#### OUR LADY OF THE DESERT



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Confesión el Sábado: Con cita previa (Español y Inglés)

Rosario el Sábado: En la iglesia (privadamente) 3:20pm

Misa el Sábado: (Vigilia) / Inglés 4:00pm Rosario el Domingo: Con las Letanías de la Santisima Virgen Maria— 9:40am Misa el Domingo: Español /10:00am

## Liturgia en los Dias de la Semana

Cada Día a las Doce: Angelus

Lunes, Martes, Miércoles, Viernes: Adoración 7:30am y Misa 8:00am

Jueves: Misa 6:00pm Para Vocaciones: Soltero Vida Consagrada, Matrimonio, Sacerdocio

**Viernes:** A Las 6:00pm, Rosario Reina de la Paz con Adoracion

El padre Víctor tiene previsto asistir a "Nuestra Señora del Desierto" el segundo y cuarto domingo de cada mes\*. (\*Las fechas están sujetas a cambios) Rev. Victor C. Yakubu, Parochial Administrator

Rev. Julius Kayiwa, Parochial Vicar

Confession on Saturday:

By appointment English/Spanish

Saturday Rosary: At the Church (privately) 3:20pm

Saturday Mass (Vigil): English -4:00pm

Sunday Rosary: With Litanies of the Blessed

Virgin Mary—9:40am

Sunday Mass: Spanish 10:00am

## Liturgy of the Weekdays

Every day at Noon: The Angelus

Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Friday: Adoration 7:30am & Mass 8:00am

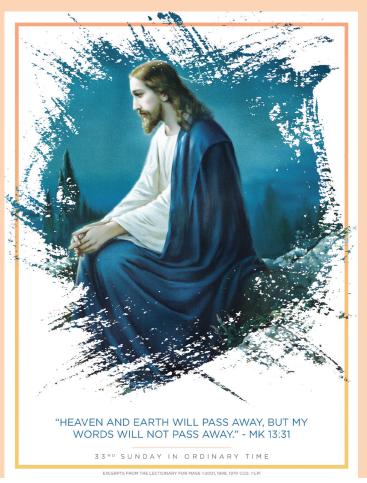
**Thursday:** Mass 6:00pm for Vocations: Single consecrated Life, Matrimony, Priesthood

Friday: 6:00pm Rosary of Queen of Peace with Adoration

Fr. Victor is scheduled to be at "Our Lady of the Desert" the 2nd & 4th Sunday of every month\*.

(\*Dates are subject to change)

#### SUNDAY, November 17th, 2024



#### Reflection for Thirty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time: Year B

## Thirty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time - November 17, 2024

Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS

Readings: • Dn 12:1-3 • Ps 16:5, 8, 9-10, 11

• Heb 10:11-14, 18

• Mk 13:24-32

https://bible.usccb.org/bible/readings/111724.cfm

## **Everyday Stewardship** - RECOGNIZE GOD IN YOUR ORDINARY MOMENTS Giving Until it Hurts

In the time of Christ, sacrifice was nothing new to the Jewish people. The Israelites were experts at sacrifice. So, after centuries of every kind of offering imaginable, what was so special about Christ's? What made it so different from the sacrifices offered by the Levitical priests for centuries before his death?

Well, to adequately answer that question would consume whole volumes. And, of course, the first and most important reason is that Christ was the son of God and the savior of the world, not a random (if "unblemished") lamb offering. It was only by the blood of Christ that we could be redeemed.

But another answer is this: Christ's sacrifice cost him. In fact, it cost him everything. The offerings made by the Israelites through their priests cost them too, of course. They gave of their flocks, of their household stores, of their wealth. But Christ gave differently. He gave of himself. He gave until it was all gone.

Such is the highest form of stewardship: the gift of self to the point of discomfort. It can take a multitude of forms and I am not saying we are all called to be nailed to the cross. In fact, for most of us, our gifts will not involve physical discomfort at all. But certainly, stewardship demands discomfort. It demands that we go against our human nature of putting ourselves first, of thinking primarily of our own needs and desires.

And most of all, it demands love. For that, above all else, distinguished the gift Christ gave us.

--Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS ©LPi

#### Mayordomía cotidiana - RECONOCE A DIOS EN TUS MOMENTOS ORDINARIOS Dar hasta que duela

En la época de Cristo, el sacrificio no era nada nuevo para el pueblo judío. Los israelitas eran expertos en sacrificios. Entonces, después de siglos de todo tipo de ofrendas imaginables, ¿qué tenía de especial el sacrificio de Cristo? ¿Qué lo hacía tan diferente de los sacrificios ofrecidos por los sacerdotes levíticos durante siglos antes de su muerte?

