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November 13, 2022

Thirty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time



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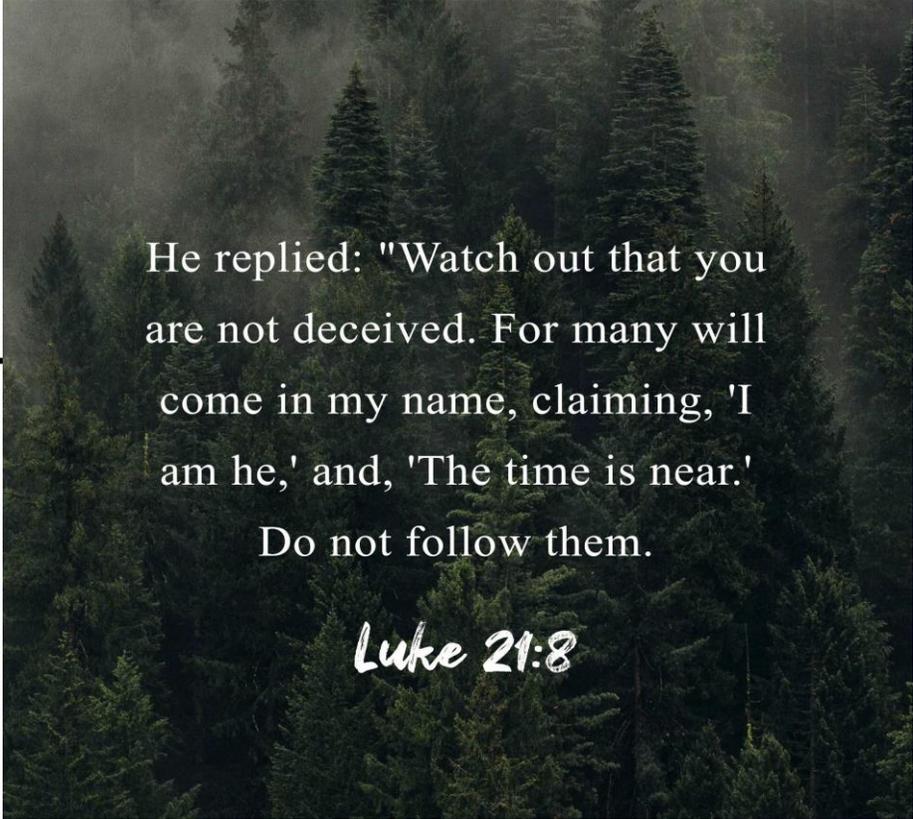
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He replied: "Watch out that you are not deceived. For many will come in my name, claiming, 'I am he,' and, 'The time is near.' Do not follow them.

Luke 21:8

MASS SCHEDULE:

Saturday Vigil - 5:30pm Mass

Sunday - 8:00am & 10:30am Mass

Mon/Wed/Thurs/Fri - 8am Mass

Tuesday - 6:30pm Mass

RECONCILIATION:

Saturdays – 4:00-5:00pm or by Appointment

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION:

Thursdays – 8:30am-10pm (*ends with Benediction*)

ANOINTING OF THE SICK:

If you or someone you know is homebound, wants to receive Communion or the Sacrament of Anointing, please call the parish office, 503-631-2882.

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God is good, all the time! All the time, God is good!

Dear friends in Christ, last Sunday, we noticed with delight that the tune of the readings changed. The liturgy of the word began beating the drums of the last things: death, judgment, heaven, or hell, summarized in the doctrine of the resurrection. The author of Maccabees (2nd Maccabees) shared with us the uplifting story of the defense of faith exhibited by a mother and her offspring. The report also portrayed man's inhumanity to man meted out to the members of the family because they refused to eat pork. The utterances of the mother and her seven sons manifested their belief in the resurrection of the dead (life after death). In last week's Gospel, those who deny the resurrection (Sadducees) confronted the resurrected Jesus with a question on the resurrection. In response, Jesus said, "The children of this age marry and remarry, but those who are deemed worthy to attain the coming age and the resurrection of the dead neither marry nor are given in marriage. They can no longer die, for they are like angels and are the children of God because they are the ones who will rise." (Luke 20:34 -36) Jesus' answer not only exposes their lack of understanding but helps correct them and affirms their faith in the resurrection.

