

October 30, 2022

My Brothers and Sisters in the Risen Lord,

Is your heart in the right place? In today's Gospel we look at such a man, Zacchaeus, who Jesus acknowledges by name as having the goodness of heart to attain his eternal salvation. As the chief tax collector, the crowd following Jesus in Jerico viewed Zacchaeus as a sinner, yet our Lord expresses a far different view. He understands Zacchaeus to be "a descendant of Abraham," who, through his immediate declarations of repentance, his genuine humility, and surprising joyous nature, is able to transform his life for the greater good. This rich man of short stature only receives the richness of heaven because he relinquishes his claim on his earthly bounty and generously offers recompense to the poor and to those he has defrauded. He scampers up a tree to get a glimpse of Jesus Christ but he ultimately receives far more than he had intended. Zacchaeus exemplifies Jesus' words, "For the Son of Man has come to seek and to save what was lost." (Luke 19:10)

It is the Thirty-first Sunday in Ordinary Time and today we should think about our own hearts and whether we can change things about ourselves that may not be in keeping with Christ's teachings. We'd like to think we do all we can, but do we? For example, some of us are quick to judge another person's motivations or actions, but do we take the time to look into that person's heart before expounding on their worth? One of author Wayne Dyer's well-known quotes is "If you change the way you look at things, the things you look at change." And it is in keeping with that thought, we must examine our own lives for ways we can evolve to be better and brighter people, with generous, kind, and accepting hearts, just like Zacchaeus demonstrated so many years ago.

We look at Zacchaeus in the tree today: it's ridiculous, but it is an act of salvation. And I say to you: if you have something weighing your conscience down, if you have done many things, stop for a bit and think that there is Someone waiting for you ... cling onto the desire to be forgiven ... I tell you that Jesus never gets tired of forgiving . —Pope Francis

Yours in Christ,
Father Rudy

You can **read the Sunday bulletin** at: www.saint-leo.org/Publications/StLeoSundayBulletin

You can **read Fr. Rudy's letter** at:
www.saint-leo.org/Publications/FromthePastor'sDesk

If you are having items shipped to Saint Leo's please have them shipped to Saint Boniface. We are having a lot of issues at Saint Leo's with deliveries. Please send any deliveries to: St. Boniface - Attn: Saint Leo -1750 Chase Avenue-Cincinnati, OH 45223

Upcoming Dates to Mark on your Calendar:

November 6th – Youth Group Meeting
November 6th – Annual Coat Giveaway
November 13th - Youth Group Meeting
November 19th – Retreat – All Youth Groups



ITEMS NEEDED: The food Pantry has an urgent need for plastic bags. Don't forget the Food Pantry is in dire need of items we hope you can help! You can see our latest request on our [Amazon Wish List](#)
Link:https://www.amazon.com/hz/wishlist/ls/1Y6S276N39W08?ref_=wl_share. **Please call the office at 513-921-1044 if you have questions or would like to donate these items.**

We are in need of clothing racks and storage bins for the upcoming toy and clothing drive. We would love to receive gift cards to help with our everyday needs, please consider [Meijer](#), [Walmart](#), [Staples](#), [Amazon](#), [Kroger](#), or [Home Depot](#) when donating. You can see our latest needs on our [Amazon Wish List](#)
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https://www.amazon.com/hz/wishlist/ls/3TZJLXNPGPQM?ref_=wl_share. **Please call the office at 513-921-1044 if you have questions or would like to donate these items.**

SAVE THE DATE- Our upcoming annual coat drive will be held on Sunday November 6th after mass in Centennial Hall.

Catholic Charities of Southwestern Ohio is seeking volunteers or groups who can assist with picking up furniture donations around the community that will be used for local refugee housing. It can be a one time, occasional or frequent service opportunity. To learn more, contact Volunteer Coordinator, Cathy Boston, cboston@ccswoh.org, or call 513.672.3836.

Volunteers Needed- St. Leo's Food Pantry is looking for volunteers to help serve our Community. The Food Pantry is open M-W-F from 1:00 p.m. -3:30 p.m. and we ask volunteers to arrive around noon to help set-up. If you are interested in volunteering please call 513.921.1044.

DePaul Cristo Rey Open House is Thursday November 3rd from 5:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m. at their beautiful new campus located at 3440 Central Parkway. The Open house will include campus tours, and information on classes provided, their corporate work study program, and financial aid information. For more information please call 513.861.0600.

18th Annual Caregivers Mass at the Cathedral- The Cathedral Basilica of St. Peter in Chains are accepting nominations for this year's Caregiver Mass to be held on November 20th at 11:00 a.m. Anyone can nominate an outstanding caregiver. The nominee may be someone who provides care in-home to a loved one, works at a healthcare facility or volunteers at a healthcare facility. Nominations are due by October 14th and can be submitted online at <https://www.stpeterinchainscathedral.org/caregiver-mass> or by calling 513.421.5354.