

**Alleluia. God so loved the world that he gave his only-begotten Son, that everyone who believes in Him may have eternal life. Alleluia. Alleluia.**

*“...and was rich”*

We have heard Jesus telling, *“It is easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle than for someone who is rich to enter the kingdom of God”* (Matthew 19:24). In today’s gospel we see Zacchaeus, one among the richest in Israel, getting a fast track entry into that very same kingdom. Is God – Jesus – partial? Fortunately for all the rich, Jesus said that it is hard and more difficult but not impossible, as Jesus continues in the same dialogue, *“For mortals it is impossible, but for God all things are possible”* (19:26). Does it mean that the so called rich can sit quiet and expect God to do the impossible? Look at Zacchaeus! He might have heard the above words of Jesus. His short stature hardly gave him a chance to see Jesus in the midst of the crowd. He knew he was immensely rich, and was the chief tax collector and so a great sinner. We don’t know if this is the same tax collector we saw last week praying at the gate of the Temple, crying out, *“God, be merciful to me, a sinner”* (Luke 18:13). This rich and powerful man also knew that he was not worthy to go near Jesus or even to be seen by him. However, he wanted to see Jesus. His deficiencies, like short in stature, sinfulness and the scorn and ill-will of the civilized society did not prevent him from taking the first step, even by hiding himself from the sight of the public and from Jesus. However, this was reason enough for Jesus, for God, to do what is impossible for mortals. Very often either our material riches or our mental blocks of pride and prejudice, our disobedience of God’s commandments, etc., can drive us away from God and make us unworthy of God. However, our God is looking for ways and means to make us worthy, definitely not because of our merits, but precisely because of our spiritual poverty. He runs after us, capturing and bringing us back to his kingdom. St. Paul reminds us in 2 Thessalonians that we need always to pray, asking God to make us, everyone, worthy of his call. Answering this prayer comes to us as a free gift, truly unmerited. A thorough reading and meditation on the words of Wisdom today, (Wisdom, 11:22 – 12:2) will guide us to kneel down before the magnitude of God’s amazing creation, realizing our place in it. If the ‘whole world before God is like a speck, what will we be in that speck and before God? In spite of our miniscule stature, God cares and is after us. We are precious for him. Be of good cheer!

*Fr. George*

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**WEEKDAY MASSES:**

**Mon: 9:00** Gordon & Kay Upstone †  
**Tues: 9:00** Intentions of Parishioners  
**10:30** Mabel Greenan (Beach Grove)  
**Wed. 9:00** Catherine Morris  
**Thur. 9:00** Lillian McGuigan  
**Fri. 9:00** Helena Morrissey  
**10:30** Gloria M. Taylor (501 Queen)  
**Sat. 4:00** Ann Cusack †: Jack Chipman †: Diane Sherry †: Dorothy & Peter McGarry : Bill Hazelwood †: Rita Carragher †: Anna McInnis  
**Sun. 9:00** Allan J. Smith †: Bonnie Hennessey Brammer  
**11:00** Intentions of Parishioners

**PARISH:**

**SENIORS ROASTED BEEF DINNER** :Tickets for the Seniors Roasted Beef Dinner being held on **Tue. Nov. 1<sup>st</sup>** at the Jack Blanchard Family Centre will be available this weekend after the Masses. The next Seniors Dinner will be on Tue., Dec. 6<sup>th</sup> and will be Roast Turkey with all the trimmings.

**KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS PANCAKE BREAKFAST :**

The Holy Redeemer K of C will be hosting a pancake breakfast next Sun., Nov. 6<sup>th</sup> from 9:30am -12:30pm at the Jack Blanchard Family Centre. The menu will consist of pancakes and/or French toast, sausages, baked beans, a topping, syrup, and coffee or tea and juice. The cost is: adults \$ 6, Youth (ages 8-14) \$ 3 and children (7 and under) - no charge. Come one, come all, and enjoy a great breakfast and the company of your friends.