As we descend to the end of the liturgical year, the readings continue to remind us about the end of the world and the second coming of Christ. In today's first reading, Prophet Malachi summarizes the consummation of all things in God: "The day is coming; blazing like an oven, when all the proud and all evildoers will be stubble, and the day that is coming will set them on fire, leaving them neither root nor branch, says the Lord of hosts. But for you who fear my name, there will arise the sun of justice with its healing rays." (Mal 3:19 -20). In this prophecy, Malachi announces the coming of the day of the Lord. He paints two pictures: the terrible things that await the proud and evildoers, and the triumph and exaltation of those who fear the Lord. The reading reminds us that punishment awaits the proud and evil people. It encourages those who fear the Lord to continue the good works till the end. The promise at the end of the reading should be our motivating factor to do good and worthy things because the sun of justice will arise with its healing rays for the faithful.

In the second reading, Paul encourages us to work hard so as to earn both our earthly and heavenly living. In his earlier epistle to the church in Thessalonica, Paul warned them that the day would come 'like a thief in the night,' like an unexpected thunder. The Thessalonians seemed so terrified that some of them downed their tools and sat waiting for the day to come. So, in today's reading, Paul admonishes that anyone who does not work should not eat. He presents himself as an example, telling them to go on living and working as normal human beings and not to be content to live off the community. A lazy Christian easily yields to all sorts of vices and does not believe in 'working out one's salvation with fear and trembling. To triumph over the devil, we must work hard and endure the pains of good work.

Luke talks about the second coming in close association with the destruction of Jerusalem and the temple. The temple destruction that Jesus had predicted had already occurred by the time Luke was writing. Some would have interpreted this as a sign that the end of the world was starting. However, Luke reminds them of the words of Jesus, in which he cautioned his disciples to be aware of fake teachers, deceivers and rumor mongers: "See that you are not deceived, for many will come in my name, saying, 'I am he,' and 'The time has come.' Do not follow them! When you hear of wars and insurrections, do not be terrified; for such things must happen first, but it will not immediately be the end." (Luke 21:8-9). Jesus Christ sounded this warning thousands of years ago, but most people are still being deceived today by counterfeit teachers who claim to be Jesus, predicting that the end is near. Sadly, most of us are attracted to the phony teachers, deceivers, and rumor mongers because they feed us with what we like and want to hear. Many flee from authentic teachers because their message is not compromised; therefore, a hard pill to swallow for those with unsteady faith. Adhering to the warning of Christ, we need to flee from anyone (parents, siblings, friends, teachers, etc.) who always applauds and speaks well of our actions even when they are condemnable. Systematically, such an individual prepares his audience for a fast lane to destruction. Adherents of Christ should not be deceived by those who sell themselves and their message to attract attention. The great prophet Jeremiah also cautioned, "do not listen to those among you who dream dreams, for they prophesy lies to you in my name; I did not send them." (Jeremiah 29:8-9).

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This week at SPB and Upcoming Parish/Archdiocesan Events

Sunday, 11/13/2022

8:00am Mass: +Claire Glenn (Mary & Josh Pattyn)
10:30am Mass: All Parishioners

Monday, 11/14/2022

7:40am: Morning Prayer/Church
8:00am Mass: Benz Family (Jim & Kathie)

Tuesday, 11/15/2022

6:30am Mass: Susan Smith (Jim and Kathie)
7:00pm: RCIA/Hall

Wednesday, 11/16/2022

7:40am: Morning Prayer/Church
8:00am Mass: Christensen Family (Jim & Kathie)

Thursday, 11/17/2022 Memorial of St. Elizabeth of Hungary

7:40am: Morning Prayer/Church
8:00am Mass: The Priesthood (Johanna LaChapelle)
7:00pm: Faith Sharing via Zoom

8:30am-10:00pm:
Eucharistic Adoration



Friday, 11/18/2022

7:40am: Morning Prayer/Church
8:00am Mass: +John Stanchfield
(John & Elaine Buxman)

Saturday, 11/19/2022

4:00-5:00pm: Reconciliation/Church
5:30pm Mass: Reparation for the sins of our Country (Joyce & Alfred Wetzel)

Sunday, 11/20/2022

8:00am: All Parishioners
10:30am Mass: +Fr. Michael Patrick
(Don & Loretta Payne)

November 20th: "Our Lady of Fatima"
presentation by John & Caroline Johnson in
the Hall from 3-4pm.
2nd collection: Campaign for Human
Development

Next week the second collection will be for the Catholic Campaign for Human Development

Our condolences go out to Gail Williams and her family on the loss of her mother, Lorraine Marie Geschwill, who passed peacefully into God's loving arms on November 9th. Our thoughts and prayers are with you at this most difficult time.



Come to the Parish Hall from 10am -12:30 on November 13. We will be finishing the bears for Ukrainian Children displaced from their homes. Bring your sewing machine and stitchery skills. All materials will be provided at no cost. You may also take the Bear Packet home for the sewing and stuffing.

