

## FAMILY PERSPECTIVES

**November 3, 2019**

**Thirty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time**

Zacchaeus went out of his way to get a better look at Jesus. This changed his life. To his surprise, Jesus invited himself over to become more acquainted. He changed from being a selfish taker to a generous giver. When families take time to know one another better, Jesus reveals himself more clearly and can heal problems and relationships. Take another look at family members and relationships. People change. So can you!

**November 10, 2019**

**Thirty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time**

The Sadducees in today's gospel did not believe in the resurrection. Death was the end of the road. At family gatherings all the fun, caring, support, affection, and laughter gives us a glimpse into eternal life. Family life can be a window into eternal life.

**November 17, 2019**

**Thirty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time**

We are a short-term, results-oriented society. "Show me the money!" "Cut your losses" is advised if gains are not in the near future. Today's gospel warns us that if we are not thinking long-term or if we react to the latest crisis in the news, we will probably be led astray. Jesus does not guarantee immediate gains in the Christian life. Stay invested in Him, especially when others are anxious and you will be rewarded in God's time.

**November 24, 2019**

**Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe**

Jesus did not come down from the cross to retaliate against those who were mocking him. He gave his life to forgive them and each of us. In families the angry word easily flies, fueled more by fatigue and frustration than by a deliberate desire to hurt. Most often we don't even realize the impact. Pray for God's help in our families and seek forgiveness of each other rather than retaliating or holding on to resentments.

## GENERAL INTERCESSIONS

- November 3, 2019 For the grace to offer grace to each other. Let us pray to the Lord.
- November 10, 2019 That we will make time to gather for family fun. Let us pray to the Lord.
- November 17, 2019 That our families will plan for the future by passing on faith to our children. Let us pray to the Lord.
- November 24, 2019 That remorse for hurting a family member will move us to not only apologize, but to get help for ourselves so that we will not hurt them again. Let us pray to the Lord.