

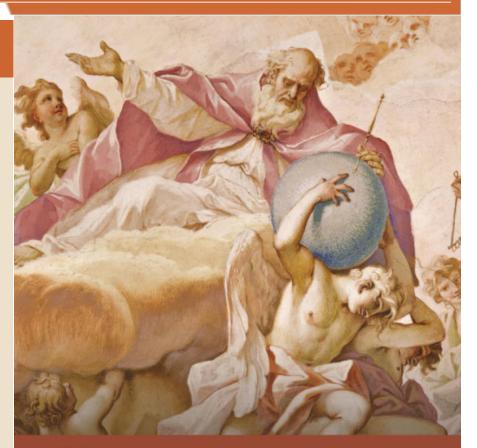
SAINT JOAN of ARC NEWS

The members of St. Joan of Arc Parish are disciples of Jesus Christ, who recognize God's love for the world & are empowered by the Holy Spirit to proclaim the Gospel to all people through joyful worship, life-long education, compassionate service, responsible stewardship, & active community living.

~ Mission Statement - Pentecost 1998 ~

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33RD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

"Amen, I say to you, this generation will not pass away until all these things have taken place. Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away.

"But of that day or hour, no one knows, neither the angels in heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father." - Mk 13:30-32

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Parish Directory / Liturgy Schedule

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LITURGY SCHEDULE

Weekdays

Monday thru Friday: 7:00 am Wednesday: 6:00 pm

Weekends

Saturday: 4:00 pm & 6:00 pm

Sunday: 8:00 am, 10:00 am, 12:00 pm

Holy Day Masses

Vigil Mass: (evening prior) 7:00 pm 7:00 am, 12:00 pm, 7:00 pm

Reconciliation

Wednesdays: 5:00 pm Saturdays 11:00 am - 12:00 pm in the Sister Carol Center

Holy Hour

Thursdays in Church at 7:00 pm

Rosary

Monday - Friday after the 7am Mass

PARISH CENTER OFFICE HOURS

The Parish Center is open: Monday - Thursday: 8:30am - 5:00pm Friday: 8:30am - 4:00pm

Mass intentions and most services can be done in person or by calling us at 586-777-3670 during these hours.

Our after-hours emergency number: 586-777-1342.

Baptisms: Please go to our website (stjoan.church) and fill out the Baptism request form. You will be contacted to make further arrangements based on submission of that form.

Marriages: Arrangements should be made at the Parish Center at least six months prior to the desired date. Pre-marriage series required.

Registration: It is very important that every family and independent adult be registered in the Church in order to keep our records and mailings current. Please contact the Parish Office to register at your earliest opportunity: **586-777-3670.**

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INTERESTED IN BECOMING A PARISHIONER?

If you would like to become a parishioner of St. Joan of Arc, please register at stjoan.church and we will contact you by phone.

Or by calling us at **586-777-3670** during office hours.

Live Streamed Broadcasts at St. Joan of Arc

Live Stream Broadcasts have become a standard part of our celebrations at St Joan of Arc. This has increased our mass participation at daily and weekend masses. It has also allowed many of our parishioners to stay in touch with their faith community remotely.

Go to: livestream.stjoan.church to watch all live streaming and to view archived celebrations.

Weekday Masses Monday thru Friday @ 7am Wednesday @ 6pm

Weekend Masses Saturdays @ 4pm & 6pm Sundays @ 8am, 10am, 12pm

> Holy Hour Thursdays @ 7pm

TALLer Tales



Traveling with Ms. Daisy (Part 9): This is a continuation of my travelogue about my journey with "Ms. Daisy" (aka my mom) on our Eastern Seaboard

Journey on board the Viking Mars.

Our final day had to be timed out to the second because we had to sandwich in the helicopter ride between disembarking at 8:30 a.m. and leaving for JFK Airport at

12:30 p.m. Four hours is a lot of time in my book, but I had to worry about delays, traffic, motorcades, and air traffic. But, no matter what, this helicopter ride was going to happen for my mom because it was her ultimate bucket list item for the trip.

