31ST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Today’s liturgy takes us to the heart of conversion and redemption. Though, in the eyes of the world, many of us appear to be no more significant than a grain of sand, in the eyes of God each of us is precious and beloved. As the Book of Wisdom 11:23-12:2 points out about the Lord God: You have mercy on all, because You can do all things; and You overlook people’s sins that they may repent. For You love all things that are and loathe nothing that You have made; for what You hated, You would never have fashioned...But You spare all things, because they are yours, O Lord and lover of souls, for your imperishable spirit is in all things! Therefore You rebuke offenders little by little, warn them and remind them of the sins they are committing, that they may abandon their wickedness and believe in You, O Lord! Therefore, even the chief tax collector, like Zacchaeus, the most despised of men, could catch the attention of Jesus, who received this sinner’s repentance as a sincere sign of his conversion and an opportunity for his redemption. No one is irredeemable in the eyes of God, for as Jesus said to Zaccheaus in today’s gospel, Lk 19:9-10: Today salvation has come to this house because this man too is a descendant of Abraham. For the Son of Man has come to seek and to save what was lost. As Jesus pointed out time and again, the Kingdom of God is at hand and we must take hold of the grace of the moment and enter through the Champagne of repentance and conversion of heart.

NATIONAL VOCATIONS AWARENESS WEEK

As we celebrate National Vocations Awareness Week, Nov. 3-9, please ask Our Lord for more holy priests, deacons, religious men and women and consecrated singles to come from our families in order to serve the Church here and throughout the world. May these vocations be inspired by the life of Jesus Christ, supported by our families and our faith community, and respond generously to the Lord’s call. Let us pray for the perseverance of our seminarians and for those following their vocation in the Church.

PRAYER TO KNOW ONE’S VOCATION

O Lord my God, You have made me to know You, to love You, to serve You and thereby to find and to fulfill my deepest longings. I know that You are in all things, and that every path can lead me to You. But of them all, there is one especially by which You want me to come to You. Since I will do what You want of me, I pray You send your Holy Spirit to me: into my mind, to show me what You want of me; into my heart, to give me the determination to do it, and to do it with all my love, with all my mind, and with all my strength right to the end. Jesus, I trust in You. Amen.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS AND THE VOCATION CLUB

I want to thank the Knights of Columbus and the Catholic Religious Vocations Club, formerly the Serra Club, for promoting vocations with a Vocations Chalice to go to our parish families as an inspiration for vocation prayer in our homes and in our neighborhoods. May this new initiative bear good fruit and encourage many more to consider the Lord’s calling in their lives.

ANNUNCIATION SCHOOL FALL BENEFIT

We will host Annunciation School’s Fall Benefit this Friday, Nov. 8 at the Sandia Resort Center. If you would like to support our school and join in the dinner celebration of 60 years of education, you may call Amy McCarthy in the School Office at 299-6783 for tickets. God bless Annunciation School on its 60th Anniversary!

MINISTRY FAIR

Next weekend we will celebrate Stewardship Sunday with a Ministry Fair in the gym after all the Masses. Please come and look at the many ways you can serve our parish and the broader community through the many ministries we have here. If you have never considered a ministry, please take the time to see what grace filled opportunities we have available right here to serve God and your neighbor.

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From the Pastor
PARISH MISSION STATEMENT
Our Lady of the Annunciation Roman Catholic Parish is a people of living faith rooted in the Gospel, centered on the Eucharist and led by the Holy Spirit. We are inspired by the example of Mary to continue the mission of Jesus Christ by ministering to all.

