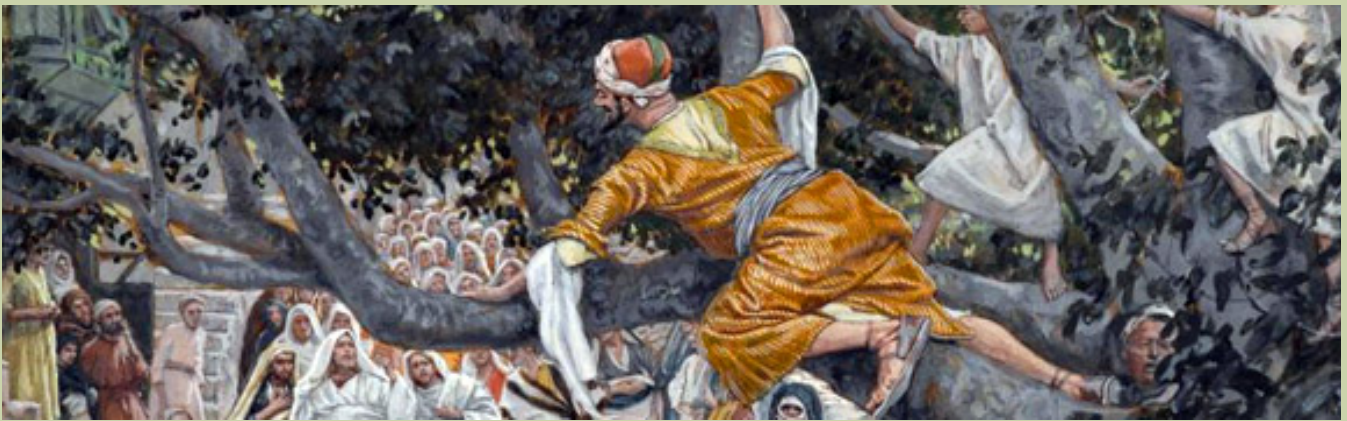


OUTSIDERS

Jesus was going through Jericho, where a man named Zacchaeus lived. He was in charge of collecting taxes and was very rich. Jesus was heading his way, and Zacchaeus wanted to see what he was like. But Zacchaeus was a short man and could not see over the crowd. So he ran ahead and climbed up into a sycamore tree.



When Jesus got there, he looked up and said, “Zacchaeus, hurry down! I want to stay with you today.” Zacchaeus hurried down and gladly welcomed Jesus.

Everyone who saw this started grumbling, “This man Zacchaeus is a sinner! And Jesus is going home to eat with him.”

Later that day Zacchaeus stood up and said to the Lord, “I will give half of my property to the poor. And I will now pay back four times as much to everyone I have ever cheated.”

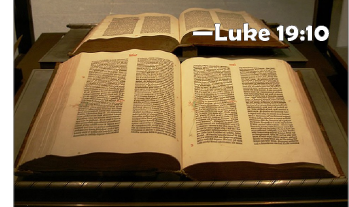


Jesus said to Zacchaeus,
“Today you and your family
have been saved, because
you are a true son of
Abraham. The Son of Man
came to look for and to save
people who are lost.”

Luke 19:1-10

For the Son of man is
come to seek and to save
that which was lost.

—Luke 19:10



SOMETHING TO THINK ABOUT

When you were younger you probably climbed trees for fun! This wasn't the case for Zacchaeus - for him, climbing the tree was a humiliating thing to do...he was too short to see Jesus over the crowds! Zacchaeus was also an outsider because of his job...he was a tax collector, someone everybody hated at the time of Jesus. Everybody except Jesus. Jesus always kept company with those people who were overlooked by everybody else. Jesus took the time to get to know everyone, no matter what their job was, where they were from, or what situations they found themselves in. For Jesus, there was no such thing as an 'outsider'. I wonder what Jesus would make of today's 'refugee crisis'? I wonder what Jesus would think about the idea of building walls between borders? I wonder what Jesus would do or say to make all people, no matter where they are from, feel welcomed, respected, and loved?

SOMETHING TO TALK ABOUT

- Why do you think Zacchaeus was so keen to catch a glimpse of Jesus?
- How do you think Zacchaeus felt when Jesus wanted to visit his house?
- Who are seen as 'outsiders' in our world today? Have you ever felt like an outsider?



WHATS ON THIS WEEK

On **TUESDAY** we celebrate the feast of **St Vincent de Paul**...happy feast day to all **VINCENT** forms.



Lord, just as you reached out to the outsiders - the sinners, the sick, the disabled, the poor and the rejected - may we also seek to welcome and comfort them. Help us to follow your example of mercy in our community and throughout our world. Amen.



SOMETHING TO DO

IN THE CHAPEL THIS WEEK YOU WILL SEE THE 'LAMPEDUSA CROSS'. IT IS MADE FROM THE WRECKAGE OF A REFUGEE BOAT WHICH CAPSIZED OFF THE ISLAND OF LAMPEDUSA IN THE



MEDITERRANEAN SEA. SURVIVORS OF THE ACCIDENT WERE GIVEN A CROSS AS A SIGN OF HOPE FOR THEIR FUTURE. IN YOUR FORMS YOU ARE INVITED TO WRITE A MESSAGE OF HOPE FOR REFUGEES ON THE POSTCARDS PROVIDED. THEN, COME AND VISIT THE LAMPEDUSA CROSS IN THE CHAPEL AND LEAVE YOUR MESSAGES IN THE BASKET. THESE MESSAGES WILL BE TRANSLATED AND DELIVERED TO REFUGEE CAMPS IN NORTHERN EUROPE.

'Breakfast with God' is back on **FRIDAY** morning at 8:30 in the Junior dining room... come along for **FREE** tea, toast, and prayer!