Bueno, responder adecuadamente a esa pregunta consumiría volúmenes enteros. Y, por supuesto, la primera y más importante razón es que Cristo era el hijo de Dios y el salvador del mundo, no una ofrenda de cordero al azar (aunque "sin mancha"). Fue solo por la sangre de Cristo que pudimos ser redimidos.

Pero otra respuesta es esta: el sacrificio de Cristo le costó. De hecho, le costó todo. Las ofrendas hechas por los israelitas a través de sus sacerdotes también les costaron, por supuesto. Dieron de sus rebaños, de sus tiendas domésticas, de su riqueza. Pero Cristo dio de manera diferente. Dio de sí mismo. Dio hasta que todo se acabó.

Esta es la forma más elevada de administración: el don de uno mismo hasta el punto de la incomodidad. Puede adoptar una multitud de formas y no estoy diciendo que todos estemos llamados a ser clavados en la cruz. De hecho, para la mayoría de nosotros, nuestros dones no implicarán en absoluto incomodidad física. Pero, sin duda, la administración exige incomodidad. Exige que vayamos en contra de nuestra naturaleza humana de ponernos a nosotros mismos en primer lugar, de pensar principalmente en nuestras propias necesidades y deseos.

Y, sobre todo, exige amor. Porque eso, por encima de todo, distingue el don que Cristo nos dio.

## Worship & Meditation

# Readings for the week of November 17, 2024

#### **Sunday:**

Dn 12:1-3/Ps 16:5, 8, 9-10, 11 (1)/Heb 10:11-14. 18/Mk 13:24-32

#### Monday:

Rv 1:1-4; 2:1-5/Ps 1:1-2, 3, 4 and 6/ Lk 18:35-43

#### **Tuesday:**

Rv 3:1-6, 14-22/Ps 15:2-3a, 3bc-4ab, 5/ Lk 19:1-10

#### Wednesday:

Rv 4:1-11/Ps 150:1b-2, 3-4, 5-6/Lk 19:11-28

#### **Thursday:**

Rv 5:1-10/Ps 149:1b-2, 3-4, 5-6a and 9b/ Lk 19:41-44

#### Friday:

Rv 10:8-11/Ps 119:14, 24, 72, 103, 111, 131/ Lk 19:45-48

#### **Saturday:**

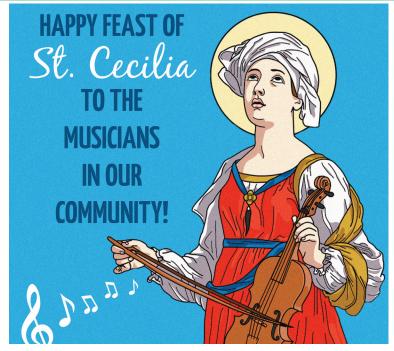
Rv 11:4-12/Ps 144:1b, 2, 9-10/Lk 20:27-40

#### **Next Sunday:**

Dn 7:13-14/Ps 91:1, 1-2, 5 (1a)/Rv 1:5-8/ Jn 18:33b-37



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# **Gospel Meditation Encourage Deeper Understanding of Scripture**

I recently moved into a new neighborhood. On my first evening I went grocery shopping and could not find my usual favorite Greek yogurt. Strangely, my heart started to race. All the losses of my previous life hit me. So many of my old friends, habits, comforts, and predictable experiences had fallen away. There I stood, a grown man, crying like a little boy whose world was falling apart in the dairy aisle.

This week, Jesus describes what to do when one world ends, and another begins. Does it apply to the end of time? Yes. Does it apply to the end of our individual lives? Yes. It also applies to every "world" we inhabit throughout our lives, in school, family, friendships, work, play and so on. First, the sun, moon, and stars fall. The old, familiar ways of running things suddenly stop working. Light fades. Things fall apart. It's awful. But, second, Christ comes "in the clouds." Jesus, the Son of Man, replaces those old powers with himself as the prime governing principle. Third, he sends out his angels to "gather his elect from the four winds." He re-integrates the fragments into a new integrated whole. "Summer is near," he concludes. A new world begins.

Is your world crumbling? Are your sun, moon, and stars falling from the sky? Learn to discern the pattern of the Cross and Resurrection at work in it. This is the power we touch in the Mass. Jesus is coming precisely in this transition from the old to the new world. It doesn't make our losses easy. But it does make it possible to glimpse the dawning of a summer, a new beginning, the life of the world to come.