Once we got on our bus, we had about a 30-minute ride to where we would be dropped off at Holy Trinity Episcopal Church in Lower Manhattan, which was in the heart of Wall Street. Thankfully, the heliport was only a mile away. Once our bus was parked, we were instructed that we had to be back on the bus no later than 12:30 p.m. because we then had an hour's drive to JFK airport. There were about 30 people on our bus, and all of our luggage would stay on the bus while we "wasted" time walking around Wall Street. There would be no wasting time with us as we had other plans ... the helicopter

ride! The helicopter ride was set for 11:30 a.m. Based on my precise timetable, I had no room for delays, motorcades, or restricted airspace. At this point, I was super focused on huffing it to the heliport as fast as I could once we got off the bus.

Thankfully, we made it to the heliport at 10:30 a.m. I breathed a sigh of relief because I had hoped we could get up in the air, do our tour, and get back on the ground so we could enjoy a leisurely stroll back to the bus. The helicopter ride was only going to be 15 minutes because the airspace was still somewhat restricted. We couldn't fly over much of Manhattan because of the UN Meeting, but we could still get in a tour of the harbor. At first, they didn't have us on their list, which caused a bit of frustration, but after a few phone calls and desperate looks from me at the ticket counter (at this

point, I left like Kate McCallister in the Scranton Airport ticket counter scene in the Home Alone), they were able to confirm that my mom and I were indeed scheduled for the 11:30 a.m. ride. After filling out all the paperwork and wavers at the ticket counter, the guy told us we had to step on the scale. WHAT? SCALE? My mom stepped on it first. Then I stepped on the scale. The guy looked at me and said, "You're overweight... by five pounds." I was stunned. I looked at him, then at my mom, and said, "NOW WHAT?" The guy behind the counter said, "Well, we have very strict weight limits, and even though you are only five pounds over, we can't just











let it slide. The FAA and TSA are here today, so everything is by the books today." But that didn't answer my question. "What does that mean for me," I asked. The guy said, "Well, you'll have to buy another ticket." "WHAT? Can't I take my shoes and belt off and call it a day." My mom looked at me, and I looked at her, and she asked, "So what are we going to do?" With a very "calm" and reassuring voice, I said, "WE ARE GOING ON THIS HELICOPTER RIDE. We've come this far, and we aren't turning back. I don't care how much it cost." "Yeah, but how much is this going to cost me," my mom said to the ticket counter guy and me. He did some quick calculations and added a child's ticket to our reservation. I was mortified. I knew I needed to lose weight, but now I had to pay twice ... or at least an adult and a child's ticket to make this happen. At this point, I just pulled out

my credit card, tapped, and paid. We didn't have any time to haggle this one out.

We then waited to go through security and eventually got ushered into a small hallway with the others traveling with us. I was watching my watch because seconds counted. It was now 11:25 a.m., and the helicopter had just landed with the previous tour. We were actually on our way out to board the helicopter when the pilot said he needed to go and get fuel. We then got ushered back to the terminal, and I was panicking because we didn't have time for re-fueling ... but I understood THAT was necessary for many reasons. "How much

time will this take," I asked. "Well, it's just around the corner. So a few minutes at most." The helicopter took off and disappeared. It was now 11:35 a.m. I needed at least 25 minutes to huff it back to the bus. I was sweating bullets. My mom looked at me as we waited, and I just saw this long, sad face like she feared the helicopter ride would never happen. Having gotten this far, I wasn't going to bail out too easily. The helicopter returned at 11:40 a.m., and we were in the air by 11:45. We got in our entire 15minute tour, which was absolutely amazing. Viewing the New York Harbor and Lower Manhattan from the air was so cool. I also thoroughly enjoyed watching my mom take in all the sights and the whole experience. We landed, grabbed a thumb drive of pictures they had taken, got my mom situated in the rollator, and RACED back to Holy Trinity Church. But we

found a nano-second to stop and take a picture in front of the iconic Wall Street Building. We were the last to board our bus ... at PRECISELY 12:30 p.m. I couldn't have cut it any closer than that!

I knew I had to lose some weight after the cruise, but having to pay for two tickets for the helicopter ride was a rude awakening ... but worth it in so many ways.

Next week: The airport experience ... and some final thoughts about the journey!

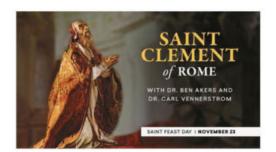
Enjoy the week. Know of my prayers.

In Christ.

