



Thirty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time

November 14, 2021

Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away.

GOD'S REIGN

By pointing to the end times, today's readings speak to the coming reign of God, when God will make all things new. In Christ, this time has already begun. We, by our energized watchfulness, can further God's reign. We can heal broken hearts, free captives, spread the Good News. Even so, the reign of God will not be complete without the second coming of Christ. Our weekly eucharistic gathering is a sign of the fullness of the end times. At Mass we join as an assembly to recall and to claim the story of Jesus as our own. Together we give thanks to God for the many gifts bestowed upon us. We receive nourishment in the simple but profound meal. And our weak and weary selves are invigorated and transformed by the power of Christ, so that we ourselves might become effective signs of God's reign present and to come.

FEAST OF FAITH Blessing and Dismissal

At the beginning of Mass, the priest made the sign of the cross with us. At the conclusion of Mass, he makes the sign of the cross over us, a sign of blessing. We are then dismissed—not just let out, but sent forth with a mission “to love and serve the Lord.” Just as Jesus blessed his disciples as he ascended to heaven, so this leave-taking is joined to a blessing, a prayer for God's continuing protection. As we leave the church, we bear the invisible sign of the Master whom we follow. In the words of an ancient letter to Diognetus, “Christians are indistinguishable from other [people] either by nationality, language, or customs. They do not inhabit separate cities of their own, or speak a strange dialect, or follow an outlandish way of life. . . . And yet, there is something extraordinary about their lives” (*Liturgy of the Hours*, Vol. II, p. 840). We are ordinary people sent forth to live extraordinary lives, lives like Christ's own life—pouring ourselves out for others in prayer, service, and love.

THE FUTURE

The future starts today, not tomorrow.

TODAY'S READINGS

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).

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: 1 Mc 1:10-15, 41-43, 54-57, 62-63;
Ps 119:53, 61, 134, 150, 155, 158;
Lk 18:35-43

Tuesday: 2 Mc 6:18-31; Ps 3:2-7; Lk 19:1-10

Wednesday: 2 Mc 7:1, 20-31; Ps 17:1bcd, 5-6, 8b, 15;

Lk 19:11-28

Thursday: 1 Mc 2:15-29; Ps 50:1b-2, 5-6, 14-15;
Lk 19:41-44 or (for the memorial of the Dedication) Acts 28:11-16, 30-31;
Ps 98:1-6; Mt 14:22-33

Friday: 1 Mc 4:36-37, 52-59; 1 Chr 29:10bcd,

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Sunday: Thirty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time

Monday: St. Albert the Great

Tuesday: St. Margaret of Scotland; St. Gertrude

Wednesday: St. Elizabeth of Hungary

Thursday: Dedication of the Basilicas of Ss. Peter and

Paul; St. Rose Philippine Duchesne

Saturday: Blessed Virgin Mary

TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

This week might be a good time to stock our spiritual cupboard along with our kitchen cupboard in preparation for our celebration of Thanksgiving. Before there was a Thanksgiving Day, even before there were Pilgrims, the Roman Catholic Church celebrated Ember Days (“change-of-season days”) as periods of thanksgiving for seasonal harvests. This means it is a customary Catholic way to give thanks to God through prayer, fasting, and almsgiving. In the 1969 reformed calendar it was left up to the national conferences of bishops to set dates for Ember Days. (The ones on the old calendar fit a Mediterranean climate, and on the new calendar it was imagined that each nation knew best when to schedule such seasonally oriented days.)

The United States bishops have not yet resurrected Ember Days, Rogations Days, and other national days of prayer. However, tucked within *Catholic Household Blessings and Prayers* (a book published by the U. S. bishops) is a chapter on Ember Days that proposes, among others, the three days before Thanksgiving as days of prayer, charity, and fasting. Why wait for an official proclamation? Why not undertake to observe those three days in that way in your parish, or even in your family? What could be more natural at this time of year?

The Advent and Christmas schedule is in the front of the church and a copy is in the bulletins.

Nov 21st

LECTOR Jeff

WEEKLY OFFERING

Nov 7th

BUDGET \$1351.00

\$796.00

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\$137.00

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