*The old order changeth, yielding place to new, and God fulfills himself in many ways, lest one good custom should corrupt the world.*” One wiser than Tennyson knew that change is the only constant – the signal of rebirth. And that change comes about by acceptance and love. We make change the condition of acceptance, but Jesus turns the tables on us. He knows that more often acceptance is the condition of change. You love people first. You accept them where they are, as they are. *Love has the power to change them.* This is the gospel and it is what Zachaeus experienced in his encounter with Jesus.

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9:15 a.m. - Sunday Morning Prayer.

9:30 a.m. - Holy Mass - Traditional Rite - Mass Book, page 13.

Mass intention: In memory of departed from All Souls Day List.

ENTRANCE HYMN (Psalm 103:13-14, 11)

Priest: 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.

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

Priest: Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit,

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

FIRST READING: Wisdom 11:22—12:1

GRADUAL (Psalm 26:2, 3; 9:10)

Priest: Test me, Lord, and try me; search my heart and mind. Your love is before my eyes; I walk guided by Your faithfulness.

All: The Lord is a stronghold for the oppressed, a stronghold in times of trouble.

SECOND READING: 2 Thessalonians 1:11—2:2

ALLELUIA (Zephaniah 2:3a)

Priest: Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

All: Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

Priest: Seek the Lord, all you humble of the earth, who have observed His law; seek justice, seek humility.

All: Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

GOSPEL: Luke 19:1-10

Priest: A reading from the Holy Gospel according to St. Luke

All: 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."

Priest: This is the Gospel of the Lord.


All: Praise be to You, Lord Jesus Christ.



Reflection Questions:



1. A man climbs a tree in order to see. A holy man goes to a "sinner's" house for dinner. A repenting person gives half of all his possessions to the poor. How do you explain these actions? What kind of behavior does knowing Jesus Christ elicit from you?
2. Zacchaeus had to climb a tree to observe Jesus. What would you do if you wanted to "see" where the Holy Spirit is and what s/he is doing in the world today?



Readings for next Sunday

First Reading: **2 Maccabees 7:1-2, 9-14**

Second Reading: **2 Thessalonians 2:16—3:5**

Gospel: **Luke 20:27-38**





PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Today after Holy Mass will be Exposition of the Most Blessed Sacrament and Wypominki Prayers.
- Collection for Missions - there is a basket in the vestibule for this collection.
- **Bishop's Paul Sobiechowski Parochial Visitation in our Parish** - Monday, November 4 at 6:00 p.m. in the Parish Hall.
- No Holy Masses on November 5, 6 and 7 (Fr. Adam will attend Clergy Retreat and Clergy Conference - emergency contact: 413-923-2419)
- Christmas Bazaar - November 8 & 9 - 9:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m. - Holy Mother of the Rosary Parish, Chicopee.
- Holiday Bazaar & Raffola - November 10 - 12:00 noon-5:00 p.m. - Holy Cross Parish, Ware.
- Annual Thanksgiving Dinner at Holy Name of Jesus Parish, South Deerfield, MA - Sunday, November 17th at noon (see flyer in the Church vestibule).

Cleaning of the Church (Saturdays at 8:00 a.m.): November 9

CHRISTMAS BAZAAR

at
St. Valentine's Church

127 King Street, Northampton, MA

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 23

9:00 am - 2:00 pm



Christmas Decorations,
Oplatki

(Christmas Wafers);

Bake Sale;

Rummage Sale.



New Storm Windows

Donations are still being accepted to help defray the cost of the storm windows which were recently purchased for the church. Any amount will be gratefully appreciated. Your donation will be acknowledged in our Church bulletin. Please notify us if you do not want to have your name mentioned in the bulletin. The amount received thus far \$325.00.

Special thanks to Wallace Forman, Krysia and Eugene Newman who sponsored the purchase of storm windows for the south side of the Church in memory of Joan Forman.

Thank you. Bóg



PRAYERS FOR THE SICK:

Helen Golec - 71 State Street, Apt. 130, Northampton, MA 01060

Paul Krawczynski - 18 Dickinson Street, Northampton, MA 01060

Shirley Krawczynski - 18 Dickinson Street, Northampton, MA 01060

John Lenkowski - 31 Denise Court, Northampton, MA 01060

Grace Mackiewicz - 9 Chestnut Street, #6, Amherst, MA 01002

Stanley Michalski - 1554 Rt. 106 N, Loudon, NH 03307

Rt. Rev. Thomas Gnat - 104 Naphin Hill Rd, Dunmore, PA 18512

Rt. Rev. John Mack - 6298 Broadway, Lancaster, NY 14086

Please say a prayer for peace, comfort and healing for our sick sisters and brothers; send a card to them; if you can, participate in the Holy Mass celebrated in their intention every Tuesday at 10:00 a.m. (except holidays when Holy Mass is celebrated at 7:00 p.m. - see bulletins).

PASTORAL CARE AT HOME AND HOSPITAL

If you have a family member or friend at hospital or home unable to take part in Holy Mass and Sacraments, please notify Fr. Adam at 584-0133.



Holy Mass Schedule:

Sunday - 9:30 a.m.

Solemnities & Feasts - see bulletins

Daily - 10:00 a.m.

For Holy Mass intentions contact Fr. Adam after Sunday Holy Mass or anytime by phone (413) 584-0133.