Welcome to St. Teresa of Avila’s Parish Community

We extend our hands and hearts in Christian fellowship to you here celebrating with us. Whether long-time residents or newly arrived in our parish, we thank God that you are with us. If you are not registered or have changes to your registration, please fill in the form below, or complete the form on our website.

Name: __________________________________________ Phone: ___________________________

Address: __________________________________________ ________________________________
City: __________ Zip: __________ Email: __________________________

☐ New Parishioner ☐ New Address and/or phone ☐ Send Sunday envelopes ☐ On-Line Giving

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For more information, please call ICA:
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We Welcome You To St. Teresa of Avila Catholic Church
A Warm, Welcoming, Inclusive Faith Community
Served by the Carmelites

November 3, 2019
Thirty-First Sunday
In Ordinary Time

1490 19th Street (Church)
Located on the NE Corner of 19th & Connecticut Streets

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This year for Thanksgiving, consider buying an organic turkey as opposed to one that was conventionally raised. Turkeys that carry the USDA organic seal are not given antibiotics. About 80% of the antibiotics sold in the U.S. are used in industrially produced livestock. The use of antibiotics in food animals is a major factor in the widespread problem of antibiotic resistance. Resistant bacteria cause infection and illnesses that no longer respond to the drugs meant to destroy them. Want an even better option? Earn extra credit sustainability points for purchasing a turkey that was locally raised in a free-range pasture. Stop in to a local butcher to reserve a turkey before they run out!

Interested in Joining the Green Team?
Call in on Tuesday, November 5 at 6pm:
PHONE: 1–773–231–9226
MEETING ID: 149 514 1945

Remember, Loving God, the Souls of Those Who Over the Past Year Have Passed into Eternal Life

Beatrice Boland
Shirley Marasco
Elvira “Lupita” Perea
Harold Petrocchi
Francine Sallaberry

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ABOUT THAT LITTLE FAT MAN, ZACCHAEUS . . .

For two weeks in a row, Luke’s Gospel has featured tax collectors. Last week’s parable—the Publican and the Pharisee—found the tax collector, head bowed at the back of the synagogue, asking God to “have mercy on me, a sinner.” In today’s Gospel, Jericho’s chief tax collector, Zacchaeus—a man of small stature—climbs a sycamore tree in order to see the Lord. In an ironic twist, it is Jesus who sees Zacchaeus, whereupon he boldly invites himself to Zacchaeus’ house for dinner. It’s an unusual and curious story, and in this week’s column I’d like to fold this in the religious, social, and cultural contexts surrounding the role of tax collector.

As I wrote in last week’s column, tax collectors were pariahs in Jewish society. This issue runs much deeper than the fact that no one wants to pay taxes. For the Israelites, there is only one God and king—Yahweh—and according to sacred history, it was Yahweh who freed them from the slavery of Egypt and led them to the Promised Land. Palestine was God’s Holy Land, given and entrusted by God to his Chosen People. In Jewish eyes, any power that conquered that land or ruled over its people was illegitimate.

Given this understanding, Jews who cooperated or collaborated with an occupying power were looked upon as traitors, people who betrayed both the Jewish people and the Jewish faith. The main character in today’s Gospel, the tax collector Zacchaeus, fits into this category. As a Jew working for the Romans, Zacchaeus was hated and despised.

As we celebrate Mass together we include in our prayers:

Sat, Nov 9 ‐ Faith Formation, 9am, Hall
Sun, Nov 10 ‐ Faith Formation, 9am, Hall

Homilists often focus on Zacchaeus’ repentance:
“I give half my belongings, Lord, to the poor. If I have defrauded anyone in the least, I pay him back fourfold.” Jesus says, “Today salvation has come to your house!” Jesus’ behavior causes great unrest in the crowd; they are appalled because “[Jesus] has gone to a sinner’s house as a guest.”

Michael Kwiecien, O. Carm.