

Thirty-Third Sunday in Ordinary time– 014 November 2021

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Some people see God as the divine architect who created the world and then left it to spin on its own independent course. Others imagine God as the celestial administrator who records debits and credits. Today's readings portray a God who is far from aloof, the Creator who takes on the problems of the created.

The passage from Daniel is written against the background of the persecution of the Syrian king, Antiochus IV Epiphanes (about 165 B.C.). The forces of evil seem to have the upper hand, yet these verses offer hope. The elect will escape, the dead will come back to life. For the author's community, this God is a caring God.

Psalm 16 is a psalm of trust or confidence. The God of this psalm is the portion and cup who has no choice but to provide and protect. Even in the face of possible death, the psalmist has no doubt that God will offer security.

Mark 13 is often called the "little apocalypse." Like Daniel 7-12 and the Book of Revelation, it focuses on a world of persecution. Jesus' farewell speech deals with two realities: Jesus will fulfill the Hebrew Scripture texts about the end and the disciples are not to worry about the precise time of Jesus' second coming. Like Daniel's Son of Man, Jesus will return and gather the chosen from the farthest bounds of earth and sky.

In the period between Jesus' Ascension and Second Coming, the task of the believer is to reveal a caring God. The follower who reaches out to the needy projects a God who is real. Our God is much more than a divine architect or a celestial administrator; our God is our hope.

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Thirty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time – 14 November 2021

Daniel 12:1-3. Psalm 16:5, 8, 9-10, 11. Hebrews 10:11-14, 18. Mark 13:24-32.

Is the End-Time Coming? The liturgical year of 2021 ends in 14 days. These past weeks have kept our focus on living in the Kingdom of God and living for its completion. Who knows when this world will end. None of us! It will come when God is ready. We know it ends here for each of us at death. And then perdures for ever in the eternal presence of God. Rather than fret about when the end will come, let us behave rightly now.

- ◆ What will I do today to behave as God wants?
- ◆ What will I say today that is right and true and just?
- ◆ What mercy work will guide my week?

Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe, Solemnity – 21 November 2021

Daniel 7:13-14. Psalm 93:1, 1-2, 5. Revelation 1:5-8. John 18:33b-37.



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Sundays – 8:00 am

Weekdays – Fri 6:00 pm

Winning and Losing

In the First Reading and also in the Gospel Reading, there is a prophecy about a time to come that will be very bad. The First Reading says that in that bad time God's people will escape the trouble. In another Gospel, Jesus says that in that bad time Christians will be hated, afflicted, and killed (Mt 24:9).

So what does happen to Christians in bad times? Do they lose and lose and lose, as the Gospel of Matthew says? Or do they win by escaping the trouble, as the First Reading says?

But what is losing? Is losing a matter of being hated, afflicted and killed? Christ was hated, afflicted and killed, too. And yet Christ did not lose on the cross, did he? He won.

And here we should notice that, in both the First Reading and the Gospel Reading, there are *two* endings of the story of a human life, not just one. There is the end of the story in this world, when Christ's true disciples will be hated and afflicted. And then there is the real and final end of the story, at the last judgment, where each person will see himself as he really is.

At that last chapter of each human story, the First Reading says, some people will be seen as the horror and disgrace that they really are. Others will shine like the splendor of the stars.

The winners in the battle of life, those who shine like stars, are those who have turned many to justice, the Reading says. Acting with courage and integrity for justice, goodness, and truth can get a person hated, afflicted, and even killed, can't it?

And now we can see what it is to escape bad times. Escaping is not a matter of living at ease in prosperity, honored by the world around you. Escaping is managing not to be turned into a horror and a disgrace by your own cooperation with the evil all around you that masquerades as good.

This is an escape that God will give anyone who is willing to take up his cross daily. And so the losing that is the cross, the willingness to be hated and afflicted for the sake of justice—that is the way to the final winning where God's people shine with the splendor of the stars.

--Eleonore Stump from SLU Sunday Site

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World Day of the Poor

Birthdays

Nov 15 Pam Shallenberger

Schedule of Masses
 Sun Nov 14 8:00 am Mass Richard Stone
 Wed Nov 17 5:30 pm Mass
 Fri Nov 19 6:00 pm Mass
 Sun Nov 21 8:00 am Mass John Koval

Liturgical Ministers

	<u>Lector</u>	<u>Greeter</u>	<u>EM</u>	<u>Servers</u>	<u>Ushers</u>
Nov 14 8 am	S Pobst	X Gruszczyk	M Nelson	Vol .	*F Dueker, J Bergmann

Cantor Z Garrett

	<u>Lector</u>	<u>Greeter</u>	<u>EM</u>	<u>Servers</u>	<u>Ushers</u>
Nov 21 8 am	J Nelson	B Bowers	P Widowski	M&C Bergmann	M Slife, J Slife

Cantor J Starratt

STEWARDSHIP OFFERING Nov 7, 2021
 Envelope \$ 1585.00(26), Loose \$105.00 Bld. & Main. \$10
Total \$1690.00

THIS WEEK’S SCHEDULE

Sun Nov 14 Mass8:00 am
 PSR classes.....9:00 am
 CCW meeting.....9:00 am

Wed Nov 17 Mass.....5:30 pm
 Parish Council Mtg.....6:00 pm

Thu Nov 18 Faith Alive Work day.....9:00 am-3 pm

Fri Nov 19 Faith Alive Work day.....9:00 am-3 pm
 Mass.....6:00 pm

Sat Nov 20 Faith Alive Work day.....9:00 am-12 noon

Sun Nov 21 Mass8:00 am
 Campaign for Human Development
 PSR classes.....9:00 am



CONFESSIONS ARE AVAILABLE approximately 30 minutes before each Sunday Mass.

ST PAUL CATHOLIC WOMEN’S COUNCIL (CCW) WILL MEET THIS SUNDAY, NOV 14 in the Parish Hall. All ladies of the parish are invited to attend. A special collection after Mass will ask for donations to defray church/parish hall supplies.

PARISH COUNCIL WILL MEET WED. NOV 17 AT 6 PM following Mass. Please pick up your agenda and minutes in the church foyer this Sunday.

PART-TIME POSITION AVAILABLE. If you or a family member is interested in a part-time position as office manager for our parish, please contact Matt Slife at 618-534-6978

FAITH ALIVE WORK DAYS ARE THIS WEEK. Please volunteer for Thursday, Friday or Saturday. A sign-up sheet is on the foyer bulletin board. Your help is greatly appreciated.

CATHOLIC CAMPAIGN FOR HUMAN DEVELOPMENT APPEAL IS NOV 21.

THANK YOU to all the volunteers who hosted our special breakfast for Veterans last Sunday.

HEALTH FOCUS by Wellness Committee. Seasonal Affective Disorder or S.A.D.S. is a type of depression that occurs with the shorter days and colder temperatures of winter. Symptoms are low energy, oversleeping, lack of interest and feeling moody. Self-help suggestions are to increase the brightness in your home, exercise, enjoy fresh air, and maintain or increase your involvement in activities or projects. If symptoms persist, call your doctor or advice and other treatments.

CPR CLASS TO BE OFFERED BY WELLNESS COMMITTEE. A sign-up sheet is available in the lobby. Date is pending. Peggy Widowski at 618 771-2077 is available to answer any questions you might have about the course.

VOCATION CORNER November 14th- Discovering vocation does not mean scrambling toward some prize just beyond my reach but accepting the treasure of true self I already possess. Vocation does not come from a voice out there calling me to be something I am not. It comes from a voice in here calling me to be the person I was born to be, to fulfill the original selfhood given me at birth by God.” – Thomas Merton