

November 14, 2021

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PSALM 16

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PARISH OFFICE HOURS

The Parish Office is open
8:00am—4:00 pm. Mon.,
Tues. & Thurs & 8:00
am— Noon on Wed. & Fri.

MASSES: 7 days a week
Saturday: 4:00 p.m.
Sunday: 9:00 a.m.
and 10:45 a.m.
Monday-Friday: 8:00 a.m.

Bulletin Announcements due to
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PARISH CLERGY

Rev. Thomas A. Haren, **Pastor**

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Senior Parochial Vicar

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Catholic Church



PARISH MISSION STATEMENT: We, the parish of St. Monica, work to create a Christlike family, welcoming all people where one encounters a loving God, by serving the spiritual, educational and social needs of the community.

BAPTISM: Please make arrangements in advance. Baptisms are performed on Sundays, immediately following the 10:45 a.m. Mass. Pre-Baptismal instruction is required for parents. Please call the Parish Office for time of next scheduled class.

Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA): Adults and school-age children seeking full membership in the Catholic Church through the sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation, and Eucharist can make an appt. to continue their conversion process by calling the Parish Office.

RECONCILIATION: Opportunities to celebrate God's forgiveness in one's life are available on Saturday afternoons from 3:15-3:45 p.m. Individual appointments with a Priest can be arranged.

MATRIMONY: The Diocese of Cleveland requires a 6-month preparation period for marriage. Call the Parish Office to set your wedding date and plan your celebration.

CONFIRMATION: Any adult or high school student needing Confirmation, please call the Parish Office to schedule preparation.

ANOINTING OF THE SICK: Celebrated upon request. Call the Parish Office to make arrangements with one of our Priests.

NEW PARISHIONERS: Please call the Parish Office to register.

ST. BENEDICT CATHOLIC SCHOOL: Provides Catholic education for students K-8. School hrs.: 8:00 a.m.-2:30 p.m. *Before & After Care* available. Mrs. Lisa Oriti, *School Principal*

EUCCHARIST FOR THE HOMEBOUND: Parish Team and Staff Members visit the homebound on a monthly basis. If you or someone you know is homebound and would like to receive communion, call the Parish Office.



**LITURGY
SCHEDULE
Monday–Friday 8:00 a.m.**

Sunday, November 14

Thirty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time

9:00 Anthony, Rosa & Josephine Acino
10:45 Janice Hokes
11:45 Baptism
2:30 Divine Mercy

Monday, November 15

Weekday

8:00 Living & deceased members of Bob Soeder’s family

Tuesday, November 16

Weekday

8:00 Mary Lou Basiewicz

Wednesday, November 17

Saint Elizabeth of Hungary, Religious

8:00 Carl Panko

Thursday, November 18

Weekday

8:00 Grace Petro

Friday, November 19

Weekday

8:00 Living & deceased members of Tina Seme family

Saturday, November 20

Weekday

3:15 Confessions
4:00 Grace Petro

Sunday, November 21

Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe

9:00 People of the Parish
10:45 Richard Koziol
2:00 Diocesan HNS Memorial Mass

Please keep in your prayers the following members of our Parish Community:



Joann Reddinger, Gloria Unger, John Jacob, Anthony Lupica, Madison Jacob, Lisa & Gaylene Bielawski, Mike Wyrzykowski, Jan Angus, Alex Hervey, Larry Piechowiak, Toni Oden, Veronica Mayak, Joan Kaczmarczyk, Carol & Gerald DeLooze, Harrison Justin

Shepherd.

The names will remain in the bulletin for two weeks. Please call the parish office if your name or a loved one’s name needs to be added to the list. If you have a special intention you would like remembered in prayer, please call Lillian Neptune (216) 662-



Our sincere sympathy and prayers are extended to the families and friends of **Susan Mosci-brocki and Vincent Leonardi** who were buried this past week. May they, and all our dearly departed, rest in peace.

Pastoral Scene

The Most Important Freedom

The most important freedom in the Bill of Rights is the “Freedom of Religion”. This is the first freedom that is mentioned in the Constitution of the United States. Yet in recent years it is the most demonized of our freedoms as American citizens.

