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THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 1, 2018

(Lec. 667)

- 1) Revelation 7:2-4, 9-14
- 2) 1 John 3:1-3
- 3) Matthew 5:1-12a

**ALL SAINTS
- SOLEMNITY**

FOCUS: Strive each day to live the beatitudes.

Today we reflect on the example of the saints who have gone before us, those who lived out the beatitudes during their life on earth and are counted among the “blessed.”

LITURGY OF THE WORD

In the reading from Revelation, John describes a vision of a great multitude who have survived the time of great distress and wear the white robes, washed in the *Blood of the Lamb*. In the First Letter from John, we are reminded that we are now children of God. In the Gospel, Jesus provides a description of those counted as blessed, ones who shall inherit the kingdom of God.

UNIVERSAL PRAYER

PRIEST: As we seek to live out the beatitudes during our time on earth, let us offer our petitions to our Father in heaven.

- 1) For the leaders of the Church, may the peace and mind of Christ be their strength and guide, let us pray to the Lord.
- 2) For our national and local leaders, may God bless them with a spirit of righteousness and justice, let us pray to the Lord.
- 3) For the sick, especially those suffering from depression or chronic illness, may God bring them healing of mind and body, let us pray to the Lord.
- 4) For our faith community, may the Lord sow seeds of peace in our efforts to care for the unborn, the elderly, the immigrant and the imprisoned, let us pray to the Lord.
- 5) For all those who have died, may they be welcomed into the heavenly kingdom by the Communion of Saints, let us pray to the Lord.
- 6) (Special petition/s)

PRIEST: Father, we entrust our prayers to you in the holy name of your son, Jesus Christ.

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Friday, November 2, 2018
(Lec. 668)

- 1) Wisdom 3:1-9
- 2) Romans 5:5-11 or
Romans 6:3-9
- 3) John 6:37-40

**THE COMMEMORATION
OF ALL THE FAITHFUL
DEPARTED
(ALL SOULS' DAY)**

FOCUS: Jesus came that we might have fullness of life.

Death is common to all humanity. Today we remember in our prayer all the faithful who have died. In the hope of our Christian faith and the promise of the Resurrection, we lift them up before the Lord and ask that they be given the fullness of life.

LITURGY OF THE WORD

The passage from Wisdom speaks of our hope of immortality – the hope that sustains us even in trials of life. Saint Paul reminds us that the real proof of God's love for us is revealed in the unconditional love of Jesus Christ, crucified for our sake. In the Gospel, Jesus explains that he came down from heaven to do the will of the Father.

UNIVERSAL PRAYER

PRIEST: We bring our needs to our heavenly Father, confident that he will hear our prayers.

- 1) For the Gospel witness of our Church, may the gift and perseverance of our prayer transform the world through the power of the Holy Spirit, let us pray to the Lord.
- 2) For world leaders, may God bless their work to bring peace to their nations, let us pray to the Lord.
- 3) For those who grieve the loss of a loved one, may they find hope in the promise of Christ's resurrection, let us pray to the Lord.
- 4) For all in our parish who minister to the dying and the grieving, may the Holy Spirit guide their work, let us pray to the Lord.
- 5) For all the faithful departed, especially those who have died in the past twelve months, may they enter into the fullness of life, let us pray to the Lord.
- 6) (Special petition/s)

PRIEST: God of Mercy, may all who sleep in Christ, and all who seek you with a sincere heart, find in your presence light, happiness and peace. We pray this through Christ our Lord.

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Saturday, November 3, 2018
(Lec. 484)

- 1) Philippians 1:18b-26
- 2) Luke 14:1, 7-11

SATURDAY OF
30TH WEEK
IN ORDINARY TIME
(Opt. Mem.)

Saint Martin de Porres, Religious;
Saturday in honor of BVM)

FOCUS: If we truly seek the kingdom, we must conquer pride and practice humility.

We all fall victim to the lure of pride at some time or another, but today's readings show us the benefits of living a humble life. Pride drives us sometimes to think that we are "owed" higher seats at banquets in life. But to gain seats at the eternal banquet, Jesus tells us humility must conquer pride in our lives.

LITURGY OF THE WORD

In today's first reading, Paul voices an inner dialogue, from which he humbly concludes to embrace continued evangelization for the Lord. In the Gospel, Jesus tells the Pharisees (and us) that status at an earthly banquet is meaningless. Rather, we should seek a seat at the eternal banquet in the kingdom.

UNIVERSAL PRAYER

PRIEST: Trusting that the Father is good and that his kindness endures forever, we offer our prayers to him.

- 1) That the Church may grow in holiness and charity in its service to the living and true God, let us pray to the Lord.
- 2) That the Lord may provide his grace for the peaceful resolution of conflicts in the world, let us pray to the Lord.
- 3) That the healing power of Christ, the Physician, may be with all of us, allowing us to recognize his face in the poor, the sick, the imprisoned and the lonely, let us pray to the Lord.
- 4) That all members of this faith community may be blessed with the grace we need to be instruments of God's love to those around us, let us pray to the Lord.
- 5) That all our deceased may sit at the banquet of the kingdom in heaven, let us pray to the Lord.
- 6) (Special petition/s)

PRIEST: Ever-loving and gracious Father, we humbly pray that you bless the petitions we place before you today. We ask this through your son, Christ, our Lord.

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SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 4, 2018

(Lec. 152)

- 1) Deuteronomy 6:2-6
- 2) Hebrews 7:23-28
- 3) Mark 12:28b-34

**THIRTY-FIRST
SUNDAY
IN ORDINARY TIME**

FOCUS: Jesus, our perfect example, calls us to live a life driven by love for God and our neighbor.

God's command for us is to love; first to love God with all our heart, soul, mind and strength, and then to love our neighbors as ourselves. Jesus calls these the two greatest commandments. These are not easy commands. They require that we put God and others above our own wants and desires.

LITURGY OF THE WORD

In today's first reading, we hear Moses reminding us to observe the commandments of our Father, especially to love God first. In the second reading, we see Jesus as the perfect sacrifice who has redeemed us. And in today's Gospel, Jesus adds the second of the two greatest commandments: *to love your neighbor as yourself.*

UNIVERSAL PRAYER

PRIEST: Following the example of Jesus, who sacrificed himself for our sins, let us join our voices in prayer as we ask the Father to hear our needs.