Annunciation Parish Website: www.annunciationparishhbg.org

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Thirty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time
November 3, 2019

MON, NOV 4: 8:30 AM | URSULA TRUJILLO—1ST ANNIVERSARY BY ANNUNCIATION PARISH
| RICHARD LA VANDA

TI | JOHN & MARY JO DESAUTELS

10:30 AM | BRUNO REDNARZ BY DENNIS & GENIE HONMAN
| ANTHONY F. PACHPELL

TI | ROBERT ARCHIGLETA BY THERESA, ELIZABETH & JOSEPH

TUES, NOV 5: 8:30 AM | LOURINE M. & EDWARD R. MILESHOSKY
| MARILYN MAITO

TI | SCOTT PROKESCH BY THE HEGGEMIER FAMILY

10:30 AM | BRIAN ALARD
| SPECIAL INTENTION

WED, NOV 6: 8:30 AM | DECEASED MEMBERS OF THE BROWN & CUNNINGHAM FAMILIES
| DELORES PERICH & STEVEN PERICH BY THE HEGGEMIER FAMILY

TI | DAN LUCERO & FAMILY

10:30 AM | FR. JAMES A. O’MALLEY
| DAVID TREADWELL BY THE TREADWELL FAMILY

TI | S.F. HOME BY THERESA, ELIZABETH & JOSEPH

THURS, NOV 7: 8:30 AM | DECEASED MEMBERS OF THE NEY FAMILY BY JIM & PAULINE NEY
| EUGENE CALT BY THE CALT FAMILY

TI | MICHAEL ZEGADO & FAMILY BY MR. & MRS. JOSEPH DUPUIS

10:30 AM | EARLY EAST BURNT BY THERESA, ELIZABETH & JOSEPH
| KRISTELLE & MELISSA PARRAS

FRI, NOV 8: 8:30 AM | MARGUERITE GEISSLER BY HENRY
| BARKER & CHIADO FAMILIES BY THE BARKER FAMILY

TI | MSGR. BENNET J. VOORHIES BY THE MARIANTES

10:30 AM | ANDREW LORENZEN BY THE LORENZEN FAMILY
| SANDY STAGNONE BY THE DREBING FAMILY

TI | FR. GILBERT SCHNEIDER, OFM BY THE CANOSSIAN SISTERS

SAT, NOV 9: 5:00 PM | JANICE BUSTOS, BEN ROYBAL & RUDY GONZALES BY THE ROYBAL FAMILY
| ROTHGEB & DAWSON FAMILIES

TI | MICHAEL FREISINGER BY THE THOMAS FAMILY

SUN, NOV 10: 7:00 AM | VINNIE KLAGG
| JOE & ALICE VALVERDE

10:00 AM | EARL GAUTREAUX BY THE FAMILY
| MARIO MENCUCCI BY THE RUSSELL & GEMMA

12:00 PM | DECEASED MEMBERS OF KESSLER FAMILY BY THE DOMINGUEZ FAMILY
| IDA MULDROW BY VIOLET HUMPHREY & SISTERS

1:30 PM | FOR THE PEOPLE

12:00 PM | JOHN SANCHEZ—1ST ANNIVERSARY BY ANNUNCIATION PARISH
| R.J. & DOROTHY SLIMP BY THE FAMILY

TI | MSGR. BENNET J. VOORHIES BY THE DREBING FAMILY

5:30 PM | FR. GEORGE SILVA BY ANNUNCIATION PARISH
| BETTYANN PAPINEAU

TI | REINHOLZ FAMILY

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Thirty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time
November 10, 2019

2 Mc 7:1-2, 9-14 | 2 Thes 2:16-3:5 | Lk 20:27-38

How shall I make a return to the Lord for all the good He has done for me? (Psalm 116:12)
PARISH LIFE & PASTORAL OUTREACH
RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS
Sr. Necy Guinn, RDCQ, Director
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Mary Agnes San, Administrative Assistant
299-9111

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This Week’s Meetings/Activities

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ADOPT A FAMILY FOR THANKSGIVING
***87 more sponsors needed!***
Please consider becoming a sponsor to adopt a family in one of our neighboring parishes and give our gratitude to our blessings from the Lord by providing for those in need on this special day. If you are a senior citizen or single, and would like to help, you may offer a check (payable to Annunciation) for “pantry” instead of preparing boxes for a family.