When the Constitution was being debated by our Founding Fathers, they knew that the freedom to live by our religious principles was central to our new nation. George Washington, our first President, believed that without the freedom to practice one’s religious beliefs, our nation would flounder. This is one of the reasons that in the first amendment to the Constitution, the Freedom of Religion was the first freedom mentioned in the Bill of Rights. The Founding Fathers believed that the purpose of this first amendment right was to protect the practice of religion from government control. Unfortunately, this does not seem to be the case in recent years.

In the Constitution, the first amendment states: “Congress shall make no law respecting an establishment of religion, or prohibiting the free exercise thereof”. In 1879 the United States Supreme Court began to use the term “Separation of Church and State” to define the meaning of this basic first amendment right. The legal description of “Separation of Church and State” forbids the government from establishing or making preference of a religion, and it preserves religious freedom from the intrusion of the government.

Freedom of Religion is under serious attack today in our American culture. The misunderstood language of Separation of Church and State is often used to dissuade persons from making religious statements in the public sphere. The news media often uses its power to make sure that Religion is seen in a negative light. The high-tech industries often discourage religious opinions to be heard. Mention of God in the public schools is a punishable offense. Even the mention of God in the “Pledge of Allegiance” is under attack. Instead of protecting religious freedom, the Separation of Church and State is being used to destroy this same freedom. In some ways, through the misuse of the Separation of Church and State, our religious freedom is being replaced by another “belief” system, atheism.

In recent years legal associations have begun to turn the tide on this war against Religious Freedom in America. Challenges are now being heard in court to battle some of the government sponsored affronts against the first amendment right to practice our religious beliefs. But more must be done. It is our job as Christians to see to it that all religions have the right to promote respect for God in the public arena. We must not be afraid to practice our religion openly. We should also ask our politicians if they will protect our religious freedoms when we prepare to vote in elections. Finally, we should pray for God’s help to be the religious persons we have been called to be. Please get involved.

Fr. Thomas Haren

Join us every
Thursday at 6:00
pm in Church as
we pray the Rosary. All are invited.



Letting Go—A Parable

There once lived a peasant in Crete who deeply loved his life, his work as a farmer, the feeling of soil under his feet, and his wife, his family, and his friends. But most of all, he loved the beautiful island of Crete that was his home. He saw the earth, sky, and sea as his special blessing from God and his home.

One day he sensed that his death was approaching. Now, he knew he had lived a good life and he knew God's goodness to those who did so, he was not afraid. What he really feared was leaving his beloved island of Crete and all that he knew – his wife, his children, his friends, and his home. He knew Crete but had no idea of what heaven would be like. And so, as he prepared to die, he grasped a few grains of soil from his island and told his loved ones to bury him with it. They did so.

The peasant died, and when he awoke, he found himself at heaven's gate with the soil still in his hand. But the gates of heaven were locked against his entrance!

Eventually, Saint Peter opened the gates and said: "You lived a good life and God has prepared a place for you inside, but you cannot enter unless you drop that handful of soil. You cannot enter with it!"

The peasant protested: "Why must I let go of this soil? I cannot! I have no knowledge of what is inside those gates, but this soil I know. It was my life, my work, my family, my friends, and my Crete. It is what I love! Why should I let it go for something I know nothing about?"

Peter answered, "When you get to heaven you will know why. It is just too difficult to explain. I am asking you to trust that God can give you something better than your handful of soil." The peasant still refused, and feeling defeated, Peter left him and closed the gates.

Several minutes later, a young child walked through the gates. She did not ask the peasant to let go of the soil in his hand. She simply took his hand, and as she did, he opened it and the soil of Crete spilled to the ground. Then, she led him through the gates.

As he entered heaven, the peasant was amazed! *There, before him, lay all of Crete!*

The parable above was written by Father Ronald Rohlheiser, and preached in a homily about the Eucharist. He asked this question which I ponder at every Mass: "*What sand do you hold in your hand that prevents you from really living the Eucharist in your daily life?*"

Perhaps you will join me in asking that as well.

Sister Helene



Congratulations to our newest
Baptized Catholic:

Logan Alexander Kimery

May God continue to bless her
and her family.

There will be a Divine
Mercy Holy Hour this
**Sunday, November 14 at
2:30 pm** in Saint Monica
Church. All are welcome!



