



## **Conversion: It Can Happen to Anyone**

The story of Zacchaeus in today's Gospel is a beautiful account of one man's realization that things were not quite right in his life. He was attracted to what Jesus had to say and finally made the decision to live a good, honest life. How many people know deep within themselves that things should be changed in their lives, yet are unwilling or afraid to make the appropriate changes? At times, we may hear Jesus calling us to a new and better life. What is our response to this call?

If we respond as Zacchaeus did, we can be certain that there will be great rejoicing in heaven, as well as experiencing peace and joy within ourselves. With Zacchaeus' conversion, came a commitment to live differently and to make amends for his past dishonest deeds. When we experience conversion, we too, must make some kind of commitment to change for the better. We put aside our past and embrace what our Lord wishes to give us. Being creatures of habit, it is not always easy to change. We can grow comfortable in our actions and attitude. When Jesus presents Himself to us, however, we are offered so much more. We are offered a much better way of life than anyone or anything else in this world can offer.

Conversion is possible for anyone. The Lord calls everyone to a better way of life. Let us embrace what Jesus is offering us: the Gospel values, his living Word, and His own Body and Blood. With these gifts, we cannot go wrong. We will then be truly the people God has created us to be. There will be great peace in our lives, and our search for meaning and purpose in life will come to fulfillment.

*Father David*

## **All Saints & All Souls**

The lives of the saints provide us with very effective models of how to live the Christian life.

This year, All Saints Day falls on Tuesday, November 1<sup>st</sup> and it is a Holy Day of Obligation.

Masses will be offered at 8:00 A.M., with our school students in attendance, 12:15 & 7:00 P.M.

Wednesday, November 2<sup>nd</sup>, is the Commemoration of all the Faithful Departed, All Souls Day. Although not a holy day of obligation, it is a very special time when we remember our beloved dead. A table will be provided at the front of the church near the baptismal font, and you may place a picture of your loved one on the table before Mass on Wednesday.

For those parishioners unable to participate in our morning Mass on Wednesday, a table will be provided at the front of the church near the baptismal font on the weekend of October 29<sup>th</sup> and 30<sup>th</sup>, and you may place a picture of your loved one there before the Mass in which you participate begins. At all the Masses on the weekend, we will remember those honored with All Souls envelopes, along with those whose pictures are on the table during Mass. It is our hope that this will be a time of sweet remembrance, healing and blessing for all those mourning a loved one. Please remember to take your picture with you after Mass has concluded.

