

**ST. MARY'S  
BYZANTINE CATHOLIC CHURCH**

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**SUNDAY OF ZACCHEUS**

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SAT.	4:30 p.m.	Health & Blessings of Parishioners
SUN.	10:30 a.m.	+Olga Hudak by Son, Michael
MON.	10:30 a.m.	+Richard Hames by James Pondillo Family
TUE.	10:30 a.m.	No Liturgy
WED.	10:30 a.m.	+Dr. James Skeffy by Sister Mary Theresa
THU.	10:30 a.m.	No Liturgy
FRI.	10:30 am.	No Liturgy



**SUNDAY OF PUBLICAN & PHARISEE**

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SAT.	4:30 p.m.	Health & Blessings of Parishioners
SUN.	10:30 a.m.	+Veronica Kovach by Nancy Mashiska

*At Your baptism in the Jordan, O Lord, worship of the Trinity was revealed; for the Father's voice bore witness to you calling You His beloved Son, and the Spirit in the form of a dove confirmed the truth of these words. O Christ God, You appeared and enlightened the world. Glory to You!*

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**CHURCH DONATIONS Jan. 7, 2023**  
**Christmas /New Years 475.00 Maintenance \$116.00**  
**Candles \$37.00 Theophany \$340.00**  
**Offertory..... \$ 690.00**

#### **BLESSED WATER**

Water was blessed for the Feast of Thiophene. If you would like to take some home please bring a small container anytime.

#### **BLESSING OF HOMES**

If you would like Father to bless your home please call the office 330 792-1578 to set a time and date.

#### **ALL SOULS.....HRAMOTY**

The envelope for All Souls is included in your Jan. Envelopes. If you would like to remember your Loved ones at these liturgies please fill out the envelope (first names only) and drop in the collection basket. First All Souls will be Feb. 3, 2024

#### **ELEVENTH ANNUAL WOMEN'S RETREAT**

Will be held at Our Lady of the Pines Retreat Center ,Fremont, Ohio, Feb. 16th thru Feb. 18th. Theme ...**THE BEATITUDES: THE WAY OF LIFE**. If interested the pamphlets are in vestibule and at side entrance. Also you can call 419-332-6522 for more info.

#### **SOCIAL GAMES**

Are played every Sunday in our Center...Doors open 4:30 p.m. and games begin at 6:30 p.m. Start the New Year off right and come spend a little time with your friends and Family. We offer **GREAT prizes ..and you might be one of the LUCKY ONES** that walks out with some **XTRA Cash**. **ALSO... In Dec.** We collected winter hats, gloves, scarves and gift cards from our patrons and our Volunteers and we were able to help out the Veterans and the Rescue Mission during the Holidays. Thanks to all those that donated.

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## SEEING JESUS THROUGH THE EYES OF ZACCHAEUS

I did not like being short. People looked down on me, and gave me no respect. Resentful, I became a tax-collector for the Romans, who oppressed our land. People hated me for it, but they noticed me.

One day, though, my life turned completely around. Jesus, an insightful teacher of some renown, came through Jericho and I wanted to hear what He had to say. To be sure to see Him, I climbed a tree and sat on a branch overlooking the road. When He came near and stopped, I listened for a while, and then He looked up and noticed me. To my surprise, He called me by name and said, "hurry down, Zacchaeus. I would like to stay at your house."

I couldn't believe my ears. Why would a righteous man like this want to stay with me, for I was not righteous and I had hurt a lot of people? Amazed, I climbed down and gladly welcomed Him.

I had a complete change of heart. Short as I was, all of a sudden I stood tall and I decided that it was time to act tall. I promised to give half of what I owned to people in need and restore fourfold to anyone I had cheated. Then, Jesus gave me another blessing, saying, "Today, this man and his family have been reborn. He, too, is now a faithful child of Abraham."

Have you ever had the experience of suddenly envisioning your life going in a completely new direction? Jesus gave that vision to me. Feeling accepted and having someone recognize the good that was within me enabled me to help that good come out. It was a precious gift. I hope Jesus can help you, too, to see your own inner worth and find a new, fulfilling direction for your life.

## TRUE FRIENDSHIP....LOVE

To have a friend is to have one of the sweetest gifts that life can bring; to be a friend gives us confidence for life. A friend makes us outdo ourselves. A friend remembers us when we have forgotten ourselves or neglected ourselves; he takes loving heed of our health, our work, our aims, our plans. A friend may praise us, and we are not embarrassed; he may rebuke us, and we are not angered. If he is silent, we understand. It takes a great soul to be a true friend...large, steadfast, and loving spirit. One must forgive much, forget much, forbear much. It cost to be a friend or to have a friend. There is nothing else in life except motherhood that costs so much. It not only costs time, affection, patience, love, but sometimes a man must even lay down his life for his friend. There is no true friendship without self-abnegation, self sacrifice.

## SO LITTLE TIME

*It's such a short fragile life we live upon this earth. With daily hopes and daily prayers and dreams of changing worth; So quickly lost or torn to shreds by sinful deeds we do. And just as quick to fill with joys in days that God renews. A wisp of time to live and love, that passes much too fast. With ever growing need for loves we cherished in the past; and so little time to find the ways that lead to Christian goals and earn us blessings of the Lord and sanctity of soul.*