- 1) For our Holy Father, Pope Francis, may he be blessed to continue to model God's love, mercy and compassion for all God's children, let us pray to the Lord.
- 2) For those in leadership throughout the world, may the Holy Spirit bless their efforts to follow Jesus' command to love by enacting just laws and policies, let us pray to the Lord.
- 3) For family members who are estranged from one another, may the Holy Spirit be their guide and strength toward reconciliation, let us pray to the Lord.
- 4) For those in our faith community who are struggling financially, physically or emotionally, that they will feel God's comfort, let us pray to the Lord.
- 5) For all who have died, may they rejoice in the redemption earned for them through the sacrifice of Jesus, our Lord, let us pray to the Lord.
- 6) (Special petition/s)

PRIEST: Heavenly Father, we offer these prayers framed in love and hope for your generous mercy. We offer this in the name of Jesus, your son.

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Monday, November 5, 2018
(Lec. 485)

- 1) Philippians 2:1-4
- 2) Luke 14:12-14

MONDAY OF
31ST WEEK
IN ORDINARY TIME

FOUCS: Let us strive for unity and self-giving in our daily quest to live the Gospel.

Discipleship requires an attitude of oneness among people, and giving without the expectation of something in return. This purity of self-giving – this conduct – reveals a genuine participation in the kingdom of God, a partaking that is expected of all who follow the Good News of Jesus.

LITURGY OF THE WORD

The passage in today's reading from the Letter to the Philippians has Paul pleading for unity, for people *being of the same mind* and looking out for the interests of others. The Gospel of Luke emphasizes giving to those who cannot repay good deeds.

UNIVERSAL PRAYER

PRIEST: Confident in the love of our Father, let us join together in asking him to hear and answer our prayers according to his will.

- 1) That working through the Church, the body of Christ, God may bring peace to the farthest regions of the world, let us pray to the Lord.
- 2) That national leaders may be led by the Spirit of Life to promote the dignity and sanctity of human life from conception through natural death, let us pray to the Lord.
- 3) That the unemployed may be blessed with opportunities and work to provide for their needs, let us pray to the Lord.
- 4) That those in our faith community working tirelessly to spread the Gospel may draw others to Christ through the work of the Holy Spirit, let us pray to the Lord.
- 5) That those who have died may rest in eternal joy, let us pray to the Lord.
- 6) (Special petition/s)

PRIEST: Almighty Father, as your children, we come to you with all our needs, knowing you will always care for us. Keep us safe, we ask, in the name of your son, Jesus Christ.

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Tuesday, November 6, 2018
(Lec. 486)

- 1) Philippians 2:5-11
- 2) Luke 14:15-24

TUESDAY OF
31ST WEEK
IN ORDINARY TIME

FOCUS: Healthy humility enables us to receive, enjoy and share the good gifts our loving God wants to give us.

Complacency can lead us to self-centeredness, misplaced priorities and short-sighted goals. Healthy humility enables us to recognize our need for God. Our emptiness before God prepares us to receive and enjoy the good things he freely offers us, and inspires us to share the blessings we've received in service to others.

LITURGY OF THE WORD

The Philippians were urged to adopt the humility of Christ, who surrendered his glory, giving his life in service to others.

In the Gospel, Jesus tells a parable that contrasted well-to-do guests who declined an invitation from a generous host, with the needy who attended and enjoyed the celebration.

UNIVERSAL PRAYER

PRIEST: Aware of our dependence on our generous and loving heavenly Father, let us humbly lay our needs and the needs of all humankind before him.

- 1) That Francis our Pope, all bishops, clergy and spiritual ministers may be granted the grace to serve others with health and humility, let us pray to the Lord.
- 2) That government leaders may be moved by the Spirit to promote policies that benefit the common good, let us pray to the Lord.
- 3) That the disabled, the homeless and all those in any need may experience God's providence through the efforts of his people, let us pray to the Lord.
- 4) That those gathered here today may increase in holiness through God's abundant blessings and share them in loving service to others, let us pray to the Lord.
- 5) That those who have died, especially the recently deceased, may enjoy God's eternal banquet of love, let us pray to the Lord.
- 6) (Special petition/s)

PRIEST: Heavenly Father, you generously nourish our hearts with the abundance of your love. Hear these prayers we offer you in the name of your son Jesus, our Lord.

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Wednesday, November 7, 2018
(Lec. 487)

- 1) Philippians 2:12-18
- 2) Luke 14:25-33

WEDNESDAY OF
31ST WEEK
IN ORDINARY TIME

FOCUS: The cost to following the Lord is different for everyone, but the heavenly reward is the same.

Saint Paul took up his cross and followed Jesus. Because of his labor, the Philippians were able to shine with goodness in a *crooked* world. The cost to following the Lord is different for all of us. What is the same is that on the day of Christ, we will rejoice with Saint Paul in the house of the Lord.

LITURGY OF THE WORD

Saint Paul writes to the Christian community in Philippi, exhorting them to do everything without grumbling or questioning, and so *shine like lights in the world*. In the Gospel, Jesus admonishes the crowds following him that to become his disciple, they must be ready to renounce all their possessions and carry their own crosses.

UNIVERSAL PRAYER

PRIEST: Knowing that it is God who works in us so we may desire the good and strive toward it, we offer these prayers of petition to him with confidence he will hear them.

- 1) For the Church, through the guidance of the Holy Spirit, may she grow in Christ and be his light and compassion to the world, let us pray to the Lord.
- 2) For peace in the hearts of politicians and for peace in our world, let us pray to the Lord.
- 3) For those who are sick, may they experience the healing power of Jesus, let us pray to the Lord.
- 4) For those in our faith community who bear heavy crosses, may they be granted perseverance and courage by Christ, let us pray to the Lord.
- 5) For all who have died, may they live forever in the glory of heaven, let us pray to the Lord.
- 6) (Special petition/s)

PRIEST: Saving God, you are our light and our salvation. Grant our prayers, we beseech you, as is your will. Through Christ our Lord.

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Thursday, November 8, 2018
(Lec. 488)

- 1) Philippians 3:3-8a
- 2) Luke 15:1-10

THURSDAY OF
31ST WEEK
IN ORDINARY TIME

FOCUS: When we repent of our sins, there is great rejoicing in heaven.

God's love for us might seem immensely out of proportion, if we think in only human terms. Where we may find it hard to reconcile with others or forgive, God is always loving and forgiving when we repent. Our full embrace of his constant outpouring of love is a cause for rejoicing.

LITURGY OF THE WORD

Paul counted all the good things of his life as loss once he realized the supreme good of knowing Christ. In the Gospel, Jesus tells two parables about rejoicing over the recovery of a lost object. The joy, out of proportion with the value of what was lost, demonstrates the rejoicing that goes on in heaven when a sinner repents.

UNIVERSAL PRAYER

PRIEST: Confident in God's love for us, let us offer him our petitions for the needs of the world.

