

# NOVEMBER

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**SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 1, 2020**

(Lec. 667)

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

**ALL SAINTS  
- SOLEMINTY**

FOCUS: We are all called to be saints.

Gathered at each Mass, we are like the crowd in today's Gospel, sitting at the feet of Jesus and seeking direction through his Word and spiritual nourishment through the Eucharist. Placing our hope in God and striving to lead virtuous lives, we look toward salvation and eternal life, and are reminded that we are all called to be saints.

LITURGY OF THE WORD

In the first reading, John relates his heavenly vision of salvation for God's chosen people. In the second reading, John writes that we are the *children of God*, and we have been called to place our hope in him. In the Gospel, Jesus preaches the Sermon on the Mount, reassuring his followers that the reward for those who live according to the new law *will be great in heaven*.

UNIVERSAL PRAYER

PRIEST: In communion with all the saints, we offer our prayers and petitions to our heavenly Father.

- 1) For the Church, may the Holy Spirit continue to lead and guide her, let us pray to the Lord.
- 2) For elected officials, may the Lord sow the seeds of compassion in their work of guarding the well-being of the most vulnerable, let us pray to the Lord.
- 3) For expectant mothers, may God bless them with the love of family and community, let us pray to the Lord.
- 4) For each of us gathered here, may God help us in our efforts to seek to follow his will in our lives, let us pray to the Lord.
- 5) For those who have died, may they know the joy of heaven in the presence of all the saints, let us pray to the Lord.
- 6) (Special petition/s)

PRIEST: Father, with trust in your love and mercy, we bring these prayers before you. We ask that you answer them according to your will, through your Son, Jesus Christ.

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Monday, November 2, 2020  
(Lec. 668)

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

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

**FOCUS:** God wills for us to be saved through Jesus, who offers us eternal life through his life, death, and resurrection.

On All Souls' Day, we pray for those who have gone before us and acknowledge our own mortality, our own weakness, and our own need for a Savior. Jesus, sent to redeem and save, makes clear that the will of the Father is for his sons and daughters to be saved.

LITURGY OF THE WORD

Wisdom says that *the souls of the just are in the hand of God*, and that although death looks like final and complete failure, those who know and trust the Lord *shall abide with him in love*. In the second reading, Saint Paul writes that we have the Holy Spirit in us, and that *while we were still sinners*, Jesus came and, in love, conquered sin and death. In today's Gospel, Jesus explains that the Father wills the salvation of all, and has sent him so that all might believe and be saved.

UNIVERSAL PRAYER

PRIEST: Let us turn to our merciful Father with our prayers and petitions.

- 1) For the Church, may the Holy Spirit guide her in proclaiming the truth of salvation and the love of God, let us pray to the Lord.
- 2) For government leaders, may they be blessed with fortitude in their efforts to protect life from conception through natural death, let us pray to the Lord.
- 3) For the sick, may the healing presence of God bring them comfort and peace today and always, let us pray to the Lord.
- 4) For those gathered here today, may the Lord strengthen us in virtue, let us pray to the Lord.
- 5) For our beloved dead, may they rest joyfully in the presence of God, let us pray to the Lord.
- 6) (Special petition/s)

PRIEST: Heavenly Father, thank you for sending your Son to save us. Hear and answer our prayers this day as we seek your perfect will. We ask this through your Son, Christ our Lord.

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Tuesday, November 3, 2020  
(Lec. 486)

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

TUESDAY OF  
31<sup>ST</sup> WEEK  
IN ORDINARY TIME  
(Opt. Mem.  
Saint Martin de Porres,  
Religious)

FOCUS: What keeps us from God's banquet?

The people in the parable in today's Gospel seem to have a number of excuses not to go to the banquet, none of which seem urgent. It is so easy to be distracted from doing the work God is calling us to. Let us try to identify and remove those "excuses" that keep us away from his banquet.

### LITURGY OF THE WORD

In the first reading, Paul speaks of Jesus' humility and obedience to death – leading to his exaltation at the right hand of God. In the Gospel, Jesus tells a parable in which invited guests find various excuses not to attend a dinner.

### UNIVERSAL PRAYER

PRIEST: God invites us to a share in his Kingdom. With this call in mind, let us lift our hearts and prayers to him.

- 1) For Church leaders, may God draw them ever closer to himself in their mission of spreading the Gospel, let us pray to the Lord.
- 2) For world leaders, may God give them the grace to work toward peace among nations, let us pray to the Lord.
- 3) For all who are on the fringes of society, may the Lord provide for the acceptance and help that they need, let us pray to the Lord.
- 4) For those in this faith community engaged in educating young people, may the Lord bless their service and dedication, let us pray to the Lord.
- 5) For our beloved dead, may they feast forever at the heavenly table of God, let us pray to the Lord.
- 6) (Special petition/s)

PRIEST: Loving God, you invite all of us to your table. Listen now to our prayers and tend to the needs of those we place before you. We ask through Christ our Lord.

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Wednesday, November 4, 2020  
(Lec. 487)

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

WEDNESDAY OF  
31<sup>ST</sup> WEEK  
IN ORDINARY TIME  
(OBL MEM  
Saint Charles Borromeo,  
Bishop)

FOCUS: We are invited to live in service to the Father, and to be a light which draws others to God's kingdom.

At this time of year, with all that we have been through as a nation and a global community, it is more important than ever that we "shine like light in the world of darkness." The Gospel isn't just Good News, it is – especially now – the best news. We know how this ends – with Christ's glory. But that doesn't take away the necessity of living in the here and now, taking up our crosses, and devoting our lives to Christ and to bringing about the fullness of his Kingdom.

