



33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

Nov 19, 2006

Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away. — Mark 13:31

Upcoming Parish Events

Mon. Nov 20—
Bible Study & Prayer Group, 7:30 pm, Chapel

Wed. Nov 22—
Boy Scouts, 7:30 pm, Carroll Hall

Fri. Nov 24—
AACC Youth Grp, 6:30 pm, Scanlan Hall

Prince of Peace, 8:30 pm, Scanlan Hall

Sat Nov 25—
RCIC, 9 am, Sacristy
Teen Confirmation, 10:30, Sacristy

Prayer Group, Scanlan Hall 6:30pm

STM LUAU, Carroll Hall from, Mini raffle drawing 8 pm

Learn a Lesson from the Fig Tree

Each year at this time, the Church asks us to consider, soberly and prayerfully, the "last things" - death, judgment, Heaven and Hell - as they apply to us.

As the year comes to an end, today's readings from the book of Daniel and the gospel of Mark give a sober warning to us that time itself will some day come to an end and that Jesus is coming again both now and in the future, in great mystery and glory. Both Daniel and Mark describe the end time, and the day of final reckoning. As apocalyptic writings, these passages are filled with poetry, metaphor and images; in some cases, they should not be interpreted literally. Both the author of the book of Daniel and the author of Mark spoke to the Jewish people during times in which it must have seemed to them that there was little reason for any hope. The first Christians had presumed that Jesus would return to earth shortly after His Resurrection and at that time would lead them triumphantly into heaven. But the parousia did not happen at the time nor in the way people of the first century had anticipated, and they found themselves in the same condition we are in, "knowing neither the time nor the hour" of His coming. In these final weeks of the liturgical year, we are invited to consider Jesus' statements concerning the last days of world history, and His description of His return in glory.

Through the parable of the fig tree, Jesus warns us to read the "signs of the time," and reminds us that we must give an accounting to God for our daily actions. Nevertheless, in spite of the difficulties and problems we encounter in this world, and in spite of our failures and sins, we must always remember that God loves us, provides for our needs, protects us and is always at our side. In the second reading, the author of the letter to the Hebrews consoles believers suffering from "end time phobia" with the knowledge that Jesus, Who sits forever at God's right hand, is our mediator. Through His sacrifice, we are forgiven our sins and are being perfected and sanctified. The author also reminds us that every time we experience or offer forgiveness, we discover Jesus breaking into our world, changing it in a significant way. —(adapted from Fr. Tony akadavil@mobis.com)

READINGS FOR THE WEEK, SAINTS & SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Sun, Nov 19: Dn 12:-3; Ps 16; Heb 10:11-14, 18; Mk 13:24-32
Mon Rv 1: 1- 4; 2:1- 5; Lk 18: 35-43
Tue **Presentation of Blessed Virgin Mary** Rv 3: 1-6, 14-22; Lk 19,1-10
Wed **St. Cecilia** Rv 4: 1-11; Lk 19:11-28
Thu **St Clement I; St. Colomban; Bl. Miguel Augustin Pro** Rv 5:1-10; Lk 19: 41-44
Thanksgiving Suggestion: Sir 50:22-24; 1Cor 1:3-9; Lk 17: 11-19
Fri **St Andrew Dung-Lac & Companions** Rv 10: 8-11; Lk 19:45-48
Sat **St Catherine of Alexandria** Rv 11:4-12; Lk 20:27-40
Sun, Nov 26: Dn 7:13-14; Ps 93; Rv 1:5-8; Jn 18: 33b-37

Full Plate Program: Thanks for your support of this program. Pls. bring your donations of canned foods and dry goods & place them in the green bins at the church entrance. Nov. menu items: 1 bag of mashed potatoes, 1 can of meat gravy, 1 can of cranberries, 1 canned turkey (or chicken meat), 1 fruit juice. No glass items, please. Thanks.