- 1) That the sense of confidence and love Paul felt when he came to believe in Jesus may be granted to every member of the Church, let us pray to the Lord.
- 2) That elected officials, both local and national, may be led by Christ's example of servant leadership, let us pray to the Lord.
- 3) That those who are in the throes of sin and destruction may be granted a spirit of repentance in God's love, let us pray to the Lord.
- 4) That our parish may grow in our own love and forgiveness for one another, let us pray to the Lord.
- 5) That our dearly departed may share in Christ's victory over death, let us pray to the Lord.
- 6) (Special petition/s)

PRIEST: Good and Gracious God, hear our prayers and grant what is consistent with your will for us. We ask these and all things in the name of Jesus the Lord.

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Friday, November 9, 2018
(Lec. 671)

- 1) Ezekiel 47:1-2, 8-9, 12
- 2) 1 Corinthians 3:9c-11, 16-17
- 3) John 2:13-22

**THE DEDICATION
OF THE LATERAN
BASILICA
- FEAST**

FOCUS: Temples, basilicas and churches are central to the life of the faith community, as they are symbols of the living Church.

Today we celebrate the Feast of the Lateran Basilica, the cathedral church of our pope, the Bishop of Rome. From the time of ancient temples to today, buildings of worship have played a central role in the lives of worshipers – for the temples of stone are symbols of the living Church. In these sacred buildings, the faith community goes about its sacred duty – the worship of God.

LITURGY OF THE WORD

Today's reading from Ezekiel depicts the life-giving effects of the water flowing from the side of the Temple, nourishing gifts of food and medicine. Paul compares the work of disciples to that of builders who build on the foundation of Jesus. In the Gospel, Jesus defends the sanctity of the Temple.

UNIVERSAL PRAYER

PRIEST: As temples of the Holy Spirit, let us confidently present our prayers to God.

- 1) That Church leaders, God's faithful shepherds on earth, may be strengthened by the Holy Spirit as they boldly proclaim the Gospel and tend to their flock, let us pray to the Lord.
- 2) That those in public office may be guided by the Lord of creation to guard the well-being of all those they serve, from conception to natural death, let us pray to the Lord.
- 3) That those whose hearts are experiencing despair may be blessed with the consolation of God's peace, let us pray to the Lord.
- 4) That those in our faith community who struggle with their faith may receive the encouragement of the Holy Spirit, let us pray to the Lord.
- 5) That all who have died may find peace and joy in eternal life, let us pray to the Lord.
- 6) (Special petition/s)

PRIEST: God of all creation, hear these prayers that we present to you and answer them in accordance with your will, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

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Saturday, November 10, 2018
(Lec. 490)

- 1) Philippians 4:10-19
- 2) Luke 16:9-15

SATURDAY OF
31ST WEEK
IN ORDINARY TIME
(OBL MEM
Saint Leo the Great,
Pope and Doctor of the Church)

FOCUS: Living generously allows us to serve God.

It is tempting to focus too much on worldly goods. Jesus instructs us to use wealth in trustworthy ways, for one cannot worship both God and mammon (i.e., riches that lead to dishonesty). Things we acquire and own are for the use of serving God and one another. To do otherwise – to rate pleasure and self-satisfaction above all other things, including God – is to allow wealth to own us, rather than us owning it.

LITURGY OF THE WORD

Saint Paul ends his letter to the Philippians by thanking them for their generous support of him as a missionary, and focuses on the spiritual growth they received by their giving. In the Gospel, Jesus warns his followers to guard against dishonesty, saying that one cannot serve two masters: *God and mammon*.

UNIVERSAL PRAYER

PRIEST: With faithful hope, let us bring our prayers to our loving God, who hears the cry of the poor.

- 1) For those in our Church discerning a call to priesthood or religious life, may the Spirit lead them to respond with open hearts, let us pray to the Lord.
- 2) For lawmakers, may Christ's sacrificial love inspire them in crafting policies and laws that serve the common good, let us pray to the Lord.
- 3) For those who feel trapped by sin, may God move their hearts toward repentance and belief in his mercy, let us pray to the Lord.
- 4) For married couples in our parish family, may the grace of the Holy Spirit maintain their love and commitment to one another and help it to mirror the bond between Christ and his Church, let us pray to the Lord.
- 5) For the faithful departed, especially those who have no one else to pray for their souls, may they see the face of God, let us pray to the Lord.
- 6) (Special petition/s)

PRIEST: Almighty Father, look kindly upon these prayers by your children gathered here today. We ask this through Jesus Christ, your son.

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SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 11, 2018

(Lec. 155)

- 1) 1 Kings 17:10-16
- 2) Hebrews 9:24-28
- 3) Mark 12:38-44
or 12:41-44

**THIRTY-SECOND
SUNDAY
IN ORDINARY TIME**

FOCUS: God's mercy and generosity are unsurpassed.

All throughout Scripture, God cares for those who suffer and are vulnerable: physically, emotionally and spiritually. The greatest sign of God's care is in the gift of his Son, Jesus, who removed the power of sin through the sacrifice of his own life. The Church now stands as the body of Christ, caring for others and showing them God's mercy, which is unsurpassed.

LITURGY OF THE WORD

In the first reading, the widow whom Elijah encountered was able to eat for a year. The author of the Book of Hebrews says that Christ will bring salvation *to those who eagerly await him*. In the Gospel, Jesus speaks of the poor widow who gave generously.

UNIVERSAL PRAYER

PRIEST: Gathered together to celebrate the Eucharist, let us offer our prayers to God for ourselves and for the whole world.

- 1) For Church leaders, may the Lord guard and cherish them as stewards of the faith we share, let us pray to the Lord.
- 2) For world leaders, may they be granted the gift of fortitude to work for peace and justice, let us pray to the Lord.
- 3) For widows and orphans and all who struggle to survive each day, let us pray to the Lord.
- 4) For this faith community, may the Lord enjoin us to him in compassion for the poor, let us pray to the Lord.
- 5) For those who have died, may their joy in God's eternal banquet be unending, let us pray to the Lord.
- 6) (Special petition/s)

PRIEST: Almighty and ever-loving God, we ask that you hear our prayers and help us to build your kingdom on earth. Through Christ our Lord.

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Monday, November 12, 2018
(Lec. 491)

- 1) Titus 1:1-9
- 2) Luke 17:1-6

MONDAY OF
32ND WEEK
IN ORDINARY TIME
(OBL MEM
Saint Josaphat, Bishop and Martyr)

FOCUS: God calls us to be forgiving and merciful to others.

We all sin and miss the mark at times. Jesus exhorts us to forgive others when they wrong us and ask for forgiveness. This we should do not only once, but many times. God has extended us great mercy; we are called to do the same.

LITURGY OF THE WORD

In the first reading, Saint Paul writes of appointing presbyters and of the qualities they should have. In the Gospel, Jesus warns his disciples not to cause others to sin, and to forgive those who have hurt or harmed them. This can be done with *faith the size of a mustard seed*.