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Week of November 17, 2024



St. Clement of Rome | Catholic Saints

Sit down with Dr. Ben Akers and Dr. Carl Vennerstrom as they discuss Pope St. Clement of Rome, who was an early Church Father and the third successor to St. Peter.



Confirmation | Brother Francis

Join Brother Francis as he shows us what the Sacrament of Confirmation is, what it does, and why Jesus promised it to us!



The Role of Art and Beauty in the New Evangelization

Join Dr. Tim Gray and Paul McCusker as they discuss St. Cecilia and the role of Art and Beauty in the New Evangelization.

Our parish has a FORMED subscription. Visit signup.formed.org and select our parish name.

An offering from the AUGUSTINE INSTITUTE and Agratical press

Voiland's View

In my homily last weekend, I spoke about Jesus reminding us that the second greatest commandment is: "You shall love our neighbor as yourself" (Mark 12: 31). I spoke about this commandment with regard to the poor widows highlighted in last week's readings. As you might recall, one of the widows was on the verge of starvation due to a famine. She was approached by the prophet Elijah, who asked her to share the last of her food with him – and she did. The other widow was the one pointed out by Jesus as she put her last two coins into the collection box at church. Referring to her contribution, Jesus said that the tiny amount she gave was actually a huge contribution. My homily questioned how these two extremely poor women could have fulfilled God's commandment to love their neighbor as themselves. I felt lacking in my thoughts on how these women succeeded to do God's will. So, I ask you to bear with me as I try to go a bit further.

These women, poor as they were, were obligated, like anyone else, to keep God's commandments. So, certainly, they were obligated to keep the second greatest commandment – "Love your neighbor as yourself." How were they to do this? More specifically, what was there to love in themselves that they could then love in others? This is an important question to answer because love of *self* logically has to come **before** love of *others* for the process to work. Yet, thinking about *loving ourselves* is not an activity that humble people are comfortable doing. Even so, we need to think about this. Self-love (the term itself seems offensive!) is something with which we all need to come to terms.

Those dirt-poor widows are perfect models for us to understand how loving others like ourselves works. First, they obviously had no *material* wealth to love; neither widow was even sure where her next meal would

come from. Furthermore, neither woman had any social status that would have drawn others to help them, much less respect them. They were widows in a heavily patriarchal society that viewed women as property. Women were valued by being attached to a man. They had no such attachments. Lastly, these women were entirely at God's mercy to help them make it through another day. What was there to love in themselves that could develop into love of others?

The thing these widows could love in themselves was God's love for them. They were created by God, and kept alive every day, for relationship with him. We can love God for the exact same reason. We can love *ourselves* because we are lovable – loved by God. God proves that we are lovable by having created us and then sustaining us until he brings us to him for a perfect, unending relationship in heaven.

An argument could understandably be made: "Yeah, some love, Mr. God! Leaving women alone in a hostile world, scrounging for their next meal, doesn't seem to ooze with affection." But leveling an emotional complaint against God is what we always do. We evaluate everything from our *human* perspective and decide that "Life stinks! There is nothing to be thankful for, nothing to love." Yet, God is not the one who created the mess in which we find ourselves. God "created everything good." He views the universe from an eternal perspective, not just our limited worldly view. We are the ones who make our world miserable.

Yet even at that, the widow of Zarephath, and the widow at the temple didn't get caught up in a spiral of misery. They did the unthinkable. They gave up their last bit of food and money to their neighbors. They loved because they were loved. They loved their neighbor as themselves – as part of

themselves. By their example, we can see how love of God and love of neighbor are interdependent.

In St. Matthew's account of Jesus restating the great commandments (22: 37-39), he says that the second greatest commandment – "Love your neighbor as yourself' - is *like* the first – "Love God with all your heart, soul, and mind." The likeness between the two commandments is not so much because they involve love, but because God is the foundation of both. God is the *source* of love: God deserves our love: and God enables us to love. When St. John says that "God is love" (1 John 4: 16), he really means it! God's love welled up in the two widows at a time when they could easily have said they simply didn't care anymore. In the world's eyes, they had nothing to give. Had they bought into the despair of overwhelming poverty, they would have turned inward and hoped to survive on their own. But we are not made to be alone. The widows knew they were daughters of God and sisters of humanity. They continued to give what they had, and Christ considered it a fortune beyond human counting.