"Our Lady of Fatima"

Come and join the Presentation in the Hall on November 20th from 3:00-4:00 presented by John & Caroline Johnson.

All Souls envelopes and pages for the All Souls Book are at the side door.

"Giving to JPII Young Adult Crew - our group seeks to provide community and Catholic fellowship to young adults by following St. John Paul II's call to "spread the light of Christ wherever you go." We are a small group, just starting our journey and we would greatly appreciate your support. A generous parishioner has offered to match any donations we receive from now through December. Please prayerfully consider donating. Donations can be made through the ConnectNow Giving portal by selecting the "JPII Young Adult" tab or through checks made payable to the church with "Young Adult" in the memo line. We greatly appreciate your support in this ministry!"

*Thank you for your donations!
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Finance Corner

Registered Household 218	WEEK OF 10/30/2022 Actual	Budget
Donors 63	\$6096 (online: \$815)	\$5,140
Fiscal Year	\$85,914	\$86.254

Next Weeks Assignments

Ushers

11/19~5:30pm: Tom Muldoon
11/20~8:00am: Jim Charriere
11/20~10:30am: Kevin Horace

Lector/Commentator

Heather Hannam
Kristine Bible
Dan Sweeney

November Church Cleaners: Michelle Harrington (971-409-5664)/
Thuc & Gail Alexander (503-740-8312)

November Altar Linens: Pat Buldock (503-632-3834)



11/20 9:00: Pat & Elaine

11:30: Volunteer Needed





Our Parish COMMUNITY

November 13, 2022

Thirty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time (C)

Mal 3:19-20a

2 Thes 3:7-12

Lk 21:5-19

The Day Is Coming

Who does not get excited when they know that the day is coming? Which day? A wedding day, the birth of a child, the last day of school, the first day of retirement. We all look forward to special days.

Ancient Israel looked forward to the day of the Lord, that day when everything would be set right. Enemies would be scattered, the sick would be healed, the poor would know comfort, and all people would experience peace. Even though Israel had suffered terribly, God had made promises to their ancestors, and God always keeps promises. Initially, they expected that day to be one of punishment and retribution for their enemies, while they would enjoy vindication and blessing. Today's first reading asserts that Israel will enjoy no preference. If they sin, they also will face the righteous anger of God.

In the Gospel passage, Jesus describes the terrifying events that will precede the destruction of the temple. This was probably less a prophecy of a future event than it was a warning of the suffering they might have to endure as his followers. Such suffering would pave the way for the fearful day of the Lord. If they persevere, such affliction would be purifying for them rather than punishing. Though the reading does not include mention of the day of the Lord, it would have been in the minds of those who heard Jesus' words. Many would believe that God's ancient promises were about to be fulfilled.

Sr. Dianne Bergant, CSA

FOR Reflection

- ✦ **God works through people to set things straight. How might God be working through you?**
- ✦ **Reflect on this verse: "By your perseverance you will secure your lives."**



[Jesus said,] "When you hear of wars and insurrections, do not be terrified; for such things must happen first, but it will not immediately be the end."

LUKE 21:9

MARTI BUG CATCHER/SHUTTERSTOCK

Dear Padre,

I was taught that when we die, we will spend some time in purgatory and then go on to heaven. I notice some of our hymns say we will be raised on the last day. I'm confused.

It is not surprising that there is confusion about the issue. There is a difference between judgment and resurrection, even though they are obviously connected. Some people think of these two things occurring at the same time. Our Catholic teaching separates them, to some extent.

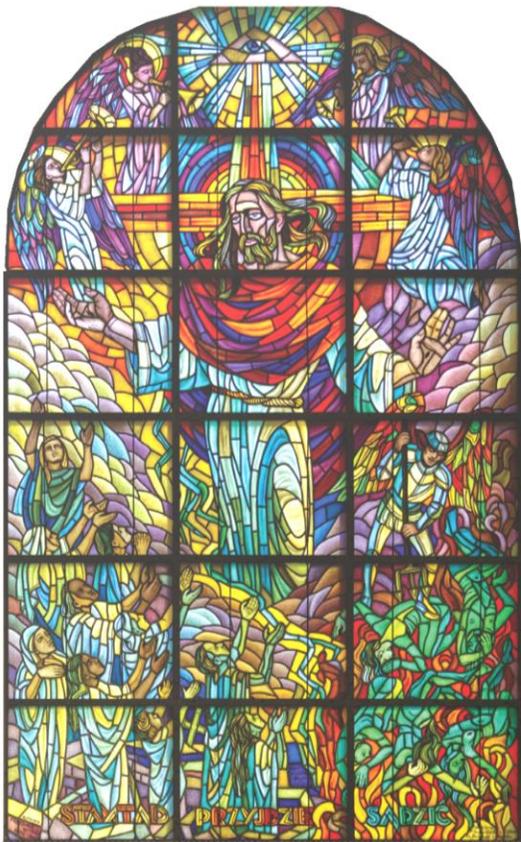
The teaching says there are two kinds of judgment. The first is that which occurs at our death and is called "the particular judgment." In this judgment