### LITURGY OF THE WORD

In his Letter to the Philippians, Paul reminds them that those who live in obedience and service to God will shine like lights in the world of darkness. In Luke's Gospel, Jesus explains the total dedication necessary to be his disciples, telling the crowds, *whoever does not carry his own cross and come after me cannot be my disciple.*

### UNIVERSAL PRAYER

PRIEST: As we strive to live our lives pleasing to the Father, let us join together in faith to present our needs to him.

- 1) That we, the Body of Christ, may be strengthened and sanctified by our reception of the sacraments, let us pray to the Lord.
- 2) That those in positions of authority may grow in charity and wisdom in serving their people, let us pray to the Lord.
- 3) That those oppressed by poverty may find relief and comfort in the sanctuary of God's love, let us pray to the Lord.
- 4) That those in our community who live in anger or separation from their families may have the grace of mutual healing and reconciliation, let us pray to the Lord.
- 5) That those who have died may rejoice with all the angels and the communion of saints in the presence of the Father, let us pray to the Lord.
- 6) (Special petition/s)

PRIEST: Heavenly Father, we place these needs before you, knowing that you always listen and answer our prayers. Through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord.

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Thursday, November 5, 2020  
(Lec. 488)

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

THURSDAY OF  
31<sup>ST</sup> WEEK  
IN ORDINARY TIME

FOCUS: Christ is the Good Shepherd, who seeks the lost.

Jesus never ceases to seek out the lost, which could mean any one of us when we sin and lose our way, or when we think we have no need for God or his mercy. But when we repent, God always forgives us and seeks to draw us back to himself.

### LITURGY OF THE WORD

In the first reading, Paul acknowledges that any gain in his life is of no consequence compared to knowing Christ. In the Gospel, Jesus addresses the scribes and Pharisees with two parables: the shepherd who goes out to find a lost sheep, and a woman who searches her home to find a lost coin.

### UNIVERSAL PRAYER

PRIEST: With confidence, let us offer our prayers to our Father in heaven.

- 1) For the leaders of the Church, may the Holy Spirit work through them in seeking the lost and welcoming the outcast, let us pray to the Lord.
- 2) For our national and local leaders, may they be blessed with the compassion of Christ in their attentiveness to the needs of the most vulnerable, especially the unborn, let us pray to the Lord.
- 3) For the sick, especially those struggling with chronic illness, may God bring them healing of mind and body, let us pray to the Lord.
- 4) For this worship community, may God help us grow in faith and in appreciation of the unique gifts in one another, 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 6, 2020  
(Lec. 489)

- 1) Philippians 3:17–4:1
- 2) Luke 16:1-8

FRIDAY OF  
31<sup>ST</sup> WEEK  
IN ORDINARY TIME

FOCUS: Let us set our hearts on the hope of heaven.

Both readings tell us to use our time on earth to prepare for the next life. Saint Paul reminds us that we are citizens of heaven, destined for a glory like Christ's. Like the steward's position in the parable, our earthly life will end soon, and we must use our temporary material blessings prudently for our soul's eternal benefit.

### LITURGY OF THE WORD

Paul encourages the Philippians to *stand firm in the Lord*, saying, *our citizenship is in heaven*. In the Gospel, Jesus tells the parable of the dishonest steward.

### UNIVERSAL PRAYER

PRIEST: Gathered as one united in faith, let us bring our needs before our loving God.

- 1) For the Church, may the Holy Spirit continue to bless, guide, and uphold her, let us pray to the Lord.
- 2) For our leaders and all those with worldly power, may God make them wise and selfless stewards of his gifts, let us pray to the Lord.
- 3) For all who suffer from loneliness or grief, may God console them, let us pray to the Lord.
- 4) For this community of faith, may our communion in Christ's body and blood instill in us a greater love for him and for one another, let us pray to the Lord.
- 5) For the faithful departed, may our Savior transform them into the image of his own glory, let us pray to the Lord.
- 6) (Special petition/s)

PRIEST: Almighty Father, we thank you for all your blessings – past, present, and future. We entrust these prayers to you through your Son, Christ our Lord.

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Saturday, November 7, 2020  
(Lec. 490)

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

SATURDAY OF  
31<sup>ST</sup> WEEK  
IN ORDINARY TIME  
(Saturday in honor  
of BVM)

FOCUS: God knows our hearts.

In the Gospel, Jesus says that when we are honest with small things, we will be honest with the big things as well. He reminds us not to get caught up in the things of the world, as the Pharisees did, but to place our faith in God, who provides all that we need.

### LITURGY OF THE WORD

In the first reading, Paul writes to the Philippians about living humbly, and tells them that their generosity has been pleasing to God. In the Gospel, Jesus tells the Pharisees, *You justify yourselves in the sight of others, but God knows your hearts.*

### UNIVERSAL PRAYER

PRIEST: Let us gather together to express our needs to our loving Father.

- 1) For all members of the Church may God give us servants' attitudes in our work of building his Kingdom on earth, let us pray to the Lord.
- 2) For policymakers, may the Holy Spirit guide them in enacting legislation to protect the sanctity of life from conception through natural death, let us pray to the Lord.
- 3) For those who bear heavy crosses each day, may God grant them courage and strength, let us pray to the Lord.
- 4) For married couples in this faith community, may the Holy Spirit guide them in forgiveness, love, and reconciliation in times of struggles, let us pray to the Lord.
- 5) For those who have died, may they join the communion of saints in praising God in heaven for all eternity, let us pray to the Lord.
- 6) (Special petition/s)

PRIEST: Eternal Father, we thank you for your love and care for us. Please listen to the prayers we present to you today. We ask this in the name of your Son, Jesus Christ.

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**SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 8, 2020**

(Lec. 154)

- 1) Wisdom 6:12-16
- 2) 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18  
or 4:13-14
- 3) Matthew 25:1-13

**32<sup>ND</sup> SUNDAY  
IN ORDINARY TIME**

FOCUS: Let us remain vigilant as we await Jesus' return.