UNIVERSAL PRAYER

PRIEST: Let us turn to God by presenting our petitions to him, knowing that he is merciful and just.

- 1) For all members of the Church, may we be led by the wisdom of God in our mission to spread the Gospel, let us pray to the Lord.
- 2) For government leaders and policymakers, may God increase in them the passion to protect the dignity and sanctity of human life from conception through natural death, let us pray to the Lord.
- 3) For those struggling with illness and despair, may they be strengthened by God's infinite love, let us pray to the Lord.
- 4) For those of us gathered here, may God's grace be at work in our lives that we may bear faithful witness to the truth of the Gospel, let us pray to the Lord.
- 5) For those who have died, may they find mercy and joy in the presence of our Lord, let us pray to the Lord.
- 6) (Special petition/s)

PRIEST: Heavenly Father, we bring our needs and the needs of the Church to you with humble hearts. We ask that you hear our prayers and answer them according to your will. Through your son, Christ our Lord.

Tuesday, November 13, 2018
(Lec. 492)

- 1) Titus 2:1-8, 11-14
- 2) Luke 17:7-10

TUESDAY OF
32ND WEEK
IN ORDINARY TIME
(OBL MEM

USA: Saint Frances Xavier Cabrini,
Virgin)

FOCUS: Discipleship calls us to a life of servitude.

True faith demands more than acceptance of beliefs; it requires a transformation of our lives. Rather than focus on ourselves, we must love and serve God and our neighbor without expectation of anything in return. God's graciousness is pure gift – nothing we do ourselves merits reward. As we do our duty as disciples, in gratitude for this gift, we engender a servant's heart – one which allows us to be a servant to all.

LITURGY OF THE WORD

Today's first reading describes appropriate Christian behavior. All must reject godless ways and live temperately, justly and devoutly. In the Gospel, Jesus tells his disciples to adopt a servant's attitude: that service is not about us, but about doing our duty as disciples for the sake of discipleship.

UNIVERSAL PRAYER

PRIEST: Let us now open our hearts and minds to our merciful Father, and offer him our prayers and petitions.

- 1) For all members of the Church, may God give us a servant's attitude as we go about the work of building his kingdom on earth, let us pray to the Lord.
- 2) For our leaders, may they be blessed with the wisdom to always speak the truth and promote justice for all, let us pray to the Lord.
- 3) For the sick, may the healing compassion of Christ be made present to them through the goodness of others, let us pray to the Lord.
- 4) For this faith community, may the Holy Spirit unify us in love for Christ and service to others, let us pray to the Lord.
- 5) For those who have died, may they live forever in the loving presence of our heavenly Father, let us pray to the Lord.
- 6) (Special petition/s)

PRIEST: Merciful Father, hear the prayers of your servants. We ask this through your son, Jesus Christ.

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Wednesday, November 14, 2018
(Lec. 493)

- 1) Titus 3:1-7
- 2) Luke 17:11-19

WEDNESDAY OF
32ND WEEK
IN ORDINARY TIME

FOCUS: When we call to God in our need, will we have the courage to act on God's response?

Ten lepers, outcasts accustomed to warning people off by shouting "Unclean, unclean," had faith in Jesus and called upon him in their need. They are a stark and visible reminder that faith in God is more than an internal feeling – it is a public witness. It is a relationship not just of us calling out to God in need, but also of honoring him with our response.

LITURGY OF THE WORD

In our first reading, Paul asks Titus to instruct believers to lead an upright life, reminding them that they are saved through baptism and renewed in the Holy Spirit by God's mercy. In the Gospel from Luke, ten lepers cry out to Jesus and are healed, but only one returns giving thanks and glorifying God.

UNIVERSAL PRAYER

PRIEST: Trusting in the kind and generous love of our merciful God, let us offer our prayers to him this day.

- 1) For our Holy Father, Pope Francis, may God bless him with protection and strength as he leads the Church, let us pray to the Lord.
- 2) For civil leaders, may they learn from Christ the King how to serve their people, let us pray to the Lord.
- 3) For victims of war and natural disasters, that through the loving generosity of Christians they may have food and safe shelter, let us pray to the Lord.
- 4) For all present here, that we may grow in discipleship through the grace of our baptism and these sacred mysteries, let us pray to the Lord.
- 5) For our beloved departed, that as heirs of eternal life, they may enjoy eternal rest in heaven, let us pray to the Lord.
- 6) (Special petition/s)

PRIEST: Heavenly Father, we offer our petitions with gratitude for your great mercy. As you heard the prayers of the lepers, please hear and answer our prayers this day, through your son, Christ our Lord.

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Thursday, November 15, 2018
(Lec. 494)

- 1) Philemon 7-20
- 2) Luke 17:20-25

THURSDAY OF
32ND WEEK
IN ORDINARY TIME
(Opt. Mem.
Saint Albert the Great,
Bishop and Doctor
of the Church)

FOCUS: We each have a job to do in bringing about the kingdom of God here on earth.

When people work together for the common good, good things happen. When we ignore problems or work against solid solutions to problems, bad things follow. As disciples of Jesus, we are to work to bring God's peace and justice to earth.

LITURGY OF THE WORD

In Saint Paul's shortest letter, he implores Philemon to have compassion and show a brother's love for Onesimus. In the Gospel, Jesus speaks of the elusiveness of the kingdom of God. He also warns his disciples not to run off in the wrong direction.

UNIVERSAL PRAYER

PRIEST: In confidence, let us gather our prayers and offer them to our Father.

- 1) For Pope Francis and all pastoral leaders of the Church, may God give them the fortitude to help us create one family of God, let us pray to the Lord.
- 2) For our government and civic leaders, may the Lord bless their efforts to serve their communities and inspire them in the ways of peace, let us pray to the Lord.
- 3) For families who are undergoing trials, may God bless them with strength, let us pray to the Lord.
- 4) For members of this faith community, may God give us the courage to use our gifts to bear good fruit for his kingdom, let us pray to the Lord.
- 5) For all the faithful departed, may they rest in God's peace with all the angels and saints, let us pray to the Lord.
- 6) (Special petition/s)

PRIEST: God of consolation, we beg the grace we need to create a world based on your love and your ways. We ask this through Christ our Lord.

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Friday, November 16, 2018
(Lec. 495)

- 1) 2 John 4-9
- 2) Luke 17:26-37

FRIDAY OF
32ND WEEK
IN ORDINARY TIME
(Opt. Mem.
Saint Margaret of Scotland;
Saint Gertrude, Virgin)

FOCUS: Let us love one another as Jesus commands.