We can continue to love even when we are down . . . sometimes way down. Yet, we are never out. We are never nothing, useless, unimportant, nobodies. We are God's children and each other's sisters and brothers. May we continue to love at least that connection, with God our Father, and with our neighbors.

Peace in Jesus, Fr. Bob



November 17, 2024

Thirty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time

Dn 12:1-3 | Heb 10:11-14, 18 | Mk 13:24-32

Written by FAITHFUL

GROW AS A DISCIPLE | PRAY, STUDY, ENGAGE, SERVE

My brother-in-law inherited his father's company. Although he studied business in college, he knew years before receiving his degree that, provided he was faithful to his studies, he would have a comfortable job waiting for him after graduation. We may not all inherit the same economic opportunities as my brother-in-law, but, as Christians, we are heirs of infinitely greater spiritual ones. You are my inheritance, O Lord, the psalmist says. This phrase reveals the tremendous goodness of God who not only created us but who, in baptism, extended to us an invitation and a promise: provided we are faithful to him, we are heirs of eternal life. Nothing short of eternity will be sufficient to express our thanksgiving to him for this gift.

GO EVANGELIZE

PRAYER, INVITATION, WITNESS, ACCOMPANIMENT

Daniel's words in today's first reading remind us not only of the gratitude we owe to God but also of our responsibility to help souls who have gone astray from following him. Some shall live forever, the prophet says, but others shall be an everlasting horror and disgrace. The reality is that eternal life is not guaranteed us - not because God does not offer it freely, but because we are free to reject his offer. My brotherin-law, if he had neglected his studies in college, would never have equipped himself to run the family business. His father may have wholeheartedly desired to give the company to him, but doing so would have been irresponsible if his son did not want to take the helm. Likewise, God's mercy is abundant; but we can nevertheless say "no" to God by choosing not to follow him. As Christians seeking (although imperfectly) to follow the Lord, we have the dignity of cooperating with God in order to draw the souls who have gone astray back to him. By word, example, prayer, and sacrifice, we can help others experience the joy of knowing God in this life and of living forever with him in the next.

PRAY The Church especially devotes the month of November to praying for the souls in Purgatory. These individuals died in a state of friendship with God but are still in need of purification. God is indeed their inheritance, but they experience pain because they do not possess him yet. One way to remember to pray for the Holy Souls is to conclude grace before meals in this way: "Bless us, O Lord ... May the souls of the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace."

Readings for the Solemnity of Jesus Christ, King of the Universe



THE SOLEMNITY OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, KING OF THE UNIVERSE – NOVEMBER 24 B

Reading One - Dn 7:13-14

As the visions during the night continued, I saw one like a Son of man coming, on the clouds of heaven; when he reached the Ancient One and was presented before him, the one like a Son of man received dominion, glory, and kingship; all peoples, nations, and languages serve him. His dominion is an everlasting dominion that shall not be taken away, his kingship shall not be destroyed.

Responsorial - Ps 93:1, 1-2, 5

R. The Lord is king; he is robed in majesty.

The LORD is king, in splendor robed; robed is the LORD and girt about with strength.

R. The Lord is king; he is robed in majesty.

And he has made the world firm, not to be moved. Your throne stands firm from of old; from everlasting you are, O LORD.

R. The Lord is king; he is robed in majesty.

Your decrees are worthy of trust indeed; holiness befits your house, O LORD, for length of days.

R. The Lord is king; he is robed in majesty.

Reading Two - Rv 1:5-8

Jesus Christ is the faithful witness, the firstborn of the dead and ruler of the kings of the earth. To him who loves us and has freed us from our sins by his blood, who has made us into a kingdom, priests for his God and Father, to him be glory and power forever and ever. Amen. Behold, he is coming amid the clouds, and every eye will see him, even those who pierced him. All the peoples of the earth will lament him. Yes. Amen.

"I am the Alpha and the Omega, " says the Lord God, "the one who is and who was and who is to come, the almighty."

Alleluia - Mk 11:9, 10

Alleluia, alleluia.

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord! Blessed is the kingdom of our father David that is to come!

Alleluia, alleluia.

