

**DIVINE LITURGIES FOR THIS WEEK****Sunday of Zacchaeus, February 3, 2019**

9:00 AM Lit. + Teodor Worobel

r/by Daughter, Bobbie, and Family

11:30 AM Lit. For God's Blessings on Our Parishioners

**Tuesday, February 5, 2019**

8:00 AM Lit. + Sena Waselyk r/by Ron &amp; Ana Mascenik

**Wednesday, February 6, 2019**

8:00 AM Lit. + Mildred Dochych r/by Tom Dochych

**Thursday, February 7, 2019**

8:00 AM Lit. Special Intention Edith Kowalczyk

r/by ACS Staff

**Friday, + February 8, 2019**8:45 AM Lit. + Ann Redus 40<sup>th</sup> Day r/by Family**Saturday, February 9, 2019**

8:00 AM Lit. + Mary &amp; Charles Kopi - Legate

5:00 PM Lit. + John &amp; Helen Maslak r/by Daughter

**Sunday of the Publican and Pharisee, February 10, 2019***Epistle - 2 Tim 3:10-15; Gospel - Lk 18:10-14*

9:00 AM Lit. For God's Blessings on Our Parishioners

11:30 AM Lit. + John Adamshick r/by Makar Family

**Holy Name Society**

A meeting will be held on Tuesday, Feb. 5 at 7:00 PM.

**St. Ann Society**

The next meeting will be held on Sunday, February 10, following the 11:30 Divine Liturgy. Light refreshments will be served. Members are reminded to bring Gift Auction prizes and grocery items **As Soon As Possible**, so that chairmen can plan their gift items. If you are donating a larger item, please contact the president or appropriate Level chairperson.

**St. Ann Society Gift Auction**

The annual Gift Auction will be held on Sunday, March 3, 2019. Mark your calendars! Members or anyone wishing to make a donation are reminded that gifts for the auction may be dropped off at Bingo on Wednesday or Friday evenings. Items may also be dropped off at the rectory office during the day (call 732-826-0767) or in the church on Saturday or Sunday (leave in the counting room, mark for St. Ann Society). Please take the beautiful flyer of the event from the back of the church and post it at the different places of business to promote the event.

**Sorokousty Memorial Services**

As in the past, we will honor the memory of our beloved deceased with Sorokousty Memorial Services at 9 a.m. on all Saturdays of Lent beginning March 9, 2019. This is a time to remember our departed family and friends. Please come with a list of names to be remembered at this service.

Saturday is the day which the Church has set aside for the commemoration of faithful Christians departed this life in the hope of resurrection to eternal life. If you would like your deceased family members commemorated during these services, please submit your envelope with the names clearly listed, by Feb. 24. After that date, names of your loved ones can still be submitted and will be commemorated, but not listed in the bulletin.

**Best Wishes**

We welcome into the Catholic Church and Community of Believers,

MATTHEW PROTSYK

Son of Volodymyr Protsyk and Lilia Olynyk

EMMA VARHA

Daughter of Viktor Petrov and Maryna Varha

upon receiving the Holy Mysteries of Christian Initiation: Baptism, Chrismation and Holy Eucharist.

**Thank You**

Another year of house blessing is complete. I want to thank everyone who did their best to accommodate my busy schedule and allowed me to come and bless their house.

**TODAY: Sunday of Zacchaeus.**

On this Sunday the Gospel reading is about Zacchaeus the tax-collector. It tells how Christ brought salvation to the sinful man, and how his life was changed simply because he "sought to see who Jesus was" (Luke 19:3). The Gospel's main idea begins with a recognition of our own sinfulness, just as Zacchaeus recognized his. He promised to make restitution by giving half of his wealth to the poor, and by paying to those he had falsely accused four times as much as they had lost. In this, he went beyond the requirements of the Law (Ex. 22:3-12).

The example of Zacchaeus teaches us that we should turn away from our sins, and atone for them. The real proof of our sorrow and repentance is not just a verbal apology, but when we correct ourselves and try to make amends for the consequences of our evil actions. We are also assured of God's mercy and compassion by Christ's words to Zacchaeus, "Today salvation is come to this house" (Luke 19:9).

**Questions to Ponder:**

Put yourself in the Gospel scene. Who am I? Zaccheus? One of the people who wanted to see Jesus? Who murmured against Jesus? Who wants to harm Jesus? Once you decide which you are ask the question, WHY?

**Enlarging Your Circle of Friendship**

Often times when we come to church we find ourselves mingling with the same group of people; people with whom we may have a special affinity or perhaps people with whom we may have formed lasting friendships - and this is a great and wonderful thing! Yet, at the same time, we mustn't pass up the opportunity to interact with and get to know people outside our circle of friends. There is nothing better than a unified parish, whose circle of friendship includes everyone. Take a moment each Saturday and Sunday to get to know someone different - you won't regret it.

**Did Bibles always look like Bibles?**

It's incredible to think how our concept of Scripture is actually quite modern. Many Christians have their favorite copy of the Bible sitting on a cozy shelf at home, always at the ready. Paperbacks, hardbacks, and leatherbounds alike. Perhaps they are filled with margin notes, highlighted verses, bookmarked chapters, etc. But did our ancestors have the same luxury? Were they well versed with all of the verses? Did Bibles always look like Bibles? In fact, the Bible took well over a millennium to write. There is about a 1,500-year writing span between the Book of Genesis and the Book of Revelation. After Christ's Passion, death, and resurrection around 33 AD, no author begins to pen a piece of the New Testament until about 45 AD. That's 12 years of Christians without any written authority.

The complete Bible was not officially compiled and canonized until the year 397, when the Catholic Church convened at the Council of Carthage. Chapter numbers did not come about till 1080, assigned by the Archbishop of Canterbury, Stephen Langdon. Printed bibles were not available until 1,400 years after Christ. Indeed, verses did not appear until the Geneva Bible was printed in 1560. So what did Christians do?

Jesus promises that He will not leave His disciples as orphans (John 14:18). Jesus himself actually never writes anything down, and He never instructs His disciples to read scripture as a sole authority. Founding a visible church on the rock of St. Peter (Matthew 16:18), Jesus sends His Apostles into all nations to "teach them everything that I have commanded you" (Matthew 28:20).

In addition to God's word in the Holy Scriptures, may we all cling to "the church, which is the pillar and foundation of truth" (2 Timothy 3:15).

**Thank You**

We would like to express thanks to Bohdan Leszczyk for cutting down a tree near the school.

**A Sincere Thank You** goes to the men from Holy Name Society for taking down Christmas decorations, inside and outside the church.