God created this world and desires our joy and happiness in it. But if we treat created things as more valuable than the Creator, we run the risk of not being able to fulfill God's command to love. For as each human being is made in the image and likeness of God, each person is more valuable than anything else on this earth. And someday, when the Son of Man is revealed again, how we loved *each other* will be far more important than *what* we loved on earth.

LITURGY OF THE WORD

In the first reading, John speaks of the commandment to *love one another*, and to remain *in the teaching of the Christ*. In the Gospel, Jesus describes the coming of the Son of Man and says, *whoever seeks to preserve his life will lose it, but whoever loses it will save it*.

UNIVERSAL PRAYER

PRIEST: Knowing that all our hope is in the Lord, we have confidence to approach God with our needs and the needs of the world.

- 1) For all members of the Church, may we have the fortitude to accept the daily challenges that come with being a disciple of Christ, let us pray to the Lord.
- 2) For those in civil authority, may the grace of God guide them in their leadership roles, let us pray to the Lord.
- 3) For those who are sick, that the Lord may pour out his mercy on their hearts and give them hope, let us pray to the Lord
- 4) For this community of faith, may our families be fed and strengthened by our prayers and the sacraments, let us pray to the Lord.
- 5) For those who have died, may they be received into eternal life with God in the heavenly kingdom, let us pray to the Lord.
- 6) (Special petition/s)

PRIEST: Almighty Father, look upon your people gathered here and hear our prayers. We ask all things through your son, Jesus Christ.

Saturday, November 17, 2018
(Lec. 496)

- 1) 3 John 5-8
- 2) Luke 18:1-8

SATURDAY OF
32ND WEEK
IN ORDINARY TIME
(OBL MEM
Saint Elizabeth of Hungary, Religious)

FOCUS: Let us be *co-workers in the truth*.

Today's readings focus on faith, perseverance and community. Our faith compels us to continue the work of Jesus, and for that we need support from our brothers and sisters. In all of this, we need prayer and perseverance. We cannot build God's kingdom alone, but with God's help and the help of the community, it will be done.

LITURGY OF THE WORD

In the first reading, we hear that those who help to spread the Gospel message are *co-workers in the truth*. In the Gospel, Jesus tells a parable indicating that we need faith to persevere in prayer, just as we need faith to persevere in spreading the message of the kingdom.

UNIVERSAL PRAYER

PRIEST: With humble and contrite hearts, let us offer our prayers to the Father, who is most gracious and merciful.

- 1) For the Church, may we, who are co-workers in God's truth, have the grace to diligently proclaim it to the world, let us pray to the Lord.
- 2) For leaders of nations, may the Spirit guide them in their daily deliberations to peace and justice, let us pray to the Lord.
- 3) For all whose faith is being tested by tragedy or violence, may God's steadfast love for them bring them hope, let us pray to the Lord.
- 4) For this Eucharistic assembly, may God enable us to keep the Eucharist at the heart of our prayer and to pray without ceasing, let us pray to the Lord.
- 5) For those who have died, may they now live in God's truth for all eternity, let us pray to the Lord.
- 6) (Special petition/s)

PRIEST: O God, hear our prayers. Help us to persevere in prayer so that one day we may be with you for all eternity. We ask this through Christ our Lord.

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SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 18, 2018

(Lec. 158)

- 1) Daniel 12:1-3
- 2) Hebrews 10:11-14, 18
- 3) Mark 13:24-32

**THIRTY-THIRD
SUNDAY IN
ORDINARY TIME**

FOCUS: The Son of Man will gather his elect from the four winds.

The sacrifice of Jesus is perfect and complete, atoning for our sins, and he will one day come again to gather to his side all of us who have followed him. In doing this, he will judge between the living – those who have remained faithful to his commandments – and the dead: those who lived lives *not as* disciples. Christ's judgment, then, simply *reflects* our status, it doesn't *impose* it. God has chosen us for his own – we are the elect. Let us respond by choosing it for ourselves, as well.

LITURGY OF THE WORD

Daniel heard the word of the Lord describing an end time where those who sleep will either awake to life everlasting or to everlasting disgrace. In the second reading we hear that by Christ's one sacrifice, we are made perfect. In the Gospel, Jesus tells of the day that the Son of Man will come in glory to gather his elect.

UNIVERSAL PRAYER

PRIEST: Rejoicing in the gift of a loving Savior, we offer our prayers today to the Father.

- 1) For Pope Francis and all who lead the Church, may God grant them grace to prepare themselves and their people for the day of judgement, let us pray to the Lord.
- 2) For elected officials, may God give them prudence so they may rightly judge the things of this world as they influence the communities they lead, let us pray to the Lord.
- 3) For the sick, the poor and the marginalized, may they know God's peace this day, let us pray to the Lord.
- 4) For our community, may God help us to live each day in hopeful anticipation of the kingdom to come, let us pray to the Lord.
- 5) For those who have died, may God the Father have mercy on them and welcome them into the eternal home he has prepared for them, let us pray to the Lord.
- 6) (Special petition/s)

PRIEST: Heavenly Father, we thank you for your Son who is the perfect sacrifice. Hear these and all of our prayers, and help us more fully prepare for the day when Jesus comes again. We ask this through your son, Christ our Lord.

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Monday, November 19, 2018
(Lec. 497)

- 1) Revelation 1:1-4; 2:1-5
- 2) Luke 18:35-43

MONDAY OF
33RD WEEK
IN ORDINARY TIME

FOCUS: In the noise and trials of life, let us ask, "What is happening?" and look for Jesus.

Most people in the Scriptures who wanted to get Jesus' attention were not shy about it. They shouted, they yelled, they ran to him. Some physically brought others to him, and occasionally one would quietly seek him out and try not to disturb him. In all manner of ways, they demonstrated a keen faith in who he was and what he could do. This is how our faith should be: asking, as the blind beggar does, "What is happening?" and then seeking the assistance of Jesus with a clarity of need

LITURGY OF THE WORD

Our first reading begins the Revelation to John; the Church in Ephesus is praised for endurance and suffering, but is encouraged to regain *the love [they] had at first*. In Luke's Gospel, a blind beggar calls out *Jesus, Son of David*, asking for pity; Jesus heals him, telling him his faith has saved him.

UNIVERSAL PRAYER

PRIEST: With faith in the God of mercy and healing, let us offer our prayers this day.

- 1) For bishops, priests and deacons, may Christ encourage them in their faithful testimony to his Gospel, let us pray to the Lord.
- 2) For all those in authority, may they have the spirit of humility to live as servant leaders, protecting human life from conception to natural death, let us pray to the Lord.
- 3) For all who suffer from spiritual blindness, may Jesus open their eyes and lead them to salvation, let us pray to the Lord.
- 4) For our faith community, may we have grace to suffer for Christ and hold fast to him in love, let us pray to the Lord.
- 5) For all who have died, that entering God's kingdom they may enjoy eternal rest with the Church victorious, let us pray to the Lord.
- 6) (Special petition/s)

PRIEST: Heavenly Father, please hear and answer our prayers this day according to your holy will. We ask in the name of Jesus, your son.