The Adopt A Family Form is available in the church vestibule. To register or for more info, call Dee and Beverly Rufe at 287-5062 or email us at annunciationfooddrive@gmail.com

OEMS Senior Ministry
The OEMS (Gennesee + Escanaba + Menominee) annual Thanksgiving Luncheon will be on Tuesday, Nov. 19th at Noon - 2 PM in St. Magdalene Hall. The parish provides the turkey for this potluck gathering. Seniors attending are requested to bring side dishes and dessert. To sign-up call the parish office at 299-9111. Also, if you are a senior and would like to be included in the OEMS mailing list and invited to future social events, please call the parish office.

Companions on the Journey
This ministry provides spiritual companionship to those who are permanently homebound or terminally ill, through Holy Communion and visits. Volunteers for this important ministry are needed. The group meets quarterly, at 6:30 to 8:00 p.m. in St. Francis Hall. If you or someone you know is homebound and in need of companionship, please call the parish office at 299-9111 to request support.

Consolation Ministry
Consolation Ministry offers the Mass every second Thursday of the month at 5:30 PM followed by the Rosary for all deceased members of our parish, families, and friends. Also, the bereavement group sessions of Seasons of Hope are ongoing and meet on the second Thursday at 5:00 PM in St. Rafka Hall. Contact Mary Agnes San at 299-9111 or join at 220-7272 for more details.

Recovery in Christ
This ministry supports those recovering from drug or alcohol addiction seeking a new life in Christ through support group meetings on the first Thursday of each month. Next meeting is this Thursday, Nov. 7th at 7-9 PM. Call 299-9111 for details.

Women’s Guild
Board meeting will be Wed., Nov. 6th at 7:30 AM in St. Francis Hall. The general meeting will be Wed., Nov. 13th after the 8:30 AM Mass in St. Magdalene Hall. The Guild will be making Christmas ornaments for the Christmas trees in the church. Supplies and directions will be provided. Please come and enjoy.

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Family - Centered

Leslie Monette — Director
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Knights of Columbus Family of the Month
Regularly Barry, Emilye, Naela & Gianna

The Reinholds family attends weekly Mass and are a praying family both at Mass and at home. They are models of a strong Catholic family life and witnesses to their faith. Barry & Emilye have been involved in our family life and youth ministries for years and contribute significantly to the ongoing work of Natural Family Planning in our parish with the Couple-to-Couple League.

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Religious Education

Religious Education & Sacramental Preparation Programs

CALL 296-0411 for Information

Elementary Religious Education (Pre-K-5th grade) Regular session this Wed., Nov. 6th at 4:15-5:45 PM
Middle School Religious Education & Confirmation I Program
Regular sessions in classrooms and gym this Sunday, November 3rd at 3:30 - 5:00 PM
No sessions next weekend - Ministry Fair!

First Reconciliation will be Tuesday, Nov. 12th at 7 PM (arrive at 6:45) in the Church

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Annunciation Parish Gym

Stewardship is so much more than time, talent and treasure! Characteristics #5 - Stewardship is... C.H.E.R.F.I.C.
To succeed at something we need to persevere, especially if the task is not easy. Being a good steward often runs counter to the culture at-large. However, when we make a commitment to this way of life, not only do we get ourselves back up after we fall, but we know that as our lives are transformed, it becomes easier to think of God and others. What does God ask of me that I find frightening? How can I face this fear to grow in maturity as a disciple of Jesus Christ?

Honor Our Veterans this coming Ministry Fair Weekend
November 9-10, 2019

The Knights of Columbus are going to handout the stars and grommets from the old American flags they collected in July to our Parish Veterans. While the flags have been properly disposed, they preserved the stars and grommets to give to veterans as a way of saying “thank you” for serving in the military. They will be distributed after all Masses and from their table at the ministry fair so be sure to come and visit.

