NOVEMBER 13, 2022

THIRTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Reflection from Fr. Bernard Doré

Today's Readings warn us about the final days of the world, our own death and the final judgment.

Malachi in the first reading foretells this Day, which will bring healing and reward for the just and punishment in fire, for the "proud and all evil doers."

Although St. Paul expected that Jesus would return during his lifetime, he cautions the Thessalonians, in the second reading, against idleness, anticipating the end of the world. Paul advises the Thessalonians that the best preparation for welcoming Jesus in his "Second Coming" is to keep working and doing one's duties faithfully, as he did.

Today's Gospel passage clarifies that the date of the end of the world is uncertain. Signs and portents will precede the end, and the Christians will be called upon to testify before kings and governors. The Good News is that those who persevere in faithfulness to the Lord will save their souls and enter God's eternal kingdom. Christ's Second Coming is something to celebrate because he is going to present all creation to his heavenly Father.

- 1) We must be prepared daily for our death and private judgment. We make this preparation by trying to do God's will every day, leading holy lives of selfless love, mercy, compassion and unconditional forgiveness. In order to do this, we must recharge our spiritual batteries every day by personal prayer, that is, by talking to God, and listening to Him by reading the Bible.
- 2) We need to live exemplary lives. We must remember that our homes, our churches and even our own lives are temporary. Our greatness is judged by God, not on our worldly achievements, but on our fidelity to Faith and its practice by loving others. How our faithfulness is expressed each day is the most important thing.





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OFFICE HOURS	9:00 AM – 2:00 PM (MON, WED, THU, FRI)
WEEKDAY MASSES	9:00 AM (MON, WED, FRI)
SATURDAY VIGIL MASS	5:00 PM
SUNDAY MASSES	8:00 AM 10:00 AM
HOLY DAY MASSES	9:00 AM 7:00 PM
CONFESSIONS	4:00-4:30 PM, SATURDAY OR BY APPOINTMENT

ST. PAUL'S UPCOMING SCHEDULE

Saturday	November 12
9:30—11 AM	Food Closet Open
5:00 PM	Mass: James & Jeanne McGrath (RIP)
Sunday	November 13
8:00 AM	Mass: Wilfred Knott (RIP)
9:00-9:50 AM	Second Sunday Family Catechism Class
9:15 AM	Rosary
10:00 AM	Mass: Deceased Knights of Columbus
Monday	November 14
8:35 AM	Rosary
9:00 AM	Mass:
Wednesday	November 16
8:35 AM	Rosary
9:00 AM	Mass: Intentions of the Dunn Family
Friday	November 18
8:35 AM	Rosary
9:00 AM	Mass: Souls in Purgatory
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5:00 PM	Mass: Arthur Robillard (RIP)
8:00 AM	Open for your Intentions
10:00 AM	Mass: Deceased Members of the Parish

PLEASE CONSIDER COMMEMORATING A LOVED ONE AT THE EUCHARIST

November / Holy Souls

My Dear Parishioners,

As we enter the month of November, let us remember all our beloved departed souls. This whole month is a very meaningful time of prayer. We pray being in communion with Saints. It is a special time to remember our dear departed and especially to pray for those souls who left with no one to pray for them. By offering the Masses, praying the Holy Rosary and doing acts of charity, let us intercede for all the souls in Purgatory. Let us pray for them to reach God and may they enjoy eternal bliss. All our beloved departed souls need our love, care, prayers and Holy Masses. Rest assured that they will be praying for us as and when they reach the right hand of our Heavenly Father.

Eternal rest grant unto them O Lord, And let perpetual light shine upon them! Amen.

Fr. M.J. Bernard Doré

Commemoration of the Departed

The month of November begins our commemoration of all the faithful departed. We would like to once again display photographs of our departed loved ones in church during the whole month. Please bring your unframed photographs (smaller than 8 x 10) to the church office at your earliest convenience.