Gospel - Jn 18:33b-37

Pilate said to Jesus, "Are you the King of the Jews?"
Jesus answered, "Do you say this on your own or have others told you about me?" Pilate answered, "I am not a Jew, am I? Your own nation and the chief priests handed you over to me. What have you done?" Jesus answered, "My kingdom does not belong to this world. If my kingdom did belong to this world, my attendants would be fighting to keep me from being handed over to the Jews. But as it is, my kingdom is not here." So Pilate said to him, "Then you are a king?" Jesus answered, "You say I am a king. For this I was born and for this I came into the world, to testify to the truth. Everyone who belongs to the truth listens to my voice."

Liturgical Life

CATHOLIC

The End of the World

"It's not the end of the world."

If I had a brick for every time my mother said this to me growing up, I could have built a castle. One that comes complete with a moat whose bridge I could dramatically pull up so I could sulk, in the window of the highest turret, sighing loudly so every passerby would know how I suffered.

Because sometimes we act like it's the end of the world — whether we are a little kid angered by a playground snub, a teenage girl flipping out over an assignment for English class or a college student distraught that she got scheduled for four opening shifts in a row at the coffee house where she works (yes, these are all examples taken straight from my life, why do you ask?).

And sometimes, it really *does* seem like the end of the world. We lose someone we love to cancer. We miscarry a child before we even get to see his tiny face. The rent is due, and the bank account is overdrawn (also all examples taken straight from my life).

In today's Gospel, Jesus tells us that when the sun is darkened and the moon no longer gives light, we must look for him, because his time is near.

He's talking about *The End of the World*. The big one, the apocalypse. But why do I think he's also talking about the end of the world — those sufferings large and small, real and imagined, that make us feel like the sky is caving in?

In both instances, he draws near to us. So let us look for him.

- Colleen Jurkiewicz Dorman

Why do we do that? Catholic Life Explained

Question:

Why do Catholics pray to Mary and the saints?

Answer:

One of the statements of faith we make when we pray the Nicene Creed and the Apostles Creed is that we believe in "the communion of saints." The Catechism of the Catholic Church reminds us that this communion (another word for community) includes all the faithful on earth, the souls in Purgatory, and the blessed women, men, and children who are in heaven. This teaching is grounded in our belief that, through Baptism, we are united with Christ and to one another with bonds that are stronger even than death.

And so from the time of the early Church, Christians have turned to other believers for prayers and assistance, including those who have gone before us, confident that God hears the prayers of all of His children. While we ask the saints (and one another) for prayers and support, we remember that the saints join us in prayer. But it is God who blesses and sanctifies us.

When we think of Mary and the saints in heaven, we have to remember that we can turn to them for intercession and assistance because they were faulted, limited human beings, just like us. This means that they are able to understand our struggles, doubts, fears, joys, and hopes. But as we learn their stories, we can also begin to recognize that they stand out in the history of the Church because they persevered in their commitment to follow Christ. Whether they were ordained, vowed religious, martyrs, husbands, wives, or even children, they show us that holiness is possible. We can not only follow their example but also benefit from their prayerful support.

Our devotion to the saints and gratitude for their witness, prayers, and protection should also be an inspiration for us, especially when we become aware of the needs of others or when others ask us to pray for them. We are called to share the blessings we receive. This is also part of our own journey of growing in holiness.

WE'RE HOSTING

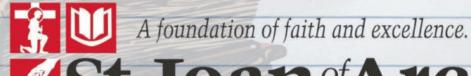
A HIGH SCHOOL INFORMATION NIGHT

Join us in the Sr. Carol Center in the Emmaus Fellowship Hall and learn about these great Catholic schools

Tues., Dec. 3rd from 6:30 pm to 8 pm

- SHRINE ROYAL OAK
- DE LA SALLE COLLEGIATE
- UNIVERSITY OF DETROIT JESUIT
- AUSTIN CATHOLIC
- REGINA
- BISHOP FOLEY
- CHESTERTON ACADEMY OF OUR
 LADY OF GUADALUPE

Open to all interested families
No RSVP is required!



St. Joan Arc

Living Rosary

December 9 at 6:30 pm (Before the 7 pm Mass) on the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Join us for a Living Rosary, where people represent the beads and encircle our church with light as we pray the Holy Rosary together.

This will take place before the 7 pm Mass on the Holy Day.

Immaculate Heart of Mary Pray for Us!