**DEVELOPMENT AND PEACE:** This fall, Dev. & Peace's At the Heart of the Action campaign invites us to revisit highlights of the past 50 years and to continue

working towards a just world. At all masses on the weekend of Nov. 5-6 we have the opportunity to sign an Action Card to the Prime Minister asking him to show greater support to small farmers in the Global South, who are feeding and cooling the planet. You may visit devp.org/50years. Together, we can change our world!

BIBLE CLASSES IN HOLY REDEEMER

Beginning next Wednesday the 2<sup>nd</sup> Nov. 2016 at 7. pm., we are starting a Bible lesson, reflection and prayer session every week till the 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday of December 2016. We begin in the upper room of the rectory on an experimental basis, not a professional but just a pedestrian venture. Those interested are welcome!

**CANDLELIGHT CAROL SERVICE:** Practices will continue for the choir for the 2016 Candlelight Carol Service this Sun. and continue each Sun. at 1:30 PM up to the Carol Service, which this year is scheduled for Sun., Dec. 18th at 7:30 PM. **Travis Boudreau will be directing the choir again.** If interested, please consider bringing a friend who likes singing. If unable to attend but are planning to participate, please advise David at 902 892-1558.

THE HOLY REDEEMER KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

have on loan the Icon of the Holy Family , drawing is by Giovanni Balestra. This Icon of the Holy Family will be on display in the church the week of Oct. 24th . Beautiful prayer cards will be provided.

**MIKINDURI DAYS FOR GIRLS:** Lennie Gallant and Catherine MacLellan are doing a special concert to support Day's for Girls. The date is Nov 17th at 7.30 at Holland College. Visit [WWW.daysforgirls.org](http://WWW.daysforgirls.org). The proceeds will make a huge difference to families in Mlkinduri, please call 1- 888- 311-9090. God Bless.

**NEW YEAR'S EVE ROCK & ROLL** will be held on New Year's Eve in the Jack Blanchard Centre. There will be a hot (sit down) meal served at 8:00 PM. A great old Rock & Roll Style band called Shake Rattle & Roll, with three vocalists, Dino Dunsford, Kendell Docherty and Peter Burke will host a dance starting at 9:30. Tickets for dinner & dance are \$45 and for dance only \$20. The K of C will be have a cash bar. Call 894-7385 for tickets. Swing in the New Year !!!

**MS CHRISTMAS CAKES :** The Island chapter of the MS Society of Canada is holding their annual Christmas Cake Campaign. They are selling light and dark fruit cakes, cherry cakes, Shortbread cookies, fudge and truffles. To order contact Tom at 367-0315 or email [tomkillorn77@gmail.com](mailto:tomkillorn77@gmail.com).

**PERFUMES AND SCENTS:** The Parish has had numerous requests to solicit support in curtaining the use of perfumes and fragrances by parishioners. Many people have an allergic reaction to scents and we simply ask that you take this matter into consideration as you prepare to attend

**Church. Thank you for your kind attention in this matter.**



**Beloved Parishioners of Holy Redeemer,**

Thank you for the love, care, cooperation and the joy you all shared with me for the last over 6 years!

I pray that our Holy Redeemer guide your ways and keep you all in his eternal love and intimacy as we all proceed to that eternity where we are to join for ever!

Requesting your prayers, with much love regards,

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**JACK BLANCHARD FAMILY CENTRE ( Holy Redeemer Parish Centre):** For your Banquets, Meetings, Receptions, Weddings Receptions, Birthday Parties, Funeral Receptions, Workshops( Bar Service available), call the Office at 894-7385.

SENIOR ACTIVITIES - PARISH CENTRE

**AUCTION 45'S- Wed. at 1:30 PM (except Holidays)**

**Jokes' Corner**

**Love the Irish**

Walking into the bar, Mike said to Charlie the bartender, "Pour me a stiff one - just had another fight with the little woman."  
 "Oh yeah?" said Charlie, "And how did this one end?"  
 "When it was over," Mike replied, "She came to me on her hands and knees."  
 "Really," said Charles, "Now that's a switch! What did she say?"  
 She said, "Come out from under the bed, you little chicken."

**COMING TOGETHER BELIEVING IN ONE ANOTHER**