

The story of the rich tax collector, converted when Jesus visited him, is found in Luke's gospel alone. He makes it part of the Saviour's instructions on his way to Jerusalem – together with stories about the teaching of Jesus on faith and prayer, other stories about his receiving of outcasts, and his advice concerning this world's possessions. In a sense, all these themes are brought together in this incident so well described in today's reading.

Zaccheus may have been small in stature, but he was a man of substance – a centre of attention, as he 'made his appearance'. As a senior tax collector, who presided over the collection of tolls and taxes in Jericho, an important centre because it was on the junction of two trade routes, Zaccheus would have been a man of considerable wealth. The attention he attracted would certainly not have been friendly. His undignified ascent into the branches of a tree to be able to see Jesus over the heads of the crowd would have provoked amusement. But the incident gives us an insight into the forthright character of Zaccheus – qualities that contributed, no doubt, to his worldly success.



For the full text of Fr. Thornhill's reflection, scan the QR code or visit his website: www.theemmauseries.com/c31sunday.html

Parking Lot Policy & Guidelines (October 2016)

Over the past year, the Parish Advisory Council has spent time drafting a Parking Lot Policy to deal with concerns that have become increasingly problematic. The following Policy and Guidelines were approved at the October 2016 meeting and are now in effect. The cooperation of all parishioners is appreciated.

Policy

- The OLS Church parking lot is private property and is intended for the use of registered parishioners and/or those attending Mass or a parish function. Anyone else using the parking lot for any other reason will be asked to leave at the discretion of the parish office.
- Unauthorized VEHICLES in the Church parking lot will be TAGGED/TOWED.
- Unauthorized VISITORS using the parking lot will be asked to remove themselves and/or their car from the lot.
- LOITERING in the church parking lot and on church grounds is strictly prohibited and those refusing to leave will be reported to the police.
- ILLEGAL PARKING within the lot which blocks other cars will not be tolerated. Those parking in aisles or blocking the entrance or exit to the lot may be towed. This is a safety issue.

Guidelines

- The Parish Advisory Council along with the Pastor will be responsible for revisions to this POLICY.
- The parking lot must be clearly lit to help prevent inappropriate use of the lot.
- The parking lot must have clear signage to ensure use and restrictions are clearly posted.
- Repeat policy offenders will have their vehicles tagged/towed.
- The parking lot policy will be issued in the bulletin, published on the church website and will be re-issued as needed to remind the parish community of the policy and guidelines.

**Can I risk sharing the goodness God has given me?
Can I care for the needs of my brothers and sisters?
Can I respond to God as a priest, deacon, brother or sister?**
If you feel God is offering you the grace of a Church vocation, contact Fr. Chris Lemieux, Vocations Director, Archdiocese of Toronto. 416-968-0997 vocations@vocations.ca www.vocationstoronto.ca

PARISH

Readings ~ Wisdom 11.22 – 12.2 ~ 2 Thessalonians 1.11 – 2.2 ~ Luke 19.1–10

Mass Intentions This Week – October 31–November 6

Please join us as we pray for the following announced intentions...

	Intention(s):	Offered by:
Monday, 9am	✠ John Joseph Keane	Philip Keane & family
Tuesday, 9am All Saints' Day	✠ members of the Pizon & Szczuka families	The family
Wednesday, 9am All Souls' Day	The Commemoration of All the Faithful Departed <i>During this Mass the names of those buried from OLS in the last year will be read aloud. A memorial book will be placed at the front of the church to receive the names of our departed.</i>	
Thursday, 9am	✠ members of the Harasim/Dropek families	The family
Friday, 9am	✠ Doris Vogtle	Nicki Law
Saturday, 9am	✠ Jack Panoyan	Helen
5:15pm	✠ Ida Vaz	The Vaz family
Sunday, 8am	✠ Chet Ciupa	Monique Ciupa
9:30am	✠ Hugh Kunkel	The family
11am	✠ members of the Goseco, Valencia & Feliciano families	Linda
12:30pm	✠ Odette Sakr	

Rosary – prayed before 9am Mass + Rosary Group meets Fridays, 2pm, Parish Hall
Five decades daily, fifteen decades on Fridays followed by the Chaplet of Divine Mercy.

Children's Liturgy of the Word – Join Us!

This program for young parishioners (ages 4–10) takes place on Sundays at the 9:30am Mass.

THIS WEEKEND Let's do it! Let's 'Bundle Up' for St. Vincent de Paul!