Call Sherry at 313-530-2533 or Pam 586-291-7045 if you would like to volunteer.

St. Joan Arc

Calendar of Events / Words on the Word

Weekly Calendar of Events

Monday, November 18th

7:00 AM Mass - Live Streamed

Tuesday, November 19th

7:00 AM Mass - Live Streamed

Wednesday, November 20th

7:00 AM Mass - Live Streamed

5:00 PM Reconciliation

6:00 PM Mass - Live Streamed

Thursday, November 21st

7:00 AM Mass - Live Streamed

12:00 PM American Red Cross Blood Drive

7:00 PM Holy Hour - Live Streamed

Friday, November 22nd

7:00 AM Mass - Live Streamed

Saturday, November 23rd

11:00 AM Reconciliation

12:30 PM Baptism of Giovanni A. Ruggirello

1:30 PM Baptism of Emmett Carpenter

4:00 PM Mass - Live Streamed

6:00 PM Mass - Live Streamed

Sunday, November 24th

8:00 AM Sunday Mass - Live Streamed

10:00 AM Family Mass - Live Streamed

12:00 PM Sunday Mass - Live Streamed

Words on the Word

November 17, 2024 – Neither Day nor Hour

Sometimes it can feel like we're living in bible-scale end times.

A couple months ago the United States suffered horrific hurricane destruction with hundreds killed and thousands left homeless.

Then, just a few weeks ago, headlines around the world reported on unprecedented flooding in Spain that killed hundreds more and left a trail of destruction.

"Cars were piled on one another like fallen dominoes," according to one news account by the Associated Press. "Uprooted trees, downed power lines and household items all mired in mud that covered streets in dozens of communities in ...a region south of Barcelona."

It was, the story said, like the "aftermath of a tsunami."

Scary stuff, to be sure. And, indeed, it seems every few weeks, at most, we hear of another natural disaster – flooding, landslides, earthquakes, tornadoes, fires. One almost becomes numb to it all.

And yet, of course, we cannot grow numb. We cannot be complacent. Because it's our lives and the lives of our loved ones, and our fellow humans, that are at stake.

It's the same kind of reminder Jesus provides in today's gospel passage from St. Mark.

Starting with a description of great tribulations — "the sun will be darkened, and the moon will not give its light, and that stars will be falling from the sky, and the powers in the heavens will be shaken" — he goes on to remind his disciples, and us, that we must live our lives in constant preparation, since we don't know when we'll be called home.

"This generation will not pass away until all these things have taken place," Jesus says. "Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away. But of that day or hour, no one knows, neither the angels in heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father."

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Mass Intentions / Weekly Readings

Mass Intentions

Daily Readings

November 18, 2024 Weekday Saint Rose Monday Philippine Duchesne, Virgin (Green/White)

7:00 am John Gaines

Tuesday November 19, 2024 Weekday (Green)

7:00 am **Dennis Fleming**

Wednesday November 20, 2024 Weekday (Green)

7:00 am Monsignor Ferdinand J. DeCneudt

6:00 pm Kathleen Murphy

Thursday November 21, 2024 The Presentation of the

Blessed Virgin Mary (White)

7:00 am Teresa Lopez

November 22, 2024 Saint Cecilia Virgin and **Friday**

(Red)

7:00 am The deceased members of the Calisi Family

who died in the month of November

Saturday November 23, 2024 Vigil for the Solemnity of

Jesus Christ King of the Universe (White)

4:00 pm George Pare, Bonnie Batche, Blair Zernick,

> Marie Ann Easley, Mary Steele, Michael Timmreck, Raymond Strussione, David Sperry,

Thomas Benoit, and Special Intentions for the J. Champine Family, the Thomas Family, for the

VandenBoom and Haberek Families

6:00 pm Robert Swalec

Sunday November 24, 2024 Solemnity of Jesus

Christ King of the Universe (White)

8:00 am The Intentions of SJA Parishioners

Joseph & Angeline Calus 10:00 am

12:00 pm Peter Sarra, Joseph & Angeline Calus,

Jacqueline Bender, and William Gelineau

Monday, November 18 Friday, November 22

Revelation 1:1-2:5 Revelation 10:8-11 Luke 18:35-43 Luke 19:45-48

Saturday, November 23 **Tuesday, November 19**

Revelation 3:1-6 Revelation 11:4-12 Luke 19:1-10 Luke 20:27-40

Sunday, November 24 Wednesday, November 20

Revelation 4:1-11

Revelation 1:5-8 Luke 19:11-28 John 18:33b-37

Thursday, November 21

Revelation 5:1-10 Luke 19:41-44



Daniel 7:13-14

I Am The Resurrection & The Life

"Heavenly Father, welcome home those who you have called from this world and grant peace and consolation to their families."

