

“The Son of Man came to save the lost.”



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# The Children's Word

“Let the little children come to me, and do not forbid them, for to such is the Kingdom of Heaven.” Mark 10:14

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## Jesus came to save the lost!

**Have you ever lost something that you really, really liked?** A favorite toy? A piece to a puzzle? A piece of jewelry? Something special from a grandparent? Maybe you searched all over the place for it. And if you found it...do you remember how happy you were?

Today we hear the story of Zacchaeus. You remember it, don't you? Zacchaeus was the short man who climbed up in the tree so he could see Jesus pass by. Zacchaeus is the one Jesus called down from the tree, and told him he would stay at his house!

Zacchaeus, remember, was a rich man because he had taken from the poor. He had charged them too much money. But when Jesus came to his house, Zacchaeus changed his ways. He pledged to give half of his things to the poor. He pledged to give back four times as much as he took from them! He made things right with the people. He made things right with God!

The Gospel tells us, “Today salvation has come to this house...For the Son of man came to seek and to save the lost.” God wants to save the lost. Do you remember how happy you were when you found your special thing? Our Lord searches for people to save. When He finds somebody who was lost (like Zacchaeus), He is so happy. He came to save all of us!



# WORD SEARCH

Can you find these words in the jumble?

BRIDGET  
HELPING  
IRELAND  
LOST  
SAINT  
SALVATION  
SEARCHING  
SHORT  
ZACCHAEUS

S F T K X S X K A S D O V G O  
F U J S P U D G H I B J N J R  
G L E V O O S O U U D I E F I  
T N I A S L R D I I H G Q C I  
P X V Z H T O M W C X X P N B  
C X A R H C J F R W N Y K U K  
Q P R S E J C A Q E O Q M A C  
A B D O L O E A C K I O G F V  
I N V C P S N J Z V T Y V I I  
H R B R I D G E T L A S V X G  
T C E F N D X L X D V Z I E Y  
X U J L G W U I Q T L G T Z A  
B R H D A Y U Z E P A T Q V B  
G W M I B N Q N D W S R E B U  
E F U M S D D U K M Q C H T F

## What's in an icon?

Today is Zacchaeus Sunday, the day we read the special Gospel about our Lord visiting Zacchaeus.

Did you know Zacchaeus went on to spread the message about Jesus Christ? We celebrate this same Saint Zacchaeus on his own special nameday, on April 20th.



## SAINT BRIDGET

### ANOTHER IRISH SAINT

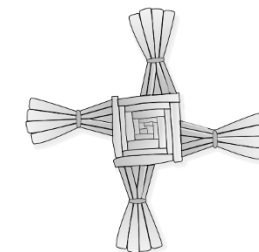


It won't be long before everybody will be talking about Saint Patrick, Ireland, and green shamrocks. But tomorrow we celebrate the feastday of another great saint of Ireland, Saint Brigid.

Nowadays, most people in Ireland are Christian, but Saint Brigid lived long ago, when not many people knew about our one, true God! Lots of people there worshipped trees and other things in nature. Brigid's father was a pagan, too. He

named his daughter after the goddess of fire. He wanted her to grow up worshipping those things, too. But Brigid had other ideas! Even when she was little, Brigid wanted to follow Christ.

Brigid tried to help people whenever she could. She helped the poor, and her father was not too happy when she would give away the family's milk and flour to poor people who needed it. Finally, he let her become a nun.



This is Saint Brigid's cross. She carried a cross she made out of straw.

Then later, when she was older, Brigid started another monastery in a place in Ireland called Kildare. It was very, very popular and important. Many people became Christian monks and nuns because of this great saint, Saint Brigid.

We celebrate St. Brigid tomorrow, February 1st (OC: Feb. 14th).