Do we live each day as if we were to meet God at any moment? As Christians, we know that this life is not the end. But we must stay awake and be prepared to meet the Lord, because we do not know the day or the hour of his return.

LITURGY OF THE WORD

The first reading says that wisdom is *resplendent and unfading*, and can be found by those who seek her. In his Letter to the Thessalonians, Paul writes that Jesus' resurrection enables them to have hope that those Christians who have preceded them in death will also rise in Christ. In the Gospel, Jesus tells the parable of the ten virgins: *Five of them were foolish and five were wise.*

UNIVERSAL PRAYER

PRIEST: With confidence and faith, we bring our needs to our loving God.

- 1) For the Church, may the Holy Spirit continue to guide her in holiness and protect her from all evil, let us pray to the Lord.
- 2) For civic and health care leaders who coordinate responses to the pandemic, may God give them wisdom, strength and compassion, let us pray to the Lord.
- 3) For those nearing death, may Christ fill their souls with his peace and lead them to seek his mercy, let us pray to the Lord.
- 4) For members of this faith community, may God graciously help us use our time and talents for the sake of his Kingdom, let us pray to the Lord.
- 5) For the faithful departed, may the risen Christ welcome them into the great wedding feast of heaven, let us pray to the Lord.
- 6) (Special petition/s)

PRIEST: Father of love and mercy, you are our help. Trusting in your compassion, we ask you to hear our petitions, which we offer through your Son, Jesus.

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Monday, November 9, 2020  
(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: Basilicas are symbols of the living Church.

As the cathedral church of the pope in Rome, the Lateran Basilica is the symbol of the living Church on earth. It connects the faithful in our work and mission of forming disciples. It is a sacred building, and the dwelling place of God.

LITURGY OF THE WORD

In the first reading, an angel shows Ezekiel water flowing from all sides of the temple and tells him that it is the source of life, and of growth that bears unfailing fruit. Paul asks the Corinthians, *Do you not know that you are the temple of God, and that the Spirit of God dwells in you?* In the Gospel, Jesus overturns the tables of the money-changers in the temple, and tells the crowd, *Destroy this temple and in three days I will raise it up.*

UNIVERSAL PRAYER

PRIEST: As temples of the Holy Spirit, we offer our prayers to our loving God.

- 1) For Pope Francis, Bishop of Rome, may the Holy Spirit strengthen his ministry among us, let us pray to the Lord.
- 2) For our civic leaders, may God grant them fortitude and wisdom, let us pray to the Lord.
- 3) For those whose lives have been uprooted because of violence, trauma, or hatred, may God grant them comfort and consolation, let us pray to the Lord.
- 4) For all gathered here, 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, may they find a dwelling place among the angels this day, let us pray to the Lord.
- 6) (Special petition/s)

PRIEST: Loving God, we place our needs before you and ask that you answer them according to your will. We ask this through Christ our Lord.

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Tuesday, November 10, 2020  
(Lec. 492)

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

TUESDAY OF  
32<sup>ND</sup> WEEK  
IN ORDINARY TIME  
(OBL MEM  
Saint Leo the Great,  
Pope and Doctor of the Church)

FOCUS: Strive to live in a way that is pleasing to God.

Jesus desires to make us a people as his own, eager to do what is good. He encourages us to have true servants' hearts and attitudes. Let us allow the Holy Spirit to work in us and give us strength to persevere in faith and service.

### LITURGY OF THE WORD

In the first reading, Paul urges integrity in word and deed, saying, God's grace is *training us* and Christ cleanses us to be his people, *eager to do what is good*. In the Gospel, Jesus speaks to his Apostles about the proper attitude for a servant.

### UNIVERSAL PRAYER

PRIEST: As God's beloved people, we turn to him now with our prayers and petitions.

- 1) That all members of the Church may be conformed to the Spirit of Christ, let us pray to the Lord.
- 2) That God's Spirit of Justice may be upon national leaders guiding them in their service to their people, let us pray to the Lord.
- 3) That the Lord, in his great mercy, may bring about an end to the scourge of human trafficking, let us pray to the Lord.
- 4) That this community of faith may grow in love and zeal for the Gospel, let us pray to the Lord.
- 5) That the faithful departed may soon find their place at the table of Christ's heavenly feast, let us pray to the Lord.
- 6) (Special petition/s)

PRIEST: Heavenly Father, in your mercy we ask that you hear our prayers today. Through your Son, Christ our Lord.

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Wednesday, November 11, 2020  
(Lec. 493)

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

WEDNESDAY OF  
32<sup>ND</sup> WEEK  
IN ORDINARY TIME  
(OBL MEM  
Saint Martin of Tours,  
Bishop)

FOCUS: We have been saved by the generous love of God.

Gratitude is the habit of seeing and acknowledging the source of good in our lives. By being grateful, we acknowledge the truth that it is *the kindness and generous love of God* which saves us and blesses us – not any righteous deeds we may have done.

### LITURGY OF THE WORD

In the first reading, Saint Paul advises Titus to instruct the members of his community to be good because they have been saved by the generous love of God. In the Gospel, Jesus heals 10 lepers and only one, a Samaritan, returns to give thanks.

### UNIVERSAL PRAYER

PRIEST: Recognizing the goodness of God who gives us all good things, we confidently bring our prayers to him.