CONFIRMATION

Our celebration of the Sacrament of Confirmation will take place next Saturday, November 20th at the 4:00 pm Mass. Seating will be limited, and pews will be reserved down the Main Nave for those who will be confirmed and their sponsors. We appreciate your understanding with this.

Sandwich Saturday

Thank you to **everyone** who have supported this ministry and thank you to the nuns who are baking cookies to go along with the sandwiches. It is through the efforts of all that this ministry is surviving.

At this time, our supply of jam is extremely low. If anyone would like to make any donations of jelly it would be greatly appreciated. Any questions, please call the Parish Office, 216-662-8685. As always, we Thank You!



Religion Question of the Week

What is a "vow"? (Answer on page 4)

Did You Know?

Did you know that there are four Roman Catholic Churches in Garfield Heights, Ohio: Ss. Peter and Paul, St. Therese, St. Monica, and Holy Spirit?

One Liner

"Because kindness is always in fashion, learn to wear it".

 **ActivitiesCALENDAR**

MONDAY, November 15

4:00 p.m. Athletic Practice (g)
 4:15 p.m. Walking Group (J)
 7:00 p.m. Vera Nova Health (F)

TUESDAY, November 16

4:00 p.m. Athletic Practice (g)
 6:30 p.m. Confirmation Rehearsal (+)
 6:30 p.m. SVDP Mtg. (AR)

WEDNESDAY, November 17

3:00 p.m. Christmas Play Practice (g)
 4:00 p.m. Athletic Practice (g)
 7:00 p.m. G.A. (+)

THURSDAY, November 18

3:00 p.m. Christmas Play Practice (g)
 4:00 p.m. Athletic Practice (g)
 4:00 p.m. RCIA (F)
 4:15 p.m. Walking Group (J)
 6:00 p.m. Rosary (+)
 6:30 p.m. School set up for Feast(c)
 7:00 p.m. D.H.N. Mtg (J)

FRIDAY, November 19

4:00 p.m. Athletic Practice (g)

SATURDAY, November 20

4:00 p.m. Confirmation Mass (+)

SUNDAY, November 21

9:00 a.m. Coffee & Donut Social (c)
 7:00 p.m. A.A. (AR)

CRAFT FAIR

Please support Zelie's Home and St. Monica Respect for Life Ministry by coming to the Christmas Craft Fair on Saturday, Nov. 27, 2021 (always the Saturday after Thanksgiving!) from 9am - 3pm in our very own St. Benedict School. Adult admission/donation is \$1 (children under 14 are free). There will be beautiful hand-crafted items, unique and personalized gifts, and your favorite business vendors. Bring your camera and see Santa from 10- 12 noon. Enjoy delicious food in our Cafe, win at our 50/50 and hourly craft raffles. And most of all, with your help, you will be supporting the wonderful mission of Zelie's Home.

Answer to This Week's Religion Question

What is a "vow"?

Answer:

A vow is a promise to God to do something good.

STEWARDSHIP

November 7, 2021

Regular Offertory.....	\$ 5,655.00
St. Monica Fund.....	\$ 944.00
Misc. Envelopes.....	\$ 248.00

Next week our special collection will support the Catholic Campaign for Human Development. This collection supports programs that empower people to identify and address the obstacles they face as they work to bring permanent and positive change to their communities.

Please continue to mail in your donations, donate online or drop off at the office. You can also drop your donation in the baskets in church. Thank you for your continued support.

Pro Orantibus Day

On Sunday, November 21, the Church will celebrate Pro Orantibus Day ("For Those Who Pray"). The faithful around the world are encouraged to develop their own way of commemorating the day and honoring cloistered women and men religious, at Mass and in other special ways, such as by offering up their prayers, by making visits to monasteries and cloistered convents, by sending cards or letters to contemplative religious, and by coordinating school or catechetical activities. For more information visit cloisteredlife.com

Annual Peterson Nut Sale!

THANK YOU! With the help of our Parishioners and our Ladies Guild, this sale has been a success.



IMPORTANT:

We have been notified by Peterson Nut Co. that the manufacturer of the bags they use to package their products in will not arrive until December. They are doing everything in their power to deliver our order by mid December. We appreciate everyone's patience with this matter. As soon as we have any updates, we will pass them along to everyone. We remain hopeful that we will receive our order in time for the Christmas holiday. Any questions, call Sue Shepka, 216-965-5315.