we may go to heaven, hell, or purgatory. The *Catechism of the Catholic Church* puts it this way: "Each man receives his eternal retribution in his immortal soul at the very moment of his death, in a particular judgment that refers his life to Christ" (CCC 1022).

The second judgment is the general judgment that occurs at the end of the world. The resurrection of the body will take place at this judgment when our particular judgment is confirmed and our soul and body are reunited. The hymns that say we will be raised on the last day refer to the general judgment, as do most of the Scripture passages about judgment.

The Redemptorists

Sundaybulletin@Liguori.org



ADAM JAN FIGEL/SHUTTERSTOCK



A WORD FROM *Pope Francis*

How is Jesus' voice discerned? "Many will come in my name," the Lord says, but they are not to be followed: wearing the label 'Christian' or 'Catholic' is not enough to belong to Jesus. We need to speak the same language as Jesus: that of love, the language of the you.

HOMILY, VATICAN BASILICA, NOVEMBER 17, 2019

Calendar

Monday

NOVEMBER 14

Weekday

Rv 1:1-4; 2:1-5

Lk 18:35-43

Tuesday

NOVEMBER 15

Weekday

Rv 3:1-6, 14-22

Lk 19:1-10

Wednesday

NOVEMBER 16

Weekday

Rv 4:1-11

Lk 19:11-28

Thursday

NOVEMBER 17

St. Elizabeth of Hungary,

Religious

Rv 5:1-10

Lk 19:41-44

Friday

NOVEMBER 18

Weekday

Rv 10:8-11

Lk 19:45-48

Saturday

NOVEMBER 19

Weekday

Rv 11:4-12

Lk 20:27-40

Sunday

NOVEMBER 20

Our Lord Jesus Christ,

King of the Universe

2 Sm 5:1-3

Col 1:12-20

Lk 23:35-43

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Let us not resist the first coming, so that we may not dread the second

All the trees of the forest will exult before the face of the Lord, for he has come, he has come to judge the earth. He has come the first time, and he will come again. At his first coming, his own voice declared in the gospel: Hereafter you shall see the Son of Man coming upon the clouds. What does he mean by hereafter? Does he not mean that the Lord will come at a future time when all the nations of the earth will be striking their breasts in grief? Previously he came through his preachers, and he filled the whole world. Let us not resist his first coming, so that we may not dread the second.

What then should the Christian do? He ought to use the world, not become its slave. And what does this mean? It means having, as though not having. So says the Apostle: *My brethren, the appointed time is short: from now on let those who have wives live as though they had none; and those who mourn as though they were not mourning; and those who rejoice as though they were not rejoicing; and those who buy as though they had no goods; and those who deal with this world as though they had no dealings with it. For the form of this world is passing away. But I wish you to be without anxiety.* He who is without anxiety waits without fear until his Lord comes. For what sort of love of Christ is it to fear his coming? Brothers, do we not have to blush for shame? We love him, yet we fear his coming. Are we really certain that we love him? Or do we love our sins more? Therefore, let us hate our sins and love him who will exact punishment for them. He will come whether we wish it or not. Do not think that because he is not coming just now, he will not come at all. He will come, you know not when; and provided he finds you prepared, your ignorance of the time of his coming will not be held against you.

All the trees of the forest will exult. He has come the first time, and he will come again to judge the earth; he will find those rejoicing who believed in his first coming, *for he has come.*

He will judge the world with equity and the peoples in his truth. What are equity and truth? He will gather together with him for the judgment his chosen ones, but the others he will set apart; for he will place some on his right, others on his left. What is more equitable, what truer than that they should not themselves expect mercy from the judge, who themselves were unwilling to show mercy before the judge's coming. Those, however, who were willing to show mercy will be judged with mercy. For it will be said to those placed on his right: *Come, blessed of my Father, take possession of the kingdom which has been prepared for you from the beginning of the world.* And he reckons to their account their works of mercy: *For I was hungry, and you gave me food to eat; I was thirsty, and you gave me drink.*

What is imputed to those placed on his left side? That they refused to show mercy. And where will they go? *Depart into the everlasting fire.* The hearing of this condemnation will cause much wailing. But what has another psalm said? *The just man will be held in everlasting remembrance; he will not fear the evil report.* What is the evil report? *Depart into the everlasting fire, which was prepared for the devil and his angels.* Whoever rejoices to hear the good report will not fear the bad. This is equity, this is truth.