- 1) For Pope Francis and all leaders of the Church, may Christ draw them ever closer to himself, let us pray to the Lord.
- 2) For political leaders, may God guide them in protecting the dignity of all, especially the unborn, let us pray to the Lord.
- 3) For the dying and all who bear the burden of sickness, may they share in and know the love of Christ, let us pray to the Lord.
- 4) For those gathered here, may God grant us the grace to see his goodness in others, let us pray to the Lord.
- 5) For those who have died, may they have the joy of eternal life with the saints and angels in heaven, let us pray to the Lord.
- 6) (Special petition/s)

PRIEST: God of power and healing, we bring you these prayers today, knowing that you are generous. Hear our prayers, we ask, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

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Thursday, November 12, 2020  
(Lec. 494)

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

THURSDAY OF  
32<sup>ND</sup> WEEK  
IN ORDINARY TIME  
(OBL MEM  
Saint Josaphat,  
Bishop and Martyr)

FOCUS: *The Kingdom of God is among you.*

The Kingdom of God is among us, and through our obedience to the will of God in our lives, and our witness to his promises by our words and example, we help it grow and prosper. We invite others to be part of his reign when we treat them as brothers and sisters in Christ – as Paul asked Philemon to do.

### LITURGY OF THE WORD

Paul writes to Philemon, encouraging him to do the right thing by treating Onesimus as a brother in Christ rather than as a slave. Jesus tells the Pharisees that the Kingdom of God is already present among them, and tells his disciples that the Son of Man *first ... must suffer greatly and be rejected by this generation.*

### UNIVERSAL PRAYER

PRIEST: With trust and hope in the Lord's goodness and mercy, let us bring before him our petitions for the Church and all the world.

- 1) For the guidance of the Holy Spirit in the Church's public witness and commitment to ending racism, let us pray to the Lord.
- 2) For government officials, may the Holy Spirit guide them in discerning actions that best serve the common good, let us pray to the Lord.
- 3) For those who are elderly or homebound, may the Lord's companionship bring them peace and joy, let us pray to the Lord.
- 4) For young people in this community and beyond, may the Lord continue to nurture their faith and draw them closer to himself, let us pray to the Lord.
- 5) For all who have died, may they find eternal rest with God in heaven, let us pray to the Lord.
- 6) (Special petition/s)

PRIEST: Loving and faithful God, hear these prayers we have brought before you with sincere hearts, and answer them in accord with your divine will. In Christ's name we pray.

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Friday, November 13, 2020  
(Lec. 495)

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

FRIDAY OF  
32<sup>ND</sup> WEEK  
IN ORDINARY TIME  
(OBL MEM  
USA: Saint Frances Xavier Cabrini,  
Virgin)

FOCUS: Let us love one another.

The way of discipleship can be fraught with challenges and temptations. Today's readings recognize worldly pressures, and urge us to hold on to Christ in our lives. The call to follow Christ invites us to be ever-mindful of the present. His example of sacrifice out of love is something we are to strive for each and every day.

### LITURGY OF THE WORD

In the first reading, John encourages his community to hold to the commandment from Christ: love one another. In Luke's Gospel, Jesus warns of the need to be prepared for *the day the Son of Man is revealed*. He tells them, *Whoever seeks to preserve his life will lose it, but whoever loses it will save it.*

### UNIVERSAL PRAYER

PRIEST: Mindful of our dependence on God, let us humbly place our needs before him.

- 1) For the Church, as it works to build the kingdom of God here and now, let us pray to the Lord.
- 2) For elected officials, may the Holy Spirit guide them in prudence and charity in their decision-making, let us pray to the Lord.
- 3) For those who suffer the pain of loss, may Christ's compassion be with them in their grief, let us pray to the Lord.
- 4) For all of us assembled here today, may God's presence help us in our striving to be better disciples, let us pray to the Lord.
- 5) For our faithful departed, may God's infinite love welcome them into eternal life, let us pray to the Lord.
- 6) (Special petition/s)

PRIEST: God of mercy, we come before you seeking your will. We ask that you hear the prayers we offer today, through Christ our Lord.

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Saturday, November 14, 2020  
(Lec. 496)

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

SATURDAY OF  
32<sup>ND</sup> WEEK  
IN ORDINARY TIME  
(Saturday in honor  
of BVM)

FOCUS: Strive to spend quality time with God in prayer each day.

Persistence in prayer is not always easy. Perhaps we feel our prayers are not being answered, or that God is not hearing us. But Jesus tells us today to *pray always, without becoming weary*. In order to grow in our relationship with God, we need to spend quality time with him in prayer each day.

### LITURGY OF THE WORD

The first reading urges the faithful in John's community to demonstrate their love by showing hospitality to strangers and by supporting their fellow Christians, thus becoming *co-workers in the truth*. In the Gospel, Jesus tells his disciples a parable *about the necessity for them to pray always without becoming weary*.

### UNIVERSAL PRAYER

PRIEST: Confident that our heavenly Father will hear our prayers, we present our needs to him.

- 1) For the Church, may God's grace empower us all as faithful co-workers in spreading his truth and love throughout the world, let us pray to the Lord.
- 2) For judges and legislators, may God instill in them true justice toward, and respect for, the needs of the powerless, let us pray to the Lord.
- 3) For those who are discouraged or who have lost hope, may God bring them consolation through his saving Word, let us pray to the Lord.
- 4) For this faith community, may the Lord make us never weary in prayer, let us pray to the Lord.
- 5) For those who have died, may God's infinite mercy bring them safely to the end of their journey in his Kingdom, let us pray to the Lord.
- 6) (Special petition/s)

PRIEST: Loving Father, we thank you for the gift of prayer itself, and for hearing our petitions this day. We ask that you answer them according to your will, through your Son, Christ our Lord.

**SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 15, 2020**

(Lec. 157)

- 1) Proverbs 31:10-13,  
19-20, 30-31
- 2) 1 Thessalonians 5:1-6
- 3) Matthew 25:14-30  
or 25:14-15, 19-21

**33<sup>RD</sup> SUNDAY  
IN ORDINARY TIME**

FOCUS: God empowers us to participate in his work to bring about good in the world.

We are called to participate in God's work to multiply goodness in our world, and God gives us all we need for this work. Especially in the Eucharist, we receive God's grace and strength that we, too, may be faithful in small matters and great responsibilities.

