

November 18, 2018

33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

First Reading. Dn. 12:1-3

Second Reading. Heb. 10:11-14,18

Gospel. Mk 13:24-32

Jesus is our hope.

In today's Gospel, Jesus first speaks about the apocalyptic events that will cause the sun to be darkened and the moon dimmed; with stars falling from the sky. Then He speaks about the Son of Man "coming in the clouds with great power and glory." This obviously echoes the words in the First Reading, but here the Son of Man is even more victorious. All these catastrophic events are not the end but a **preparation for the coming of the Lord**. They are signs, that the end is near.

That is why we must not interpret the so-called doomsday as the end of time. If anything should happen to the world, it means that God is still in control of all He has created; for those who believe in God, God through the Church still proclaims a message of conversion and repentance in readiness of the Second Coming of Jesus Christ.

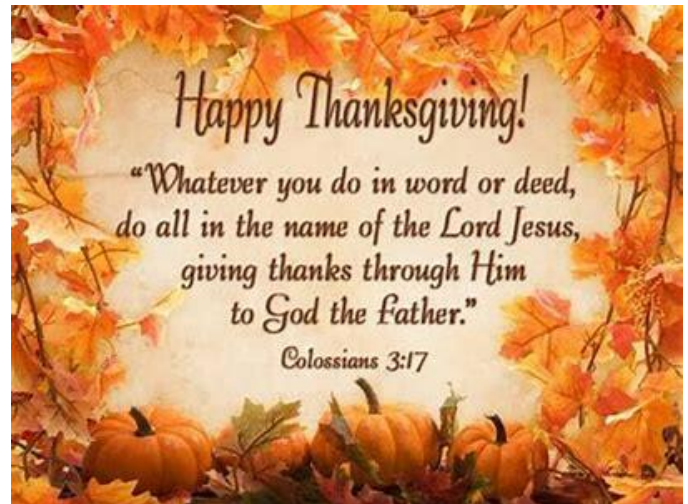
We must not be afraid or panic. Apocalyptic preachers obviously forget the final sentence of the Gospel reading from Mark. "But of that day or hour, no one knows, neither the angels in heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father". All we are told is that the end of this world as we know it will surely come.

Jesus in the Gospel therefore helps us to read the signs that indicate the coming of the end. After that Christ will appear and send his angels to gather the just.

So, what is the message?

- 1) The readings challenge us to read the signs of the times and to **be always prepared** because the end is hidden from all of us.
- 2) What is sure is that in the end the Lord of all history will **finally triumph over sin and the powers of evil** in all their manifestations in the world.
- 3) As followers and stewards of Christ, we must heed the **message of conversion and repentance in readiness** as we wait in hope for the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Thursday: Thanksgiving Day



Thankfulness is much more than saying "Thank you" because we have to. Thankfulness is a way to experience the world, a way to perceive, a way to be surprised. Thankfulness is having open eyes and a short distance between the eyes and the heart.

What are the features and qualities of grateful people? Remembrance is the most precious feature of the virtue of gratitude. One of the most important qualities is the ability to say "thank you" to others and to take no one and nothing for granted.

Those who possess the virtue of gratitude are truly rich. They not only know they have been blessed, but they continuously remember that all good things come from God.

To acknowledge others, to say thank you, is a mark of greatness. If our colleagues and volunteers are dispirited and unmotivated, might it have something to do with the fact that we have never expressed our gratitude to them for who they are and what they do?

The courage to thank – that is, the courage to see the gifts and experiences of this world all together as a gift – changes not only the person who gains this insight. It also changes the environment, the world, and those who surround that person.

Gratitude is creative. People bound together by gratitude are always discovering and awakening abundant sources of strength. The more thankful a person is, the richer he or she is within. Thankful people store up in their grateful memory all the good experiences of the past, just as the French proverb states: "Gratitude is the heart's memory."

