



THIRTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

November 18, 2018

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

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Mass Intentions:

November 18th: Parishioners of
St Andrew and St Regina
 November 22nd: Special Intentions of
the Szewczyk Family
 November 25th: Parishioners of
St Andrew and St Regina

WEEKLY OFFERING

Nov 11th
 Budget \$2300
 Actual \$2872
 Over \$572

November 25, 2018

Lectors — Lois Freeland
Gift Bearers — Richard Zahara
 and Mary Theresa Foster
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Servers — Kasandra Mendoza, Kimberly
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Sacristans — Mary Alyce Fiechtl
Altar Linens — Anabell Gonzales, Susan
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Ushers—Men of the Parish



ENCOURAGEMENT

This Sunday's Gospel is our final selection from Mark for this liturgical year. It is taken from the end of Jesus' teaching in Jerusalem immediately preceding the account of his arrest and passion. In it Jesus gives his disciples hope to sustain them through his passion and death and any persecution or suffering that they would encounter after his resurrection.

The words from the book of Daniel also provided hope and encouragement to the people of Daniel's time. The encouragement in these scriptures is meant for us as well, for none of us will escape tribulation in our lives. Followers of Jesus will be able to endure suffering with joyful hope, knowing that Christ's love will lead us along the way of discipleship and give us eternal life with God.

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TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

November is a month of remembrance for the dead, and cemeteries have long been a focus for prayer. Our tradition holds great respect for bodily remains, since the body was created and redeemed by God, was once the "dwelling place of the Holy Spirit," and has a destiny of life with God in glory. The funeral practices of the early church contrasted greatly with those of the pagans, who had a great dread of the dead body. The ancient Christian funeral liturgy ended with the relatives and friends giving a final kiss to the body. It expressed affection and showed their faith that the grave would not be the last word. This kiss horrified pagans, who thought that any contact with the dead was degrading.

Every year on their loved one's "birthday to life," the Christians would return to the place of their burial to mark their profound communion with those whose lives were hidden in Christ. Typically, they buried the dead with their faces turned toward the east, symbolizing the rising of the Sun of Justice, Christ, at the end of days. They were attracted to the catacombs or burial grounds just as we are today. They would often celebrate the Eucharist at the tomb. Before long, as soon as Christians were allowed to build places for worship, they relocated cemeteries from beyond the city walls to surround the church. This was not so much because the church made the ground holy, but because the bodies of the saints hallowed the ground on which the church was built, a subtle but beautiful difference.

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TODAY'S READINGS FOR CYCLE B

First Reading — Those who lead the many to justice shall be like the stars forever (Daniel 12:1-3).

Psalm — You are my inheritance, O Lord! (Psalm 16).

Second Reading — Where there is forgiveness, there is no longer offering for sin (Hebrews 10:11-14, 18).

Gospel — Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away (Mark 13:24-32).

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REMEMBER IN PRAYER

Parishioners

Grant Adams, Jody Adams, Mark Green,
 Ethel Huffman, Jacob Palomino, Khuyen Segerson,
 Ted & Jeanette Thiele, Joe & Stella York

Relatives

Thomas & Kelli Blankenship, Zula Doyle,
 Nancy Gambino, Fiona Green, Christine Hart and the
 twin boys Benjamin and Theodore, Lisa Michelle
 Kirkpatrick, Nickolas Kirkpatrick, Asa McCarty,
 Paul Montgomery, Andrew Morlan,
 Emily Ernst Royal, Richard Scran, Kevin Young

Friends

Susi Bickerstaff, Emma Cupples, Frank DeLuca,
 Emily Evans, Eddie Michaels,
 The Jeff Melton Family, Joseph Smile,
 Dr. Laurie Pearlman, Fr Robert Ponticello



THANKS

One act of thanksgiving when things go wrong with us is worth one thousand thank-yous when things are agreeable to our inclination.

—St. John of Ávila

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Rv 1:1-4; 2:1-5; Ps 1:1-4, 6; Lk 18:35-43
 Tuesday: Rv 3:1-6, 14-22; Ps 15:2-5; Lk 19:1-10
 Wednesday: Rv 4:1-11; Ps 150:1b-6; Lk 19:11-28
 Thursday: Rv 5:1-10; Ps 149:1b-6a, 9b; Lk 19:41-44
Thanksgiving Day—Suggested:
 Sir 50:22-24; 1 Cor 1:3-9; Lk 17:11-19
 Friday: Rv 10:8-11; Ps 119:14, 24, 72, 103, 111, 131;
 Lk 19:45-48
 Saturday: Rv 11:4-12; Ps 144:1b, 2, 9-10;
 Lk 20:27-40
 Sunday: Dn 7:13-14; Ps 93:1-2, 5; Rv 1:5-8;
 Jn 18:33b-37

Week of Thanksgiving

Mass Schedule

Monday: 11:30 am

Wednesday: 9:00 am

Thanksgiving Day: 9:00 am

Friday: 9:00

The Office will be open Monday from
9:00 to 1:00 and Tuesday
from 10:00-1:00.

The Office will be closed Wednesday,
Thursday and Friday.

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Sunday: Thirty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time
 Wednesday: The Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary
 Thursday: St. Cecilia; Thanksgiving Day
 Friday: St. Clement I; St. Columban;
 Blessed Miguel Agustín Pro
 Saturday: St. Andrew Dũng-Lạc and Companions