LITURGY OF THE WORD

The first reading from Proverbs declares a worthy wife as having value *far beyond pearls*. She is described as bringing goodness, being entrusted with her husband's heart, hard-working, and in fear of the Lord. Paul tells the Thessalonians that they *are children of the light and children of the day*, and thus, disaster will not befall them when the day of the Lord comes. In the Gospel, Jesus tells a parable of the faithful servant who multiplies the talents given him by his master.

UNIVERSAL PRAYER

PRIEST: Grateful for all the gifts we have been given, we ask for the help we need to serve God faithfully as we offer him these prayers.

- 1) For Church leaders, may God look graciously upon them as they faithfully steward the riches he has entrusted to them, let us pray to the Lord.
- 2) For the world, may the Lord guide us with wisdom in our role as stewards of the resources of this earth, let us pray to the Lord.
- 3) For those who experience the pain of separation and divorce, may the love of God sustain them through every trial, let us pray to the Lord.
- 4) For this faith community, may the Holy Spirit grant us courage and strength as we live our call to discipleship, let us pray to the Lord.
- 5) For those who have died, may the Lord's mercy grant them eternal rest, let us pray to the Lord.
- 6) (Special petition/s)

PRIEST: God of all good gifts, we know you are with us as we answer your call to act boldly in your service. Hear the prayers we offer today, through Christ our Lord.

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Monday, November 16, 2020  
(Lec. 497)

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

MONDAY OF  
33<sup>RD</sup> WEEK  
IN ORDINARY TIME  
(Opt. Mem.  
Saint Margaret of Scotland;  
Saint Gertrude,  
Virgin)

FOCUS: Let us open our eyes to the Lord.

In today's Gospel, Jesus opens the eyes of the blind man who would not be silenced. As Jesus' followers, we are called to be his hands and feet, and his voice, in a world that may wish us to be silent at times as well. With God's help, and the strength of the Holy Spirit, we can meet this challenge.

### LITURGY OF THE WORD

In the first reading from Revelation, John reveals to the *seven churches in Asia* what the Lord had said to him in a vision. They have endured in their faith and *not grown weary*, yet they still need to repent. In the Gospel, a blind man addresses Jesus as *Son of David*, is healed of his blindness, and immediately begins to follow Jesus.

### UNIVERSAL PRAYER

PRIEST: We now turn to God and offer our prayers of petition.

- 1) That the work of the worldwide Church may prosper under the Spirit of Truth, who guides her, let us pray to the Lord.
- 2) That local, national, and world leaders may be led by Gospel values, let us pray to the Lord.
- 3) That those who suffer from addiction may be blessed with Christ's peace, and with assistance in their need, let us pray to the Lord.
- 4) That we as a community of faith may continue to be transformed in love and faith by the sacraments of the Church, let us pray to the Lord.
- 5) That those who have died may rejoice in God's eternal light, let us pray to the Lord.
- 6) (Special petition/s)

PRIEST: All-knowing and ever-living God, hear the prayers we place before you this day and answer them in your goodness. We ask this through Christ our Lord.

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Tuesday, November 17, 2020  
(Lec. 498)

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

TUESDAY OF  
33<sup>RD</sup> WEEK  
IN ORDINARY TIME  
(OBL MEM  
Saint Elizabeth of Hungary,  
Religious)

FOCUS: Every encounter with Christ in the Eucharist is a chance for our lives to be transformed in love.

Zacchaeus is one of countless public sinners with whom Jesus chose to visit and dine. Zacchaeus welcomed Jesus into his home and, in turn, repented of his former way of life as a tax collector. We also have the opportunity to receive the Lord, and to be transformed by God's grace for greater love.

### LITURGY OF THE WORD

In the first reading from the Book of Revelation, John speaks to the Churches in Sardis and Laodicea, warning them of the painful judgment that will come upon them if they do not repent. In the Gospel, Jesus visits and dines with the tax collector, Zacchaeus, who promises to give away half of his possessions, and repay anyone he has extorted.

### UNIVERSAL PRAYER

PRIEST: With trust in our merciful God, we lift up our prayers and petitions to him.

- 1) For the Church, may God continue to bless and purify her in her work of proclaiming the Good News, let us pray to the Lord.
- 2) For public officials and leaders of nations, may God grant them fortitude in their work of eradicating racism in our world, let us pray to the Lord.
- 3) For those who live with chronic illness, may God's infinite love strengthen them, let us pray to the Lord.
- 4) For this community of faith, may God's grace at work in our lives bear good fruit for the Kingdom, let us pray to the Lord.
- 5) For those who have died today, may God's merciful embrace welcome them home, let us pray to the Lord.
- 6) (Special petition/s)

PRIEST: Gracious Lord, we need your mercy and grace for our lives each day. We ask that you hear and answer the prayers we bring before you today, through Christ our Lord.

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Wednesday, November 18, 2020  
(Lec. 499)

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

WEDNESDAY OF  
33<sup>RD</sup> WEEK  
IN ORDINARY TIME

(Opt. Mem.  
The Dedication of the Basilicas  
of Saint Peter and Paul,  
Apostles;  
USA: Saint Rose Philippine Duchesne,  
Virgin)

FOCUS: We each have received gifts to build up God's kingdom.

The first reading shows us that all of creation will worship God in heaven. There is none more glorious than God. To reach this glorious vision, we must use the gifts we have been given to build up God's kingdom during the time we have on earth.

LITURGY OF THE WORD

In the first reading, John tells of a vision he had of heaven, in which 24 elders and four creatures worship God on his throne. In the Gospel passage, Jesus tells a parable about a nobleman who gives his servants 10 coins to trade while he goes away to become king. The nobleman rewards the servants who earn additional coins, and condemns the one who did not.

UNIVERSAL PRAYER

PRIEST: As we gather around the throne of God, we humbly lay our petitions before him.