> Sr. Margaret Canuelle, IHM Colleen LaDuke

"I said to the man who stood at the Gate of the Year: Give me a light that I may tread safely into the unknown. and he replied: Go out into the darkness and put your hand into the hand of God. That shall be to you better than light, and safer than a known way."

Minnie Louise Haskins



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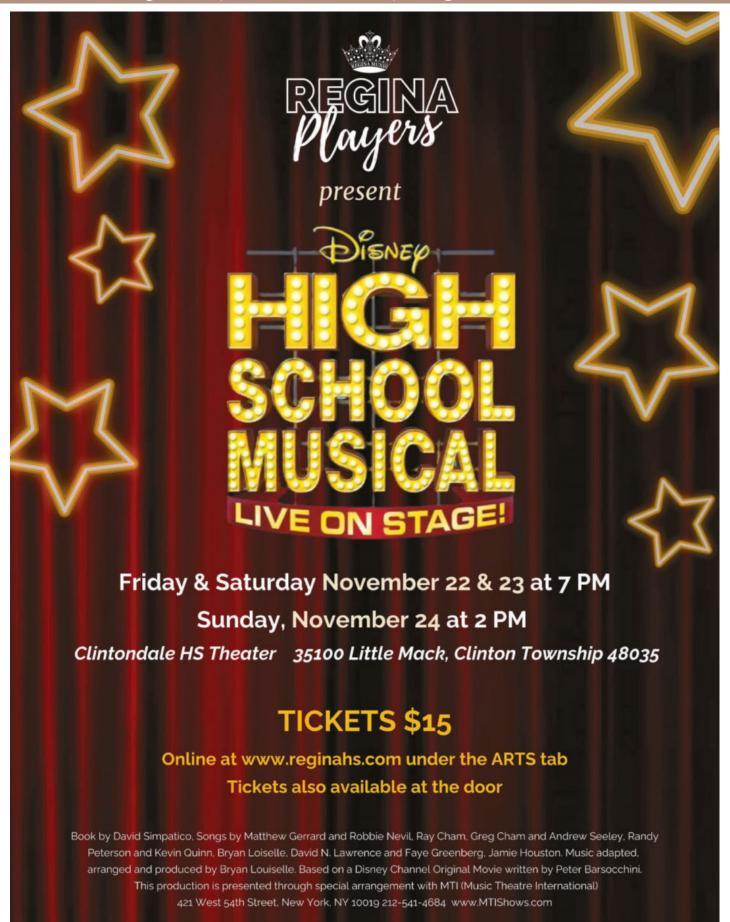
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Bringing Home the Word

Thirty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time (B) November 17, 2024

"In Those Days..."

By Sr. Dianne Bergant, CSA

This phrase is frequently found in the writings of the prophets. While it sometimes points to a future time of peace and happiness, it often portends imminent fear and trembling, as it does in today's readings. Both Daniel and Jesus speak of the suffering that will precede the end of the world. This suffering is often called the "birth pangs of the Messiah" (Matthew 24:8; Mark 13:8; John 16:21). This apt metaphor includes both life-threatening distress and wondrous joy over new birth. Pain and subsequent happiness are both described in today's readings.

The author of Daniel may be

Sunday Readings

Daniel 12:1-3

[The Lord said,] "Many of those who sleep in the dust of the earth shall awake."

Hebrews 10:11-14, 18

But this one offered one sacrifice for sins, and took his seat forever at the right hand of God.

Mark 13:24-32

[Jesus said,] "And then they will see 'the Son of Man coming in the clouds' with great power and glory." referring to the end of the whole world but is probably also presenting the end of his own world, which would have included the suffering and death of Jews who remained faithful under persecution. Some interpreters suggest Jesus is speaking similarly. That is, he is using a familiar figure of speech that characterizes suffering as birth pangs. According to this metaphor, there might be terrible suffering, but at the end, there is utter happiness.