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Tuesday, November 20, 2018

(Lec. 498)

- 1) Revelation 3:1-6, 14-22
- 2) Luke 19:1-10

TUESDAY OF
33RD WEEK
IN ORDINARY TIME

FOCUS: *Today salvation has come to this house.*

Luke's Gospel is primarily the story of the Good News being shared with the Gentiles. It is the expansion of God's promise of salvation beyond the people of Israel to all. Everyone who cares to hear and listen will be rewarded as descendants of Abraham. Jesus told Zacchaeus that because of his repentance, salvation had come to his house. May we be so blessed as to have those words spoken about us.

LITURGY OF THE WORD

In the first reading, John has a vision of a message for the Church in Sardis, and the Church in Laodicea. The Gospel relates the encounter between Jesus and Zacchaeus, a chief tax collector.

UNIVERSAL PRAYER

PRIEST: Trusting in God's power and love, let us offer our prayers for ourselves and for others throughout the world.

- 1) That all the clergy and religious may be strengthened in their witness to God's kingdom, and that he may raise up many vocations to herald his coming, let us pray to the Lord.
- 2) That public servants may have the virtues of honesty and forthrightness in their work, let us pray to the Lord.
- 3) That those who are marginalized and overlooked by society may be blessed with the certainty that Jesus knows and loves each of them by name, let us pray to the Lord.
- 4) That the goodness of the Lord may be revealed through us as we place ourselves in service to one another, let us pray to the Lord.
- 5) That the faithful departed may join the heavenly choir and praise God for all eternity, let us pray to the Lord.
- 6) (Special petition/s)

PRIEST: Holy God, hear and answer our prayers, for you are our hope and salvation. We ask these things through our Lord Jesus Christ.

Wednesday, November 21, 2018
(Lec. 499)

- 1) Revelation 4:1-11
- 2) Luke 19:11-28

WEDNESDAY OF
33RD WEEK
IN ORDINARY TIME
(OBL MEM
The Presentation
of the
Blessed Virgin Mary)

FOCUS: As we prepare to be full citizens of heaven, we must be dedicated citizens to our home in this world.

We as Christians have been described as fellow citizens of heaven. Yet at the moment, as we prepare for our eternal lives in heaven, we must be effective and dedicated servants of our homeland here on earth by preaching the Gospel to the people of our times.

LITURGY OF THE WORD

The first reading offers a breathtaking glimpse of the throne room of God in heaven, where God is worshiped continually by the angels and saints. The Gospel speaks of more earthly kingdoms. Jesus challenges us in his parable to be responsible servants and to use our gifts to improve life here on earth.

UNIVERSAL PRAYER

PRIEST: With confidence in the love and personal concern of our God, we present him with our prayers and petitions.

- 1) For all priests and religious, may the intercession of the Blessed Virgin Mary give them strength and support in their dedication to God and the Church, let us pray to the Lord.
- 2) For civic leaders at all levels, may the humility of Christ lead them in their governance for the welfare of all, let us pray to the Lord.
- 3) For people plagued by fear, anxiety or depression, may they know God's never-ending love for them, let us pray to the Lord.
- 4) For members of this faith community, may God's gifts in our lives help us respond each day to the graces and challenges we are given, let us pray to the Lord.
- 5) For our loved ones who have died, and for all who will die today, may they be in the company of God, the angels and the saints forever, let us pray to the Lord.
- 6) (Special petition/s)

PRIEST: Loving Father, we present these prayers to you in absolute trust that you know our needs. We ask that you grant these petitions, which we bring in the name of your son, Jesus.

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NOTE: Or for Thanksgiving Day in the United States of America, any readings from the *Lectionary for Ritual Masses* (vol. IV), the Mass: "In Thanksgiving to God," nos. 943-947).

Thursday, November 22, 2018

(Lec. 500)

- 1) Revelation 5:1-10
- 2) Luke 19:41-44

THURSDAY OF
33RD WEEK
IN ORDINARY TIME
(OBL MEM

Saint Cecilia, Virgin and Martyr)

FOCUS: Do we have eyes to see *what makes for peace?*

Jesus, who is true peace, wants peace for God's sons and daughters, but it still eludes us here on earth. Do our lives produce the fruit of peace that is evidence of relationship with the Lord? Do we have eyes to see him in each other, and to see what makes for peace?

LITURGY OF THE WORD

In the reading from the Book of Revelation, no one is able to open or read the scroll, and tears are shed. Yet the triumph is made evident as a slain Lamb receives the scroll, and new hymns of joy are proclaimed. In the Gospel, we hear of the lament of Jerusalem. Jesus sees the city and weeps, for the people do not have eyes to see *what makes for peace*.

UNIVERSAL PRAYER

PRIEST: We come before God, our Father, with the prayers of our hearts, confident of his loving promise to hear and answer them.

- 1) For the Church, that Pope Francis, bishops, priests, deacons and religious may be blessed for their faithfulness and strengthened for their mission, let us pray to the Lord.
- 2) For government officials, that God may grant them guidance for leading their people to peace and unity, let us pray to the Lord.
- 3) For the sick in mind, body and spirit, that the Lord who brings peace and wholeness may mend all that needs healing, let us pray to the Lord.
- 4) For those gathered here today and for those we love, that God may hear and answer our prayer for eyes to see, let us pray to the Lord.
- 5) For those who have died, that the Lord of mercy and peace may welcome them into his life, let us pray to the Lord.
- 6) (Special petition/s)

PRIEST: Father in heaven, we trust in your providence. Hear and answer our prayers in your wisdom and in your time. We ask this through your son, our Lord, Jesus Christ.

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Friday, November 23, 2018
(Lec. 501)

- 1) Revelation 10:8-11
- 2) Luke 19:45-48

FRIDAY OF
33RD WEEK
IN ORDINARY TIME
(Opt. Mem.)

Saint Clement I, Pope and Martyr;
Saint Columban, Abbot;
USA: Blessed Miguel Agustín Pro, Priest and Martyr)

FOCUS: Let the Lord prepare our hearts.

Preparation is often the key to success and growth. Farmers must prepare fields; teachers prepare lessons; families prepare meals; communities of worship prepare their hearts. Today's Gospel reminds us that we can only listen attentively to Christ's words and receive the Gospel after the Lord has first prepared our hearts to be a place of encounter and prayer, free of the distractions of the world.