- 1) That the Church around the world may continue to grow and prosper under the protection of Christ, let us pray to the Lord.
- 2) That all who govern may be led by the Holy Spirit in strength, courage, and right judgment, let us pray to the Lord.
- 3) That the Lord in his mercy may help all who are in financial need, especially those who have lost employment because of the pandemic, let us pray to the Lord.
- 4) That all gathered here may grow in spiritual richness through the grace of the Eucharist, let us pray to the Lord.
- 5) That all who have died may return to the One who gave them life, and worship God on the throne forever and ever, let us pray to the Lord.
- 6) (Special petition/s)

PRIEST: God, you are worthy of all glory, and honor, and power. Look favorably on us who gather in worship today, and answer the prayers we bring before you, through Christ our Lord.

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Thursday, November 19, 2020  
(Lec. 500)

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

THURSDAY OF  
33<sup>RD</sup> WEEK  
IN ORDINARY TIME

FOCUS: Jesus, the Lamb of God, is our Savior and King.

Jesus, as both the Lion and the Lamb in today's reading, is our Savior, but is also the humble servant who obeyed his Father's will even unto death. He rejected earthly power, and mourns for Jerusalem because, by not accepting him, they will not find peace. Let us strive to be peacemakers in our daily lives by serving others and building the Kingdom here on earth.

### LITURGY OF THE WORD

In the reading from Revelation, John writes of a vision he had regarding a scroll, *sealed with seven seals*, which no one could open. Then a Lamb appeared, for whom the elders sang, *Worthy are you to receive the scroll and break open its seals*. In the Gospel from Luke, Jesus weeps over Jerusalem and its upcoming destruction, saying, *They will smash you to the ground ... because you did not recognize the time of your visitation*.

### UNIVERSAL PRAYER

PRIEST: My brothers and sisters, let us lift our hearts and minds to God as we bring him our petitions.

- 1) That all members of the Church may be given the gifts of the Holy Spirit to help us in our witness to the Gospel, let us pray to the Lord.
- 2) That policymakers may find their help in the Lord, and be strengthened for their work by his grace, let us pray to the Lord.
- 3) That those who undergo persecution may find consolation in the sufferings of the Lamb, let us pray to the Lord.
- 4) That our community may grow in the compassion of Jesus and our love for one another, let us pray to the Lord.
- 5) That the faithful departed may soon be admitted to the Lamb's high banquet, let us pray to the Lord.
- 6) (Special petition/s)

PRIEST: Almighty Father, we ask you to grant these our prayers, through your beloved Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord.

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Friday, November 20, 2020  
(Lec. 501)

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

FRIDAY OF  
33<sup>RD</sup> WEEK  
IN ORDINARY TIME

FOCUS: *My house shall be a house of prayer.*

God offers us tremendous gifts in his Word and in his Son. Following Jesus, however, is not always easy. But if we persevere with faith, and with the guidance of the Holy Spirit, we will discover the depths of the love our Father has for us, his children.

### LITURGY OF THE WORD

In the first reading, John writes of taking a scroll from an angel, and swallowing it. *In my mouth it was like sweet honey*, he says, *but when I had eaten it, my stomach turned sour*. In the Gospel, Jesus drives out those who are selling things, saying, *My house shall be a house of prayer, but you have made it a den of thieves*. He then continues to teach in the temple area.

### UNIVERSAL PRAYER

PRIEST: Let us approach the throne of the Father and offer him our prayers.

- 1) For Pope Francis, may the Lord guide and sustain him, let us pray to the Lord.
- 2) For lawmakers, may God bless them with fortitude in their efforts to protect the dignity and sanctity of human life from conception through natural death, let us pray to the Lord.
- 3) For all mourning the loss of a loved one, may the Lord fill them with his presence and console them, let us pray to the Lord.
- 4) For those in this community of faith discerning a vocation to the priesthood or religious life, may God's grace and peace be with them, let us pray to the Lord.
- 5) For the faithful departed, may they rest in the peace of the Father's embrace, let us pray to the Lord.
- 6) (Special petition/s)

PRIEST: Merciful Father, accept the prayers of our hearts and answer them according to your mercy, through your Son, Christ our Lord.

Saturday, November 21, 2020  
(Lec. 502)

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

SATURDAY OF  
33<sup>RD</sup> WEEK  
IN ORDINARY TIME  
(OBL MEM  
The Presentation of the  
Blessed Virgin Mary)

FOCUS: God is the God of the living, and Christ's teaching assures us that we shall never die.

At the end of the liturgical year, our readings reflect on the mystery of death and resurrection. Mindful that God sent his only Son to suffer and die for our salvation, let us invite Jesus into our lives in a special way today and give ourselves more fully in love and service to God and others.

### LITURGY OF THE WORD

In the first reading from the Book of Revelation, John tells of a *voice from heaven* that spoke to him about olive trees and lampstands. They give testimony to the Lord and are conquered and killed, but after *three and a half days* are given a *breath of life* from God. In the Gospel, Jesus answers the question of the Sadducees (*who deny that there is a resurrection*), saying, *the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob ... is not God of the dead, but of the living.*

### UNIVERSAL PRAYER

PRIEST: Trusting in the mercy of our loving God, let us offer him our prayers and petitions.

- 1) For the Church, and all who preach the Good News of God's mercy and the promise of eternal life, let us pray to the Lord.
- 2) For national and local leaders, may Christ's example of servant leadership always be their guide, let us pray to the Lord.
- 3) For those who grieve the loss of a loved one, may God's consolation and peace be upon them, let us pray to the Lord.
- 4) For the people of this faith community who engage in the corporal and spiritual works of mercy, may God bless their efforts, let us pray to the Lord.
- 5) For all who have died, may they enjoy eternal life with the God of the Living, let us pray to the Lord.
- 6) (Special petition/s)

PRIEST: God of Life, we lift our hearts to you in humility. We ask that you hear our prayers, through Christ our Lord.