Both Daniel and Jesus seek to encourage their hearers to remain faithful even in the face of torment, for new life can come out of such suffering. This is a message we all need to hear. Suffering is a reality in every life. How do we endure it? Does it sour us, break us down? Or do we emerge as new people, more sensitive and understanding? It is up to us. †

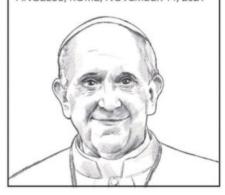
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A Word from Pope Francis

Here then is some advice for making important choices....
Before deciding, let us imagine that we are standing in front of Jesus.... And imagining ourselves there, in his presence, at the threshold of eternity, we make the decision for today. We must decide in this way: always looking to eternity, looking at Jesus.

ANGELUS, ROME, NOVEMBER 14, 2021



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- Can you remember a time when joy followed suffering?
- In the midst of suffering, what helps you believe that all will be well?

Bringing Home the Word



Alert for God's Love

Patricia Livingston

The liturgical year closes with weeks of apocalyptic end-time Scriptures. Then, moving into Advent, more warnings. The Advent gospels in all cycles have an ominous tone, admonishing us, "Be alert! Stay awake! For you do not know when the time will come" (e.g., Mark 13:33, Matthew 24:42). We are challenged to be vigilant lest a thief break in.

Recently, I have argued with these Scripture choices. The fear response seems like the wrong way to prepare for the Lord's coming. These days, we are surrounded by constant warnings of all kinds, incessant exhortations to beware of enemies sneaking in from every direction. I find I need to be challenged to awaken not for danger, but for joy. For beauty, for kindness, for God's humor in unexpected turns of events. "Wake up for the inbreaking of grace," I need someone to call out to

me. "At an hour you do not expect, the Son of God is coming in an amazing moment of love." Christmas is about God coming in an amazing moment of love. I want to spend Advent on the lookout for love.

Last year, one of my grandsons played an angel in the Christmas pageant. He had one line: "Hark! I bring you glad tidings of great joy." Long after the play was over, he kept using the word hark. ("Hark, Grandma is on the phone!" "Hark, the pizza man is at the door!") I am imagining a voice this Advent telling me to hark! In some form, there will be glad tidings of great joy. I was in a crowded mall in early December, surrounded by a cross-section of shopping humanity. Over the din, I heard a classic song in the unmistakable voice of the young Bing Crosby—a song about home and Christmas. For the interlude of an indrawn breath, it seemed all the people paused.

In Advent, we pause to remember that God is calling us home for Christmas. Home, the place deep inside us where God is at home in us. Home, where we never have to be afraid. *

This reflection is an excerpt from Daybreaks: Daily Reflections for Advent and Christmas by Patricia Livingston, Liguori Publications (817380). Advent begins in two weeks. Visit Liguori.org for Daybreaks and other spiritual reading for the season.

Wisdom from Catholic UPDATE

From "Fulton J. Sheen: Seven Pearls of Wisdom"

No story in all the gospel so much reveals the power of a single passion to enwrap, enchain, possess, and degrade a person's character as the tragedy of the traitor apostle. It is we, then, who know Christ, who possess his truth and his life, who can injure him more than those who know him not. We may never act the traitor's part in a big way, but through insignificant signs: like the kiss of Judas, by a silence when we should defend, by fear of ridicule when we should proclaim, by a criticism when we ought to witness, or by a shrug of the shoulders when we ought to fold our hands in prayer. Well, indeed, may the Savior then ask us, "Friend, will you betray me with a kiss?"

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Faithful God, help me to live today and tomorrow so that on my last day on this earth, I may greet you without regret for the good I failed to do. Amen.

The Redemptorists

WEEKDAY READINGS

November 18-23

Monday, Weekday: Rv 1:1-4; 2:1-5 / Lk 18:35-43 Tuesday, Weekday: Rv 3:1-6, 14-22 / Lk 19:1-10

Wednesday, Weekday: Rv 4:1-11 / Lk 19:11-28 **Thursday**, Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary: Rv 5:1–10 / Lk 19:41–44

Friday, St. Cecilia: Rv 10:8–11 / Lk 19:45–48

Saturday, Weekday: Rv 11:4–12 / Lk 20:27–40



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