Place them in an envelope labeled with your name and number so they can be returned to you.

Mass: Deceased St. Paul's Knights

Sunday, November 13, at 10 AM

Anthony Kachanis James McGrath Richard Rotondo Paul Hackney Peter Corr Roger Michaud Joseph Sinwell Arthur Robillard

Mass for Recently Deceased Family & Friends: Sunday, Nov. 20, at 10AM

Anyone whose loved one has passed in the last year, please call the office to have them commemorated at this special Memorial Sunday Mass.

Thanksgiving Day Mass

Thursday, Nov 24, Thanksgiving Mass will be celebrated at 8am.

Big Thank You

Thank you to everyone who donated money for the Food Pantry. We collected \$540 to help patrons buy turkeys for Thanksgiving.

Thanksgiving Shopping Cards

We would also like to help some of our parish families this Thanksgiving Season, if anyone would like to contribute a gift card from Stop & Shop or Big Y, that would be appreciated.

K of C Winter Coat Drive

The Knights of Columbus are organizing this year's annual coat collection. Please donate clean coats in good condition. There is a drop off box in the entrance of the church.

Keep Christ in Christmas Poster Contest

St. Paul's Knights of Columbus Council 95 is sponsoring the Keep Christ in Christmas poster contest which is open to all children in our parish including friends and relatives of our parishioners.

Winners will be judged in three age categories: 5-7, 8-10, 11-14 \$50 First Place prize awarded in each age group.

Submission deadline, Sunday Dec 11.

Application forms and full contest details can be found in the Narthex, or call office for more information.

Catholic Campaign for Human Development

Next weekend, November 19/20, the second collection will be in support of the Catholic Campaign for Human Development, founded by the U.S. Catholic Bishops to help end the cycle of poverty throughout America. With a tradition of improving education, housing, and community economic development, the CCHD continues to make a positive impact in communities nationwide.

GIFTS RECEIVED

Offertory Collection - Nov 5/6 \$3,411.00

Military Collection - Nov 5/6 \$ 674.00

Thank you for your support!

The Holy Eucharist Our All The Great Means of Our Salvation

In the Holy Eucharist, Jesus Christ opens unto us many and rich foundations of grace. St. Ambrose, the illustrious Bishop of Milan and a great Doctor of the Church, in treating of the effects of the Most Holy Eucharist, says, "In this Mystery, the Son of God satisfies all the wants of our spiritual life." In his treatise on the Sacraments, he writes:

"If you flee darkness, Jesus is light; If you suffer from the heat of fever, Jesus is coolness; If you desire the healing of your wounds, He is the physician; If you are weighed down by your iniquities, He is the peace offering; If you need nourishment, He is food; If you are in want of help, He is strength; If you fear death, He is life; If you long for Heaven, He is the way."

These words of St. Ambrose are so beautiful and contain so great an amount of instruction that it will be profitable for us to examine them more closely in order to realize what Jesus is for us in Blessed Sacrament.

In view of our supernatural life, this world is for us a land of darkness. Just as in our natural life we cannot well distinguish objects at night, so neither can we see clearly in the spiritual order unless we are assisted by our Saviour: "I am the light of the world; he that followeth me walketh not in darkness," (John 8:12)

How frequently we consider temporal misfortunes very great evils; whereas, in reality they are true and, at times, even great graces. They incite us to penance, give us an opportunity to pay the penalties due to our sins and help us to gain merits for Heaven.

As the two disciples recognized the Lord in the "breaking of bread," that is, in the Holy Eucharist, so do we receive lights from this holy Mystery whenever we receive It worthily. Jesus fills the powers of our soul with the light of His grace so that we many become more and more imbued with His teaching and example. It is precisely in the Holy Eucharist that we behold the wealth of virtue of our Divine Saviour. There we see His charity, obedience, humility, munificence and love of poverty. Oh, that we could perceive the light coming to us from Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament!

~ Fr. Lukas Etlin, O.S.B.