COFFEE & DONUT SOCIAL

Join us for our next Coffee & Donut Social on November 21, after the 9:00 am Mass. Hosting will be members of Men of the Vine.



Jesuit Retreat Center Programs & Retreats

Jesuit Retreat Center, 5629 State Rd, Parma, OH 44134. <https://www.jesuitretreatcenter.org>

November Morning Prayer for Women. Monday, November 15 from 9:30 - 11:00am. *Presented by Sr. Mary Ann Flannery, SC.* Women from all walks of life are invited to pray together and learn more about the beauty of prayer. Led by Sr. Mary Ann Flannery, S.C., this prayer group will refresh your spirit and help you find strength in regular prayer habits. Just bring your Bible and come as you are! Price includes coffee and pastry. Registrations are encouraged, but walk-ins welcome! Cost: \$10

November Sabbath Days - a Personal Retreat Day. Monday, November 22 from 8:30am - 3:30pm. In the busyness of our daily lives, in the midst of the struggles of our times, there is a need to “come away” and to find time and space to encounter God and reflect on our lives. So, we have carved out time in the JRC calendar for those who would like to come to JRC – to pray in our chapels, to sit in quiet reading in the library, to walk and meditate on the beautiful grounds. Cost: \$50

Cinema & Conversation: *Soul*. Monday, November 22 from 7:00 - 9:00pm. Join us at Jesuit Retreat Center each month for films that inspire and entertain. After each movie, there will be time for conversation and questions. We continue in in November with the multi award-winning 2020 Pixar and Walt Disney film, *Soul*. This thought-provoking animated film is about a middle school music teacher named Joe Gardner who seeks to reunite his soul and his body after they are accidentally separated, just before his big break as a jazz musician.

Cost: Free Will Offering

Important Notices For Parish Procedures

Hopefully the worst of the pandemic is behind us. We have started to resume parish organization meetings and are hoping to have our Lenten Fish Frys. Because of this, we need to reinforce our policies and procedures which help us operate more efficiently.

1. Regarding the scheduling of meetings, or any special events, the required form must be completed and submitted for your requests. Both the regular facility request form and the Pavilion request form are available online. You can also email your request to sshepka@saintmonicachurch.net. Request by phone cannot be honored.

2. Any request for bulletin announcements, must be received in writing by the organization or person sponsoring the event. This could also be emailed to the bulletin editor or your written request can be brought into the office. The latest an article can arrive is before noon on Monday preceding the event. No article is guaranteed.

These two procedures will be a great help to our parish Staff. Thank you. Fr. Thomas Haren

Fair Trade Fair and Christmas Boutique

St. Basil the Great – Family Life Center
Sunday, November 14, 2021 from 8 am to 1:30 pm

Shopping With a Conscience

Begin your Christmas shopping early knowing that your purchase can make a real difference for people around the world. You will be supporting farmers and artisans in a fair and just manner who are working to provide food, shelter and education for their family!

CLE21:6 January 8, 2022

10:00 am—9:00 pm

John Carroll University

Tickets on sale through November 15 online at dioceseofcleveland.org/cle216. \$35 per person. CLE21:6 is a day sponsored by the Office of Youth Ministry of the Diocese of Cleveland to ignite teens in their faith and gather in fellowship as young Church. Exploring Matthew 21:6, CLE 21:6 will help launch teens into following Christ and living as missionary disciples.

(see flyer on page 6)

St. Nicholas Gift Giving 2021

The St. Monica St. Nicholas Christmas Gift Sharing Program will be held again this year. **Tags identifying the age, gender and type of suggested gift can be obtained in the vestibule starting the weekends of December 4th & 5th and December 11th & 12th.** Please return to Church the wrapped gifts with the tags securely attached the weekend of **December 18th & 19th.** Volunteers are needed to help sort on **Sunday, December 19th after the 10:45 am Mass.**



CLE 21:6

a gathering of catholic youth

JANUARY 8, 2022

FEATURING



KEYNOTE

DAVID CALAVITTA

David Calavitta is a passionate Catholic in love with Christ and his Church. He's also very much in love with his beautiful wife, Brittany, and their son, Judah. David has been blessed to serve the Church through youth ministry in various ways since 2000. In addition to his speaking ministry, he currently serves as the director of Creative and Marketing for Life Teen International.