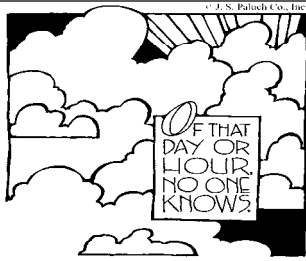
*Our Eucharistic celebration on **Thanksgiving Day** (November 23) will be at **10:00 AM**. **This will be our only Mass for the day.** As in the past years, everyone is invited to bring a dish/beverage to be blessed and is to be served at the big Thanksgiving meal.

*Our second collection today is for the **Saint Vincent de Paul Society**. Please consider the needs of those less fortunate than we are. Pls be generous.

*This coming **Tuesday**, the 21st, we celebrate the **Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary**. What better way to express our devotion to our Blessed Mother than to come to Mass — even if it is not a holy day of obligation? Our Mass on that day is at **5:30 PM**, as on most other Tuesdays.

*As you may notice, there are more **"No Parking"** signs on the golf course alley which is the only path for emergency vehicles **going** into or leaving the golf course. Please, please heed those signs! Vehicles parked there will be towed immediately.

***Mark your calendars: WALK FOR LIFE on January 20, 2007** starts at 11:00 AM, Justin Herman Plaza, at the Embarcadero and ends at the Marina Green. Join thousands of pro-life women, me, friends and families as we take our message to the streets proclaiming "women deserve better than abortion"! Walk to proclaim that Life is the best choice for women.



*Correction to the **Pilgrimage to the Holy Land** (Nazareth, Bethlehem, Jerusalem, Tiberias), schedule: The group will leave on **Thursday April 19 and return on Friday April 27, 2007**. If interested please the office or our travel agents at OASIS Travel, 415-664-8400 as soon as possible. Fr. Labib and Fr. Rick will both go on this pilgrimage.

***Bishops call for greater knowledge, use of natural family planning. Baltimore (CNS)** — The U.S. bishops overwhelmingly approved Nov. 14 a document that encourages married couples who use artificial contraception to return to church teaching and learn how natural family planning can benefit the marital relationship. "Our goal has been to produce a document especially for engaged and young married couples, presenting the church's teaching on respect for the gift of procreation in the context of their hopes for a happy and fulfilled married life," said Cardinal William H. Keeler of Baltimore as he introduced the document Nov. 13 as chairman of the bishops' Committee on Pro-life Activities. Titled "Married Love and the Gift of Life," the document was approved on a 220-11 vote, with one abstention. Contraception introduces "a false note" that disturbs marital intimacy and contributes to a decline in society's respect for marriage and for life, said the document, written in question-and-answer form and intended for use as a brochure.

MASS INTENTIONS

Nov. 19— 25, 2006

- 11/19 Sun 10:00 am People of STM
- 8:00 pm Antonio Ronof†
- 11/20 Mon 8:30am Souls in Purgatory†
- 11/21 Tue 5:30 pm Joan Small (Sp. Int.)
- 11/22 Wed 8:30am Antonio Starcher(Sp.Int)
- 11/23 Thu 10:00 am Ramon Toledo†
- 11/24 Fri 8:30 am Napoleon Flores†
- 11/25 Sat 8:30 am Praxedes Aquino†
- 5:00 pm Souls in Purgatory

Please call the office to schedule. Participating in the Mass you offer is appreciated.



All the sick people in our parish especially John Silva, Eddie Bernal, Zenaida Salamat, Martha Panaszewicz, John Silva, Rhona Palencia, Mary Lee Burke, George Crawford, William & Deena Tannous, Nazzal Nazzal; for deceased Lily Quock, Issam Totah, Federico Tanedo, Sr. and for all the poor souls in purgatory.

Your offerings for the weekend of November 12th: \$ 4,594

Thank you for your contributions.

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SCHOOL NEWS

*Our STM Archdiocesan School students will be treated to the play, **Jesus of Nazareth**, a presentation by the **Grail Theatre Group of Britain**. Performances are at **9:30 and 10:45 in Carroll Hall next Monday, the 27th (of November)**. **Everyone is invited. Admission is free.**