Masses for the Week

November 17, 2018 – November 17, 2018

Saturday, November 17

6:00 p.m. (English)

+Gloria Levy

Sunday, November 18

9:30 a.m. (English/Spanish)

Michael Jacobellis by Anthony Fanara Family

11:00 a.m. (Italian)

+Rino Allegra by Aldo Blasi

+Lucia Cordisco

+Maria Gabriella Luppino De Giglio

For the deceased members of Sacro Cuore di Gesu

For the deceased members of Madonna Di Costantinopoli

6:00 p.m. (English)

+Orlin Chizek

Monday, November 19

6:00 p.m. No Mass

Tuesday, November 20

6:00 p.m. +Jack Stafford

Wednesday, November 21

6:00 p.m. People of the Parish

Thursday, November 22 Thanksgiving mass

10:00 a.m. People of the Parish

NO evening mass

Friday, November 23

6:00 p.m. People of the parish

Saturday, November 24

6:00 p.m. People of the parish

Did you know we have **Vespers** at 5:45 p.m. Tuesday – Friday

Adoration: Thursdays 6:30 p.m.- 7:30 p.m.

Message from Bishop Clark's office

Dear Friends:

The Woolsey and Hill Fires continue on in Los Angeles, Ventura and Santa Barbara Counties. As you have heard, the fires have forced thousands to evacuate at the same time containment is limited. Highway and street closures have left many stranded with nowhere to go and an immediate need for food, shelter and assistance. The fires have left many homeless. Two parishes were evacuated and although no buildings have been reported lost, we also know that it will take several days to learn the full extent of any damage or injury.

Earlier this year, the Thomas Fire which affected so many of our family and friends taught us the importance of being prepared to provide shelter, food and temporary financial support.

*The FUND that was created to provide immediate and critical support during the Thomas Fire has been **expanded** to now include those affected by the Woolsey and Hill Fires.*

Your donation can be mailed to:

The FIRE FUND

c/o OLA Pastoral Regional Office

5835 W. Slauson Ave.

Culver City, CA 90278

Or, simply place your check in the Sunday Collection. Contributions are tax-deductible.



SCALABRINI OUTREACH PROGRAM

This week

THANKSGIVING BASKETS AND FIESTA

Thanksgiving celebration: We invite you to share in God's goodness and blessings by **helping us prepare 400 baskets** for economically vulnerable families.

We need non-expired canned goods of any kind, turkeys and cash donations.

WE NEED YOUR HELP

* **Monday, Nov. 19th at 6:30 p.m.** Basket Preparation

* **Tuesday Nov. 20th 8:00 am** Meal and distribution, help pull turkey and do final preparations.

* **Tuesday November 20th at 10:00 a.m.** Help serve and clear tables for Liturgy, meal and basket distribution:

* **Wednesday 7:00 am** help with final prep 600 meals
In collaboration with Holy Rosary Day Labor celebration.

* **Thursday, Thanksgiving 7:00am** final prep for 5000 homeless meals.

Other ways you can donate time:

Food pantry: 2nd Friday of the month, 4:00 p.m.

Hygiene kit preparation: 2nd Tuesday of the month, 2:30 p.m.

Homeless outreach: 4th Saturday of the month. 8:00 a.m.

Food preparation twice a month during the week. Contact office for days.

Catholic campaign for human development Working on the margins

This week, our second collection will be for the Catholic Campaign for Human Development. Over 43 million people in the United States live in poverty. This collection supports programs to empower people to identify and address the obstacles they face as they work to bring permanent and positive change to their communities. Learn more about the

Catholic Campaign for Human Development at

www.usccb.org/cchd/collection.

Last week's offerings

Offerte Della Settimana Scorsa

Last week's Offering: \$1,657.00

**Offerta settimanale necessaria per far fronte alle spese ordinarie
Weekly offering needed to meet basic expenses

- \$2,950.00-

ADULT CONFIRMATION CLASSES WILL BEGIN WEDNESDAY JANUARY 16, 2019.

St. Peter/San Conrado mission will offer a seven week Adult Confirmation preparation process during the Lenten Season.

The course is open to persons who have reached their 18th birthday, have been baptized in the Catholic church, and have not yet received the Sacrament of Confirmation.

Interested parties must pre-register and provide a copy of your baptismal certificate.

Contact Fr. Louis Piran, c.s. to register. (323) 225-8119