**FATHER
DAMIAN
FERENCE**

Fr. Damian Ference is a priest of the Diocese of Cleveland where he serves as Vicar for Evangelization and as Professor of Philosophy at Borromeo Seminary. He is a fellow at Bishop Barron's Word on Fire Institute and has written extensively on the intersection of faith and culture. He holds a licentiate in philosophy from The Catholic University of America and a doctorate in philosophy from the Pontifical University of St. Thomas Aquinas in Rome. Fr. Ference is the founder and director of (TOLLE LEGE) Summer Institute and is a life-time member of the Flannery O'Connor Society. @frference



**EMCEE
MOTHER
NATALIA**

Mother Natalia entered Christ the Bridegroom Monastery in Burton, Ohio in 2015 and became a stavrophore nun (life professed) on September 26, 2021. She earned her B.S. in Engineering Physics from Colorado School of Mines and her route to monasticism included full-time mission work and teaching high school. Mother Natalia and Father Michael O'Loughlin co-host the podcast "What God is Not" that focuses on Byzantine Catholicism and Mystery.



**EMCEE
SEAN NEVILLE**

Sean Neville is a First Theologian for the Diocese of Cleveland at St. Mary Seminary. He is from St. Mary of the Falls Parish and entered Borromeo Seminary after graduating from St. Ignatius High School in 2016. He received a Licentiate in Philosophy through the Basselin Scholars program at The Catholic University of America in 2021. Sean enjoys laughing with friends, talking about Jesus, and food.



**BREAKOUT
FR. PATRICK
SCHULTZ**

Fr. Patrick Schultz is a priest for the diocese of Cleveland. Ordained in 2016, he currently serves as parochial vicar at Sacred Heart of Jesus parish in Wadsworth, as well as the associate chaplain for the Cleveland chapter of Legatus.



**BREAKOUT
MARYSARAH
MENKHAUS**

MarySarah has served as a full-time missionary with Damascus Catholic Mission Campus since 2018. Originally from Cleveland in a family of 10, she is an outdoor enthusiast, avid traveler, runner, hiker and worship leader. She currently lives in St. Paul, Minnesota, and manages the Damascus National Team.



**BREAKOUT
LUKE BROWN**

Luke Brown is a Licensed Professional Clinical Counselor in Cleveland who specializes at integrating faith and spirituality into mental health to provide holistic services that help heal mind, body, and spirit.



**BREAKOUT
JAMES KNIGHT**

James Knight, is the Vice President for Equity and Inclusion at St. Edward High School as well as a doctoral candidate with extensive research in cultural humility, specializing in cultural sensitivity trainings with an innovative approach to building equity and belonging rooted in cultural humility. In addition to his work at St. Edward, James Knight works with a variety of organizations, teams, and leaders across the country as a diversity and inclusion strategist.



**BREAKOUT
FR. RYAN MANN**

Fr. Ryan Mann was ordained a priest in 2014 for the Diocese of Cleveland. He currently serves as the parish administrator of St Basil the Great in Brecksville, OH. He can be heard on the podcast Slaking Thirsts or the Basil the Great Brecksville Podcast.



**BREAKOUT
MONICA AND
AARON
RICHARDS**

Monica and Aaron Richards natives of Columbus OH, share a combined 25 years of experience in professional ministry, have worked in leadership with Catholic Youth Summer Camp since 2001 and are raising a missionary family with their four beautiful children. Monica, a licensed Doctor of clinical Psychology has an amazing ability to drill fearlessly into deep issues, develop trust, and facilitate pathways toward healing and wholeness for each individual she encounters. Aaron is a gifted and personally invested worship leader, musician, teacher, and evangelist, and holds a BS in Theology and Chemistry.

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Please join us at the

St. Monica & Zelig's Home *



Christmas Craft Fair

November 27, 2021

Always the Saturday after Thanksgiving

9:00 a.m – 3:00 p.m

Beautiful Handcrafted Items

Unique and Personalized Gifts

Your Favorite Business Vendors

Santa! 10 - 12 NOON

Bring your camera!



Enjoy delicious food in our Café

Win at our 50/50 & Hourly Craft Raffles

Adult Admission \$1.00 Children (under 14) Free

St. Benedict School at St. Monica Parish
13633 Rockside Rd, Garfield Hts - Between Turney & Dunham

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The 33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

Entrance Chant

Gather the People (*Journeysongs* #766)

Gather the people! Enter the feast! All are invited, the greatest and least.
The banquet is ready, now to be shared. Join in the heavenly feast that God has prepared.