LITURGY OF THE WORD

In the first reading from the Book of Revelation, the Apostle John prepares himself to prophesy by obeying the divine words. In today's Gospel, Jesus prepares the Temple area to be a place of prayer where he can teach and the people can listen to his words.

UNIVERSAL PRAYER

PRIEST: United in faith, let us bring the needs and prayers of the Church and the world before our saving Lord.

- 1) For the pope, bishops, priests and all those who preach the Gospel, may the Lord bless them in their lives of discipleship, let us pray to the Lord.
- 2) For civic leaders, may they be led by the Holy Spirit to act with integrity and truthfulness, working together for the peace and good of all, let us pray to the Lord.
- 3) For those who have closed their hearts to the Gospel, may the Lord open and expand those hearts with his love and mercy, let us pray to the Lord.
- 4) For our parish community, may the Lord give us a holy disposition so as to ably listen to and truly hear the Gospel, let us pray to the Lord.
- 5) For the faithful departed, may the Lord bless them with eternal joy, let us pray to the Lord.
- 6) (Special petition/s)

PRIEST: Loving God, hear the prayers of your humble servants; we offer them knowing all things are possible for you who are Lord and King, forever and ever. We ask this through Christ our Lord.

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Saturday, November 24, 2018
(Lec. 502)

- 1) Revelation 11:4-12
- 2) Luke 20:27-40

SATURDAY OF
33RD WEEK
IN ORDINARY TIME
(OBL MEM
Saint Andrew Dũng-Lạc, Priest,
and Companions, Martyrs)

FOCUS: Jesus teaches about the Resurrection, giving witness to our God of life.

Today's readings highlight our belief in the resurrection of the dead, and so it is fitting that we celebrate Saints Andrew Dũng-Lạc and his Vietnamese companions who witnessed their faith through heroic martyrdom. These martyrs suffered great trials, which teach us that God's love has the greatest power over violence, sin and death.

LITURGY OF THE WORD

In the reading from Revelation, John hears a voice from heaven speaking about two witnesses, symbolized by olive trees and lampstands, who are made victorious with their entrance into heaven. In the Gospel, some Sadducees, who do not believe in resurrection, try – and fail – to stump Jesus.

UNIVERSAL PRAYER

PRIEST: Let us join our hearts and present our needs to our heavenly Father.

- 1) For our Church, may she increase in number and holiness through a Spirit-led witness to our hope in the Resurrection, let us pray to the Lord.
- 2) For all who do not know God or have a false image of who God is, may they have an authentic experience of our Lord through Christian witness, let us pray to the Lord.
- 3) For those who suffer oppression because of their faith in Christ, may God protect them and give them justice and peace, let us pray to the Lord.
- 4) For teachers and educators in this faith community, may the wisdom of the Lord guide their work, enriching the lives of those they serve, let us pray to the Lord.
- 5) For all who have died, may they soon rejoice in heaven with our resurrected Lord and all of the angels and saints, let us pray to the Lord.
- 6) (Special petition/s)

PRIEST: God and Father of the living, receive our prayers with your love and mercy. We ask this through your son, Jesus Christ.

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SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 25, 2018

(Lec. 161)

- 1) Daniel 7:13-14
- 2) Revelation 1:5-8
- 3) John 18:33b-37

**OUR LORD
JESUS CHRIST,
KING OF THE UNIVERSE
- SOLEMNITY**

FOCUS: Jesus, King of heaven and earth, cares for all his people and calls us to love and serve him in return.

This final Sunday in Ordinary time is marked as the Feast of Christ the King. Jesus, our King, has all power in heaven and earth. The Church represents the kingdom on earth. We, as members of that kingdom, are expected to follow the example of Jesus. He rules with love, service and compassion, and calls us to do the same.

LITURGY OF THE WORD

All of today's readings address the idea of kingship. Daniel's vision sees the king in everlasting glory being served by all nations. The second reading names the King as Jesus Christ and affirms his reign as absolute and everlasting. John's Gospel relays the exchange between Jesus and Pilate before his crucifixion, where Jesus confirms his kingdom is not of this world.

UNIVERSAL PRAYER

PRIEST: With trust in our God of love and compassion, we gather our prayers and offer them to him.

- 1) For the Church, the earthly kingdom of God, may she receive the graces necessary to continue to carry out the Lord's mission and be a sign of his love and goodness to the world, let us pray to the Lord.
- 2) For all those in authority, may the Good News of Jesus Christ guide their words and actions in defending the dignity and sanctity of life from conception through natural death, let us pray to the Lord.
- 3) For all who suffer from chronic illnesses and those who love and care for them, may they know relief from pain and may their spirits be lifted by God's loving care, let us pray to the Lord.
- 4) For friends or families who are separated by anger, hurt or disagreement, may the Holy Spirit provide them the strength to reach out in love to one another, let us pray to the Lord.
- 5) For all who have died, may they be united with the Father and rejoice in eternal life, let us pray to the Lord.
- 6) (Special petition/s)

PRIEST: Lord, on this day when we celebrate your almighty kingship, we ask you to hear the words of your people and grant our needs as you will. We ask this through Christ, our Lord.

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Monday, November 26, 2018
(Lec. 503)

- 1) Revelation 14:1-3, 4b-5
- 2) Luke 21:1-4

MONDAY OF
34TH WEEK
IN ORDINARY TIME

FOCUS: The Lord sees the hearts of all and rewards them accordingly.

Living humbly, simply and meekly, as Jesus taught us, will help us to walk with him and follow in his footsteps. In the same way that the widow *offered her whole livelihood*, Jesus asks us to follow him with our whole being.

LITURGY OF THE WORD

In our first reading from the Book of Revelation John has a vision of the Lamb on Mount Zion, and with him those who had been ransomed from the earth. In the Gospel, Jesus praises the poor widow who put all she had in the Temple treasury, in contrast to those who gave of their surplus.

UNIVERSAL PRAYER

PRIEST: As we approach the holy season of Advent, let us remember the promises of Jesus and offer our prayers in faith to our merciful God.

- 1) For all members of the Church, may we manifest Christ's love in our everyday lives and live the virtues that he taught, let us pray to the Lord.
- 2) For those in public office, may God give them fortitude to search for nonviolent solutions to age-old conflicts, let us pray to the Lord.
- 3) For those who suffer isolation or neglect, especially the elderly, may they experience God's presence through the outreach of family and caregivers, let us pray to the Lord.
- 4) For our local faith community, may God give us the strength to live and love as Jesus taught, let us pray to the Lord.
- 5) For our deceased relatives and friends, may they be welcomed to the joy of heaven in the presence of God and all his saints, let us pray to the Lord.
- 6) (Special petition/s)

PRIEST: Loving God, full of compassion and mercy, hear our prayers and answer according to your will, through Christ our Lord.