Volunteers will be available in the parking lot on Saturday from 8:30am–6:15pm and on Sunday from 7:30am–2pm. They will assist with the collection & loading of securely tied or sealed bags or boxes of gently used items (think: shoes, clothing, coats, bedding, draperies). Larger items (i.e. furniture & appliances), computer hardware and toys **cannot** be accepted. **Your generosity is greatly appreciated and will truly help us help the poor and those in need.**

World Mission Sunday Mercy Changes the World

Thank you very much for your generous support for *World Mission Sunday* last week. This support is a blessing for the priests, Sisters, Brothers and Lay catechists who depend on this help through the Society for the Propagation of the Faith. Please continue to pray for all who serve in mission countries that they may remain steadfast in their vocation to bring Christ's message of love to those they serve - the world's most vulnerable.



Stretch & Flex – Join us! – Tuesdays, 6:15–7:30pm @Running Room, 2nd Floor
Only \$10 per session. Bring a bottle of water, a yoga-type mat and wear comfy clothing!

First Reconciliation Catechetical Session – Nov. 6, 2–3pm OR Nov. 8, 7–8pm
NEXT WEEKEND At these one-hour sessions for parents only, parish catechists will lead a brief reflection on the theology of Reconciliation and distribute the "We Celebrate the Sacrament of Reconciliation" book for parent-child preparation. First Communion dates will also be assigned.

COMMUNITY

Humanitarian Relief – Hurricane Matthew – Haiti Emergency

The Archdiocese is accepting financial contributions following Hurricane Matthew in Haiti on October 4. In the face of widespread damage, flooding & landslides, more than 1.4 million people are in need of assistance, with nearly 800,000 people identified as 'in serious need'. Hundreds, if not thousands of people have died and the risk of cholera & other diseases grows daily. Development and Peace – Caritas Canada (D&P) and the Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops have launched a joint emergency appeal to all Catholics and all Canadians, asking them to be in solidarity with those affected by Hurricane Matthew. D&P has well-established partnerships in Haiti after nearly 45 years of active service in country. In partnership with Caritas Haiti and USA sister organization Catholic Relief Services funds will provide supplies for those who lost everything and to reduce the risk of spreading preventable disease; provide basic supplies to those left homeless; help distribute food, sanitation & supply kits; and aid in collaboration with the Ministry of Agriculture to conduct an inventory of agricultural losses. Those wishing to help may do so in the following ways: online at www.archtoronto.org or via phone at 416-934-3411 or through the offertory collection, making cheques payable to: OLS – Haiti Emergency – Humanitarian Relief. **Please pray for those affected by this natural disaster. Thank you for your generous donations to help those in crisis in Haiti.**

All Souls' Day Masses – Saturday, November 5, 2pm – All are welcome!

Catholic Cemeteries & Funeral Services – Archdiocese of Toronto wishes to invite all families to participate. Masses will be held indoors at the following locations:



Assumption Cemetery, Mississauga, in English • Christ the King Cemetery, Markham, in English • Holy Cross Cemetery, Thornhill, in Italian & English • Queen of Heaven Cemetery, Woodbridge, in Italian & English • Resurrection Cemetery, Whitby, in English.

Serra Annual District Fall Conference – Saturday, Nov. 5

All parishioners, clergy, and staff of the Archdiocese are encouraged to attend. To be held at St. Dominic's Church, 625 Atwater Ave., Mississauga. To register, call David Bain at 647-261-6554 or email djbain@rogers.com



Lectio Divina with Cardinal Thomas Collins Sunday, November 6

Lectio Divina ("divine, or sacred, reading") is a 2000 year old spiritual tradition among Christians, in which they attentively & prayerfully read the word of God. We seek to be humbly attentive to God's Holy Word, to savour it, and to let it enter into our hearts as much as our heads, so that it may transform us. Lectio Divina is intended to draw us closer to God & to transform our attitudes and behaviour. The next reflection is entitled "**The Law that Guides Us**" – **Exodus 2:1-20** and takes place at St. Michael's Cathedral, 65 Bond Street. Vespers (evening prayers) begin at 7pm followed by Lectio Divina from 7:30–8:15pm **All are welcome!**

Fall Trivia Challenge at Bloordale November 12, 7–9:30pm



Bloordale United Church (4258 Bloor St. West) presents a night of family fun for ages 8–108! Doors open at 6:15pm. Tickets are \$20 for adults/\$10 for ages 8–15 Contact Roxanne at 416-881-0997 or Nancy at 416-620-5377.

Public Meeting – TCDSB Boundary Review – November 15, 7pm

St. Gregory Catholic School (122 Rathburn Rd., corner of Rathburn Rd. & Kipling Ave.) will host this review of the area including St. Marcellus, St. Gregory, Mother Cabrini, Nativity of Our Lord and Our Lady of Sorrows Catholic Schools. All parishioners are invited to attend. Results will be posted on the Board website at www.bit.ly/2erK48C



"I think that in Heaven my mission will be to draw souls by helping them to go out of themselves ... which will allow God to communicate Himself to them and to transform them into Himself." – Saint Elizabeth of the Trinity