1. Around this table we dine as kin,
beloved family of God.
We share the body of Christ the Lord.
Here we become what we eat.
2. Around this table we tell great tales,
the wondrous stories of grace.
We hold the mem'ry of Christ the Lord.
So we become what we eat.

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Responsorial Psalm:

Ps 16:5, 8, 9-10, 11

You are my inheritance, O Lord.

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Offertory Chant

Give Me Jesus (*Journeysongs* #554)

Give me Jesus, give me Jesus. You can have all this world. Give me Jesus.

1. In the morning when I rise, in the morning when I rise, in the morning when I rise, give me Jesus.
2. Now the journey has begun, now the journey has begun, now the journey has begun, give me Jesus.
3. When the prize is surely won, when the prize is surely won, when the prize is surely won, give me Jesus.
4. I heard my mother say, I heard my mother say, I heard my mother say, give me Jesus.
5. Dark midnight was my cry, dark midnight was my cry, dark midnight was my cry, give me Jesus.
6. Oh, when I come to die, oh when I come to die, oh, when I come to die, give me Jesus.

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Communion Chant:

Bread of Life (*Journeysongs* #799)

I myself am the bread of life. You and I are the bread of life,
taken and blessed, broken and shared by Christ that the world might live.

1. This bread is spirit, gift of the Maker's love,
and we who share it know that we can be one:
a living sign of God in Christ.
2. Here is God's kingdom given to us as food.
This is our body, this is our blood:
a living sign of God in Christ.
3. Lives broken open, stories shared aloud,
become a banquet, a shelter for the world:
a living sign of God in Christ.

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Sending Forth:

Christ Be Our Light (*Journeysongs* #824)

Christ, be our light! Shine in our hearts. Shine through the darkness.
Christ, be our Light! Shine in your Church gathered today.

1. Longing for light, we wait in darkness. Longing for truth, we turn to you.
Make us your own, your holy people, light for the word to see.
2. Longing for peace, our world is troubled. Longing for hope, many despair.
Your word alone has pow'r to save us. Make us your living voice.

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Reading 1 Dn 12:1-3

In those days, I Daniel, heard this word of the Lord: "At that time there shall arise Michael, the great prince, guardian of your people; it shall be a time unsurpassed in distress since nations began until that time. At that time your people shall escape, everyone who is found written in the book.

"Many of those who sleep in the dust of the earth shall awake; some shall live forever, others shall be an everlasting horror and disgrace.

"But the wise shall shine brightly like the splendor of the firmament, and those who lead the many to justice shall be like the stars forever."

Responsorial Psalm Ps 16:5, 8, 9-10, 11

R You are my inheritance, O Lord!

O LORD, my allotted portion and my cup,
you it is who hold fast my lot.
I set the LORD ever before me;
with him at my right hand I shall not be disturbed. **R**:

Therefore my heart is glad and my soul rejoices,
my body, too, abides in confidence;
because you will not abandon
my soul to the netherworld,
nor will you suffer your faithful one
to undergo corruption. **R**:

You will show me the path to life,
fullness of joys in your presence,
the delights at your right hand forever. **R**:

Reading 2 Heb 10:11-14, 18

Brothers and sisters: Every priest stands daily at his ministry, offering frequently those same sacrifices that can never take away sins. But this one offered one sacrifice for sins, and took his seat forever at the right hand of God; now he waits until his enemies are made his footstool. For by one offering he has made perfect forever those who are being consecrated.

Where there is forgiveness of these, there is no longer offering for sin.

Gospel Mk 13:24-32

Jesus said to his disciples: "In those days after that tribulation the sun will be darkened, and the moon will not give its light, and the stars will be falling from the sky, and the powers in the heavens will be shaken.

"And then they will see 'the Son of Man coming in the clouds' with great power and glory, and then he will send out the angels and gather his elect from the four winds, from the end of the earth to the end of the sky.

"Learn a lesson from the fig tree. When its branch becomes tender and sprouts leaves, you know that summer is near. In the same way, when you see these things happening, know that he is near, at the gates. 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."

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