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Tuesday, November 27, 2018
(Lec. 504)

- 1) Revelation 14:14-19
- 2) Luke 21:5-11

TUESDAY OF
34TH WEEK
IN ORDINARY TIME

FOCUS: Let us keep our focus on God's kingdom.

The blessings in our lives fortify us to face misfortune when it comes our way. Yet the everyday things of this world, although important, are ultimately finite, as we know. But God's kingdom is eternal. Let us keep our eyes fixed on what will last forever, that we may be part of the great harvest of believers in the final judgment.

LITURGY OF THE WORD

In our first reading from the Book of Revelation, John has a vision of the great harvest at the final judgment. In the Gospel, Jesus speaks of the Temple crumbling. More important, he warns his disciples not to follow those who would lead them astray.

UNIVERSAL PRAYER

PRIEST: Aware of God's presence at work in our lives, we humbly ask the Lord to hear our prayers.

- 1) For Pope Francis and all Church leaders, through the power of the Holy Spirit may their preaching and example draw us closer to God's loving embrace, let us pray to the Lord.
- 2) For our civic leaders and for heads of government around the world, may they serve as instruments of God's grace to bring peace and harmony upon the earth, let us pray to the Lord.
- 3) For those who suffer from inadequate housing, lack of food or gainful employment, may they know God's love through our efforts to assist them, let us pray to the Lord.
- 4) For this faith community, may this Holy Sacrifice deepen our ability to share our love of God through our love for others, let us pray to the Lord.
- 5) For those who will come before the judgment of God today, may they be surrounded by God's love and mercy, let us pray to the Lord.
- 6) (Special petition/s)

PRIEST: Gracious Father, hear this day the prayers of all your children, those spoken and those that remain in the quietness of our hearts. We ask this through your son, Christ our Lord.

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Wednesday, November 28, 2018
(Lec. 505)

- 1) Revelation 15:1-4
- 2) Luke 21:12-19

WEDNESDAY OF
34TH WEEK
IN ORDINARY TIME

FOCUS: Persevere in righteousness for God the Father.

Those who follow Jesus will not have it easy, but the world cannot destroy what God has made. We must pick up our cross each day and follow Jesus, relying on God's mercy to keep us steadfast.

LITURGY OF THE WORD

In the reading from Revelation, John has a vision of God's victory in image and in song. In Luke's Gospel, Jesus warns that those who follow him will be persecuted and many will die, but by perseverance they will have (eternal) life.

UNIVERSAL PRAYER

PRIEST: Together with one voice, we offer our prayers to our heavenly Father.

- 1) For the Church, may God continue to guide her and bless her efforts in evangelization, let us pray to the Lord.
- 2) For all in leadership positions, may the Holy Spirit guide their decision-making, let us pray to the Lord.
- 3) For the sick, may God accompany them through their suffering and give them peace, let us pray to the Lord.
- 4) For our parish community, that through the graces of the sacraments our families are strengthened, let us pray to the Lord.
- 5) For those who have died, may they be in the loving arms of our heavenly Father, let us pray to the Lord.
- 6) (Special petition/s)

PRIEST: Heavenly Father, we thank you for hearing our prayers and answering them according to your will. We pray through your son, Jesus Christ.

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Thursday, November 29, 2018
(Lec. 506)

THURSDAY OF
34TH WEEK
IN ORDINARY TIME

- 1) Revelation 18:1-2, 21-23;
19:1-3, 9a
- 2) Luke 21:20-28

FOCUS: God continually calls us to himself. In faithfulness, let us come to him.

It is at this time of year that our minds turn to change. Days are getting shorter in the northern hemisphere and longer in the south. Our weather might be changing, certainly the seasons are. It is always the season to remember to whom we belong. God asks for our faithfulness and resolve in every season. Turn to him.

LITURGY OF THE WORD

In the first reading, John has a vision of the destruction of Babylon, and also hears a great multitude singing of God's salvation. Jesus' message in the Gospel is twofold: he tells of the destruction of Jerusalem and the Second Coming of the Son of Man.

UNIVERSAL PRAYER

PRIEST: With confidence in our God who is merciful, we ask him now to hear us as we pray.

- 1) For the Church, through the grace and power of the Holy Spirit, may she persevere in bringing Christ's truth and light to the world, let us pray to the Lord.
- 2) For people throughout the world, led by the power of the Prince of Peace, may they extend their hands in gestures of peace to one another, let us pray to the Lord.
- 3) For those who have turned their backs on God, may they be led to repent and believe, allowing their souls to be healed, let us pray to the Lord.
- 4) For this assembly, loyal followers of Jesus, may the knowledge that our Redeemer is at hand truly direct us to lives of discipleship, let us pray to the Lord.
- 5) For our beloved dead who were faithful in this life, may they see the Son of God coming in power and glory, let us pray to the Lord.
- 6) (Special petition/s)

PRIEST: O merciful and loving God, you sent us Christ to teach us to come to you when we need anything. Hear us as we humbly place our needs before you. We ask this through Christ our Lord.

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Friday, November 30, 2018
(Lec. 684)

- 1) Romans 10:9-18
- 2) Matthew 4:18-22

**SAINT ANDREW,
APOSTLE
- FEAST**

FOCUS: We are each called by name to do the work of building the kingdom of God on earth.

The greatest good in life is to simply follow Jesus – to build up his kingdom here on earth. We do this by listening for his voice, hearing what he asks of us and heeding his call. In this way, we share the Good News and help bring salvation to all, just as Christ commanded us to do each and every day.

LITURGY OF THE WORD

In the first reading, we hear that some must be sent to preach, so all may hear. And all who hear and profess the faith will be saved. Today's Gospel relates the calling of the Apostles Simon Peter, Andrew, James and John.

UNIVERSAL PRAYER

PRIEST: Because our God is ever faithful, let us bring before him our prayers and petitions.

- 1) For the Church, may the Lord graciously look upon us as we proclaim boldly the truth of the Gospel, let us pray to the Lord.
- 2) For world leaders, as God turned the hearts of kings, may all who currently rule come to know Jesus as their Savior, let us pray to the Lord.
- 3) For those who are sick or suffering, may they be certain of and comforted by God's love for them, let us pray to the Lord.
- 4) For this faith community, may God's grace help us hate what is evil and hold fast to what is good, let us pray to the Lord.
- 5) For those who have died and have no one to pray for them, may they attain the glories of heaven, let us pray to the Lord.
- 6) (Special petition/s)

PRIEST: Heavenly Father, your love is never-ending. Please hear and answer our prayers which we ask through your son, Jesus Christ, our Lord.

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