31st Sunday in Ordinary Time:
Sunday, October 30, 2022

Lead Story Headline:
Home Of A Sinner

“Always be true to what you were taught and what you believe.”
2 Timothy 3:14

Jesus was going through the city of Jericho, and many people came out to see him. There was a man there, named Zacchaeus, who was the head of all the tax collectors and was very rich. Zacchaeus also wanted to see Jesus and find out who he was. But Zacchaeus was a very short man and couldn’t see Jesus through the crowd, so he ran had and climbed into a sycamore tree and waited for Jesus to pass. When Jesus came to that place, he looked up and said, “Zacchaeus, come down! Hurry! I want to stay at your house today!” Zacchaeus was so excited that he hurried down and welcomed Jesus into his home. The people who saw this were angry and said, “Look at this man, Jesus, is staying in the home of a sinner!” But Zacchaeus said to Jesus, “Lord, I am going to give half of everything I have to the poor. And if I have ever cheated anyone out of money, I am going to pay them back four times as much.” Then Jesus said to Zacchaeus, “Now you are truly living like the family of Abraham. And so today you have been saved, for I came to find and save people who are lost.” This is the Good News of the Lord.


By The Way...

Have you ever heard of a relic? It is a part of a saint’s body, their clothes or something that has touched them. These relics are kept very safe and are honoured by people who believe. They are kept in a safe place called a reliquary.


What Do You Think?

1. Why do you think Jesus chose to stay at Zacchaeus’ house? Why do you think people were so angry that he stayed there?

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2. What do you think made Zacchaeus decide to change his ways after Jesus visited his home?

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Activity: High Seat

When Jesus came to Jericho, Zacchaeus wanted to see what he looked like. Because he was short, he climbed a sycamore tree to get a better view. Finish the tree and draw in the rest of the crowd gathered to see Jesus.

“...so today you have been saved, for I came to find and save people who are lost.”

Luke 19:1-10

Now Act...

Go to google and look up how a saint is canonized. You can also create a list of all of the canonized saints from your country. Look up who your patron saint is and look at some information about their lives. It can be the patron saint of your name or even your country. How can you honour them?


Calling All Saints...

Did you know that All Saints’ Day just passed on November 1? This day celebrates all of the saints that you know like St. Francis, St. Joseph, St. Paul, St. Peter, and more. It also includes all of the saints in heaven that we don’t know about. These saints are called quiet saints. We can pray to all the saints in heaven and ask them to pray for us. If we can learn to be friends with the saints, we can learn to grow closer to God. It is also interesting to think about how the saints that we know about had some flaws, just like us. This teaches us that we can all be holy, even though we do make mistakes sometimes! Look up some information on your favourite saints and see what you can do to celebrate them!


“When you have a special dinner or party, invite people who are poor or crippled or blind.” Luke 14:13