Or do you, because you are unjust, expect the judge not to be just? Or because you are a liar, will the truthful one not be true? Rather, if you wish to receive mercy, be merciful before he comes; forgive whatever has been done against you; give of your abundance. Of whose possessions do you give, if not from his? If you were to give of your own, it would be largess; but since you give of his, it is restitution. *For what do you have, that you have not received?* These are the sacrifices most pleasing to God: mercy, humility, praise, peace, charity. Such as these, then, let us bring and, free from fear, we shall await the coming of the judge *who will judge the world in equity and the peoples in his truth.*

(From a discourse on the Psalms by Saint Augustine, bishop)

St. Philip Benizi Mission Statement

St. Philip Benizi Catholic Church being part of the universal church shares in its mission: to proclaim Jesus Christ who came to the world to fulfill His father's will; by proclaiming the kingdom of God, building up the parish community as a witness to God's love and care for the world, helping one another to become what God has called us to be. We are therefore encouraged to work toward God's purpose of "wanting all men to be saved and come to the knowledge of the truth." (1 Tim 2:4).

The Immaculate Conception (continues)

493 The Fathers of the Eastern tradition call the Mother of God "the All-Holy" (Panagia) and celebrate her as "free from any stain of sin, as though fashioned by the Holy Spirit and formed as a new creature".-By the grace of God Mary remained free of every personal sin her whole life long. "Let it be done to me according to your word. . ."

494 At the announcement that she would give birth to "the Son of the Most High" without knowing man, by the power of the Holy Spirit, Mary responded with the obedience of faith, certain that "with God nothing will be impossible": "Behold, I am the handmaid of the Lord; let it be [done] to me according to your word. "Thus, giving her consent to God's word, Mary becomes the mother of Jesus. Espousing the divine will for salvation wholeheartedly, without a single sin to restrain her, she gave herself entirely to the person and to the work of her Son; she did so in order to serve the mystery of redemption with him and dependent on him, by God's grace:

As St. Irenaeus says, "Being obedient she became the cause of salvation for herself and for the whole human race." Hence not a few of the early Fathers gladly assert. . .: "The knot of Eve's disobedience was untied by Mary's obedience: what the virgin Eve bound through her disbelief; Mary loosened by her faith." Comparing her with Eve, they call Mary "the Mother of the living" and frequently claim: "Death through Eve, life through Mary."

REFLECTION OF THE WEEK

"I urge you, brothers, to watch out for those who create dissensions and obstacles, in opposition to the teaching that you learned; avoid them. For such people do not serve our Lord Christ but their own appetites, and by fair and flattering speech they deceive the hearts of the innocent." (Romans 16:17-18).

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Also, Luke talks about suffering, persecution, and endurance. As disciples of Christ, we should be aware that tribulations and persecutions are among the paths we are to walk in a way that will enable us to receive the crown of eternal glory. Those in places of authority will make fun of you and your faith and will drag you to jail if you resist their false and ungodly laws/teachings. "They will seize and persecute you; they will hand you to synagogues and prisons, ...lead you before kings and governors because of my name." As these unfold, it is not the time for us to run and hide or abandon our faith; instead, it is an excellent opportunity to stand firm and defend the faith. Jesus encourages us, saying: "It will lead to your giving testimony." And he promised: "Remember, you are not to prepare your defense beforehand, for I myself shall give you wisdom in speaking, that all your adversaries will be powerless to resist or refute." (Luke 21:14). If we firmly believe and trust God, we will never be disappointed. When our confidant and provider is God, we are never alone; instead, we are in the majority. If we are on God's team, we are consistently winning. St. Paul asked, "If God is for us, who can be against us? (Rom 8: 31). Of course, the ultimate answer is no one, but do we have faith as small as a mustard seed to trust and to believe? Therefore, we should not quit when the going gets tough; rather, we should endure difficult moments and persevere to the end, for he assured us, 'By perseverance, you will secure your lives.' (Luke 21:19). Today, in our different parishes, Churches, families, workplaces, etc., we face difficulties that sometimes make us question our faith. If we endure all these patiently as Christ tells us, we shall have enough reasons to smile at the end, and of course, 'the sun of justice will shine on us with its healing rays.' (Malachi 3: 20).

Remember, the closer we are to God, the better for us.

Blessings,

Your servant in Christ,

Fr. Paschal Ezurike.



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