Thank you, Veterans, for your service to our country!
LECTIONARY READINGS: Monday, November 4th, 2019 — Saturday, November 9th, 2019

MONDAY: St. Charles Borromeo, Bishop
Rom 11:29-36  Lk 14:12-14
TUESDAY: Weekday
Rom 12:5-16b  Lk 14:15-24
WEDNESDAY: Weekday
Rom 13:8-10  Lk 14:25-33
THURSDAY: Weekday
Rom 14:7-12  Lk 15:1-10
FRIDAY: Weekday
Rom 15:14-21  Lk 16:1-8
SATURDAY: The Dedication of the Lateran Basilica
Ez 47:1-2, 8-9, 12  1 Cor 3:9c-11, 16-17  Jn 2:13-22

MINISTRY & MUSIC HAPPENINGS

MUSIC & LITURGICAL MINISTRY
Dr. Jane Smith, Director  298-9636
Rose Marie Vigil, Administrative Assistant

Children’s Christmas Choir Rehearsal: Monday, November 4, 4:00-4:45 pm, in the church
Cantor Rehearsal: Thursday, November 7 @ 6:45 pm, in the church
Parish Mixed Choir Rehearsal: Thursday, November 7 @ 7:30 pm, in the church
8:30 PM Music Ensemble Rehearsal: Before Mass @ 4:15 pm in the church

The Annunciation Children’s Christmas Choir begins rehearsals this week! This choir is open to young singers ages 8 to 14 and rehearses on Monday afternoons from 4:00 to 4:45 pm. This choir will lead the singing at our Christmas Eve 4:00 PM Children’s Mass. Make this Christmas special by having your child be a part of our musical leadership at this celebration! Please call Dr. Jane Smith at 298-9636 for additional information or to sign up your child.

And just a reminder: the Parish Mixed Choir is already rehearsing Christmas music, too! Come to a Thursday night rehearsal and add your voice to our choir as we prepare for this festive season.

MINISTRY

Liturical Ministers: Next weekend’s Ministry fair needs YOU! Representatives from all our Liturgical Ministries are needed to greet people at our tables before and after each Mass. Altar Servers, Communion Ministers, Lectors, and Musicians, this means YOU. Please turn in the form you received in the mail, call the Liturgy Office (298-9636) to volunteer, or just come over after Mass to speak with people about your ministry and what is means to you. Thank you for your service and your witness!

Our church is “Equipped with an Oval Window Audio Inductive Loop Assistive Listening System: Please switch your hearing aid to “T” (Telephone).” These assistive listening systems are commonplace in public spaces such as airport terminals. This system works best if you are seated near the edge of the church, rather than close to the center aisle. The loop wiring runs around the perimeter of the main church seating area. If you are having trouble hearing during our worship, please consider sitting in a different place for several weeks.

Please keep the sick and homebound of our parish in your prayers.

Anointing of the Sick: Wednesday, November 27, 2019 after the 8:30 AM Mass
The Liturgical Minister Schedule Annunciation Parish Website: www.annunciationparishabq.org/litschedule.html

COME AND SEE!

Saturday, November 9, 2019, 8:30am—3:00pm at St. Thomas Aquinas Newman Center, Alb
One day discernment retreat lead by Fr. Michael DePalma. Open to all single men (*13-50) considering a vocation to priesthood or religious life & all single women (*13-50) considering consecrated virginity. *13-17 must be accompanied by a parent or guardian.
To register: lobicatholic.org or call (505) 247-1094.

Walking Tall in the Light of Christ

Few things hold us back more than our excuses.
We have excuses for not praying, for not attending Mass, and for not following the Church’s teachings. We have excuses for not giving something up for Lent, for not reading the Bible, and for not spending time with our families. All the while, we miss out on what God has to offer us. So many gifts of peace and joy are lost because we are too busy making excuses, rather than taking the risk of following the path Jesus calls us to.
The story of Zachaeus has much to teach us about all the blessings that can come our way once we put our excuses aside and take a risk for Jesus. Zachaeus had plenty of excuses why he shouldn’t try to get a look at Jesus. What excuses are holding us back? What are we afraid of? What challenges and obstacles stand in our way? Jesus is offering us the grace to overcome them if we put our trust in him and take the risk of seeking him, not matter what the crowd may think of it. When we do, we will find that he knows us by name, that he calls us to a banquet of love, and that we can have a loving relationship with him in all our sins and failings.

Douglas Souza, S.T.L.C.