

November 2-3, 2019

Thirty-first Sunday in Ordinary Time

Wisdom 11:22-12:2

Second Thessalonians 1:11-2:2

Luke 19:1-10

Is it odd to publicly acknowledge our commitment to another person by the wearing of a wedding ring? Is it wrong to have pictures of our children, friends or relatives on our desk, in our homes or in our wallet/purse? Is it likely that, throughout any given day, we might call these people to mind, perhaps even send them a quick text or email? Chancing that most of us would agree that these are NORMAL and ACCEPTABLE expressions of affection, love and support, is it safe to presume that we are likewise accepting of others who do the same, even though they are married to a different person than ourselves and have different children, friends or family from our own? Which, in light of Zacchaeus' climbing of a tree so as to see Jesus, how do WE publicly profess our love and attachment to Jesus? Some might wear a cross around their neck or have a religious saying on their license plate...some might even reliably participate at Mass...but when it comes to Jesus, is this REALLY what he wants from us as outward signs of our relationship with him? Zacchaeus went and climbed a tree so as to see Jesus, how far from our comfort zones are we willing to move so as to encounter Jesus? Will we comfortably allow our OUTLANDISH actions or patience, understanding, forgiveness, charity and kindness to be testimonies to our growing relationship with Jesus? Is Jesus more like an insurance policy for which we pay our premiums and then forget about...or is he in our thoughts and hearts throughout the day? Because he climbed a tree, Zacchaeus had Jesus as a houseguest? What would YOU do so as to have Jesus come knocking at your heart or your door?

Thank you for sharing these first hours of November with our Santa Clara community. Our All Souls Masses continue through to Christ the King weekend (November 23-24), envelopes are the exits/entrances for your use. Next weekend, November 9-10 will be our HEART & SOUL CHRISTMAS ADOPT A FAMILY for our Sister Parish, Immaculate Heart of Mary in Santa Ana, if this is an important part of your Advent prep for Christmas, please don't miss being here next weekend. You might also wish to mark your calendars for the weekend of November 23-24 as the opportunity to peruse the Third World artisanal works and crafts made available by CONCERN. The Bulletin has other news within it, please take a copy home with you and please remember, be it September, October or November, you are loved.
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