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**SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 22, 2020**

(Lec. 160)

- 1) Ezekiel 34:11-12, 15-17
- 2) 1 Corinthians 15:20-26, 28
- 3) Matthew 25:31-46

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

FOCUS: Jesus is the mighty King who reigns in our hearts.

There are compelling images of Christ on this solemn feast today. One is of the shepherd who lovingly and humbly cares for his sheep. The other is of a mighty king, ruler of the universe, and heaven and earth. In this image, he judges on how well we cared for one another, saying, *Whatever you did for one of the least brothers of mine, you did for me.*

LITURGY OF THE WORD

In the first reading, the Lord speaks through Ezekiel, telling the people that he is the shepherd caring for his sheep. He provides for all their needs, and will judge between sheep, and *between rams and goats*. Paul writes to the Corinthians, telling them that as *Christ has been raised from the dead*, then *so too in Christ shall all be brought to life*. In Matthew's Gospel, Jesus tells his disciples of the time when the Son of Man shall come in glory and sit upon his throne, separating *the sheep from the goats*.

UNIVERSAL PRAYER

PRIEST: As members of God's kingdom, let us together offer our petitions to our heavenly Father.

- 1) For our Holy Father, Pope Francis, may God continue to bless him in shepherding the faithful, let us pray to the Lord.
- 2) For government and civic policymakers, may the Holy Spirit lead them in following the loving example of Jesus, our King, let us pray to the Lord.
- 3) For the sick, the poor, the hungry, the stranger, and the prisoner, may they be filled with the knowledge of God's love for them, let us pray to the Lord.
- 4) For all of us in this faith community, may Jesus, the Good Shepherd, lead us home when we go astray, let us pray to the Lord.
- 5) For those who have died, may they soon rejoice in the eternal kingdom of God, let us pray to the Lord.
- 6) (Special petition/s)

PRIEST: Lord God, on this day when we celebrate your almighty kingship, we offer our prayers and ask that you answer them according to your will. Through Christ, our Lord.

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Monday, November 23, 2020  
(Lec. 503)

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

MONDAY OF  
34<sup>TH</sup> WEEK  
IN ORDINARY TIME  
(Opt. Mem.  
Saint Clement I,  
Pope and Martyr;  
Saint Columban,  
Abbot;  
USA: Blessed Miguel Agustín Pro,  
Priest and Martyr)

FOCUS: Those who follow Christ will one day share in his eternal glory.

The one hundred forty-four thousand mentioned in the first reading represent all Christian people – those who have been sealed with the mark of Christ, rather than that of the beast. This is a hopeful and consoling vision that John has: one that signifies the fulfillment of the promise found in the raising of Christ from the dead. Those who follow Christ will one day share in his eternal glory.

### LITURGY OF THE WORD

In the reading from Revelation, John describes a part of his heavenly vision in which *a hundred and forty-four thousand*, who are followers of the Lamb, sing a hymn *before the throne of the four living creatures and the elders*. In the Gospel, when Jesus sees a *poor widow* put *two small coins* into the treasury, he says that she gave more than the others, because she gave *from her poverty* rather than a surplus.

### UNIVERSAL PRAYER

PRIEST: With confidence, we now bring our needs, however large or small, to our loving God.

- 1) For Church leaders, may the Holy Spirit continue to strengthen them in shepherding their flocks, let us pray to the Lord.
- 2) For leaders throughout the world, may God bless their efforts to end hatred and violence, let us pray to the Lord.
- 3) For those facing persecution for the sake of righteousness, may the Father grant them strength and comfort, let us pray to the Lord.
- 4) For this faith community, may the love of Christ help us to sow seeds that bear much fruit, let us pray to the Lord.
- 5) For our beloved dead, may they live forever in the joy of heaven with all the angels and saints, let us pray to the Lord.
- 6) (Special petition/s)

PRIEST: Heavenly Father, we ask that you graciously hear these prayers we bring before you in the name of Jesus, your Son.

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Tuesday, November 24, 2020  
(Lec. 504)

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

TUESDAY OF  
34<sup>TH</sup> WEEK  
IN ORDINARY TIME  
(OBL MEM  
Saint Andrew Dũng-Lạc,  
Priest,  
and Companions,  
Martyrs)

FOCUS: Stay focused on building up the Kingdom.

Jesus makes it clear that there will be violence and war on the earth until he comes again. At that time, our life here will end and new life with Jesus will begin. The Scriptures remind us over and over again not to be afraid of this. But we also must stay vigilant and be prepared by building up the Kingdom on earth each day.

### LITURGY OF THE WORD

In the first reading from the Book of Revelation, John tells of his vision where *one who looked like a son of man* used his sickle to reap the earth's harvest. In today's Gospel, Jesus tells the people that there will be a time when there will be nothing left of the temple. He warns them not to be deceived by those who will come in his name.

### UNIVERSAL PRAYER

PRIEST: Grateful for the abundant blessings God pours out on us each day, let us join together in offering him our prayers.

- 1) For all members of the Church, may the Holy Spirit strengthen us in our efforts to be living signs of God's mercy in the world, let us pray to the Lord.
- 2) For peace in our world, especially in those nations beset by conflict, let us pray to the Lord.
- 3) For those burdened by hardships, may they experience freedom through God's healing grace, let us pray to the Lord.
- 4) For all gathered here, may God grant us a missionary zeal in our lives of discipleship, let us pray to the Lord.
- 5) For those who have died, may God gather them into the kingdom of heaven this day, let us pray to the Lord.
- 6) (Special petition/s)

PRIEST: Almighty and everlasting Father, hear our prayers and grant what we need to be faithful missionaries of your Word. We ask this through your Son, Christ our Lord.