— Father John Muir

## **Sunday's Readings**

#### **First Reading:**

"It shall be a time unsurpassed in distress since nations began until that time. At that time your people shall escape." (Dn 12:1)

#### **Psalm:**

You are my inheritance, O Lord! (Ps 16)

#### **Second Reading:**

For by one offering he has made perfect forever those who are being consecrated. (Heb 10:14)

#### **Gospel:**

"And then he will send out the angels and gather his elect from the four winds, from the end of the earth to the end of the sky." (Mk 13:27)

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# Live The Liturgy Inspiration of the Week

It sometimes feels like God is silent, like he sets himself apart from us and our struggles on earth. But Jesus reminds us of the fig tree, who can feel the coming of spring deep within itself. In the same intuitive way, we know the voice of God. Listen.

# Observances for the week of November 17, 2024

**Sunday:** 33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

**Monday:** The Dedication of the Basilicas of Sts. Peter and

Paul, Apostles; St. Rose Philippine Duchesne,

Virgin

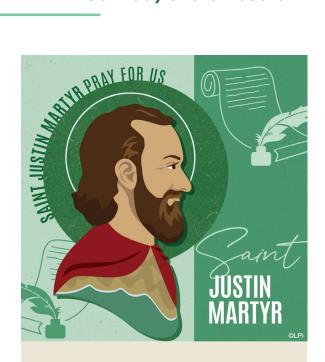
**Thursday:** The Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Friday: St. Cecilia, Virgin and Martyr

**Saturday:** St. Clement I, Pope and Martyr; St. Columban,

Abbot; Bl. Miguel Agustin Pro, Priest and Martyr

Next Sunday: Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe



## Saint of the week

St. Justin Martyr (c. 100 - 165) was a second century apologist whose detailed texts which show the depth of the Catholic tradition were meant to dispel rumors of the early Church practices during the Roman persecution. An eyewitness account of his martyrdom still survives today.

## **Prayer of Seasons**

As the seasons change, be with me.

As my life shifts and shapes, be with me.

As I face what the future holds, be with me.

As I seek the beauty to be found today, help me to find you there.

Amen.

# CATHOLIC

#### The End of the World

"It's not the end of the world."

If I had a brick for every time my mother said this to me growing up, I could have built a castle. One that comes complete with a moat whose bridge I could dramatically pull up so I could sulk, in the window of the highest turret, sighing loudly so every passerby would know how I suffered.

Because sometimes we act like it's the end of the world — whether we are a little kid angered by a playground snub, a teenage girl flipping out over an assignment for English class or a college student distraught that she got scheduled for four opening shifts in a row at the coffee house where she works (yes, these are all examples taken straight from my life, why do you ask?).

And sometimes, it really *does* seem like the end of the world. We lose someone we love to cancer. We miscarry a child before we even get to see his tiny face. The rent is due, and the bank account is overdrawn (also all examples taken straight from my life).

In today's Gospel, Jesus tells us that when the sun is darkened and the moon no longer gives light, we must look for him, because his time is near.

He's talking about *The End of the World*. The big one, the apocalypse. But why do I think he's also talking about the end of the world — those sufferings large and small, real and imagined, that make us feel like the sky is caving in?

In both instances, he draws near to us. So let us look for him.

Colleen Jurkiewicz Dorman

# Why do we do that? Catholic Life Explained

#### **Question:**

Why do Catholics pray to Mary and the saints?

#### Answer:

One of the statements of faith we make when we pray the Nicene Creed and the Apostles Creed is that we believe in "the communion of saints." The Catechism of the Catholic Church reminds us that this communion (another word for community) includes all the faithful on earth, the souls in Purgatory, and the blessed women, men, and children who are in heaven. This teaching is grounded in our belief that, through Baptism, we are united with Christ and to one another with bonds that are stronger even than death.

And so from the time of the early Church, Christians have turned to other believers for prayers and assistance, including those who have gone before us, confident that God hears the prayers of all of His children. While we ask the saints (and one another) for prayers and support, we remember that the saints join us in prayer. But it is God who blesses and sanctifies us.

When we think of Mary and the saints in heaven, we have to remember that we can turn to them for intercession and assistance because they were faulted, limited human beings, just like us. This means that they are able to understand our struggles, doubts, fears, joys, and hopes. But as we learn their stories, we can also begin to recognize that they stand out in the history of the Church because they persevered in their commitment to follow Christ. Whether they were ordained, vowed religious, martyrs, husbands, wives, or even children, they show us that holiness is possible. We can not only follow their example but also benefit from their prayerful support.

Our devotion to the saints and gratitude for their witness, prayers, and protection should also be an inspiration for us, especially when we become aware of the needs of others or when others ask us to pray for them. We are called to share the blessings we receive. This is also part of our own journey of growing in holiness.

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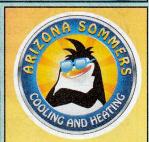
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