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Wednesday, November 25, 2020  
(Lec. 505)

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

WEDNESDAY OF  
34<sup>TH</sup> WEEK  
IN ORDINARY TIME  
(Opt. Mem.  
Saint Catherine of Alexandria,  
Virgin and Martyr)

FOCUS: Jesus is with us in our trials.

As followers of Jesus, we may find ourselves at odds with societal values. Our faith may be tested. But Jesus tells us that he will be with us by the power of the Holy Spirit when we endure these trials: *By your perseverance you will secure your lives.*

### LITURGY OF THE WORD

In the reading from the Book of Revelation, John has a vision in which *those who had won the victory over the beast* were singing *the song of Moses* and *the song of the Lamb*. In the Gospel passage from Luke, Jesus tells his followers that although they will face persecution, he will give them wisdom to speak.

### UNIVERSAL PRAYER

PRIEST: Trusting in the love of our merciful Father, let us lay our petitions before him.

- 1) For all members of the Church, may the Lord strengthen us as stewards of the faith we share, let us pray to the Lord.
- 2) For policymakers, may God give them fortitude in their efforts to defend the dignity of life at all stages, let us pray to the Lord.
- 3) For those struggling with illness or personal afflictions, may Jesus be their strength, let us pray to the Lord.
- 4) For all of us gathered here today, may God bless us with the grace to be his servants in the world, let us pray to the Lord.
- 5) For the faithful departed, may they find rest in Jesus' arms, let us pray to the Lord.
- 6) (Special petition/s)

PRIEST: Almighty and ever-loving God, we humbly pray that you bless these petitions and answer them in accordance with your divine will. Through Christ our Lord.

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**NOTE:** For Thanksgiving Day, any readings from the *Lectionary for Mass* (vol.IV), the Mass "In Thanksgiving to God," nos. 943-947

Thursday, November 26, 2020  
(Lec. 506)

THURSDAY OF  
OF 34<sup>TH</sup> WEEK  
IN ORDINARY TIME  
(USA: Thanksgiving Day)

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

**FOCUS:** The Son of Man will come and redemption will be at hand.

In the Gospel, Jesus describes the things that will signify the Son of Man's coming. Though they may sound terrifying, Jesus reminds us, *when these signs begin to happen, stand erect and raise your heads because your redemption is at hand*. Recalling this on this Thanksgiving Day, let us live the Gospel with praise and thanksgiving.

### LITURGY OF THE WORD

In the first reading from Revelation, John has a vision of an angel speaking about the fall of Babylon, then he hears a *great multitude* singing praise before God. The angel instructs John to write, *Blessed are those who have been called to the wedding feast of the Lamb*. In the Gospel, Jesus describes the fearsome signs that will accompany the Son of Man's coming in glory.

### UNIVERSAL PRAYER

**PRIEST:** We call upon the Lord and offer him our petitions.

- 1) For all members of the Church, may the love we share in Jesus Christ grant us comfort and peace of mind during these difficult times, let us pray to the Lord.
- 2) For local and national leaders, may God grant them compassion and wisdom in their decision-making, let us pray to the Lord.
- 3) For all who are sick or suffering, may the Lord place his healing hand upon them, let us pray to the Lord.
- 4) For our faith community, on this Thanksgiving, may the Lord show us the many things for which we are to be grateful, let us pray to the Lord.
- 5) For those who die this day, may the Lord shine his face upon them and bring them to his eternal rest, let us pray to the Lord.
- 6) (Special petition/s)

**PRIEST:** Lord God, we can never thank you enough for your goodness. Please accept our prayers, which we offer through Christ our Lord.

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Friday, November 27, 2020  
(Lec. 507)

- 1) Revelation 20:1-4, 11–21:2
- 2) Luke 21:29-33

FRIDAY OF  
34<sup>TH</sup> WEEK  
IN ORDINARY TIME

FOCUS: The kingdom of God is near.

Today, we continue to reflect on the end times for the world and for our own lives. Mindful of Jesus' words in the Gospel that *heaven and earth will pass away but my words will not pass away*, let us cling to the word of God as our anchor and compass as we help build up God's kingdom on earth.

### LITURGY OF THE WORD

In the reading from Revelation, John describes a vision that includes an angel defeating Satan, thrones upon which sat those who were to judge the dead, and the sighting of *a new heaven and a new earth*. In the Gospel, Jesus tells a parable of a fig tree, comparing the buds' revelation that summer is near to the signs they will see that announce the kingdom of God is near.

### UNIVERSAL PRAYER

PRIEST: With confidence in God's love and compassion, let us offer our prayers to our almighty Father.

- 1) For Church leaders, may God grant them fortitude in their proclamation of the Gospel in all corners of the world, let us pray to the Lord.
- 2) For the salvation of the world, through the mercy of God may all come to know the Gospel message and the ways of righteousness and peace, let us pray to the Lord.
- 3) For those who struggle with doubt, may God's love and light penetrate their hearts and minds, let us pray to the Lord.
- 4) For an increase in vocations to the priesthood and religious life from this faith community, that God may open hearts to his invitation, let us pray to the Lord.
- 5) For all who have died, may they soon live in perpetual joy and peace with God in heaven, let us pray to the Lord.
- 6) (Special petition/s)

PRIEST: God in heaven, hear the prayers of your pilgrim people, we ask through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord.

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Saturday, November 28, 2020  
(Lec. 508)

- 1) Revelation 22:1-7
- 2) Luke 21:34-36

SATURDAY OF  
34<sup>TH</sup> WEEK  
IN ORDINARY TIME  
(Saturday in honor  
of BVM)

FOCUS: *Pray that you have the strength ... to stand before the Son of Man.*

We get a glimpse of what heaven may be like in the final chapter of the Book of Revelation, but the reality is that we don't have the capacity to envision how great heaven will be. But another reality is that we may never know if we don't assess our spiritual lives and work to always be ready for Jesus to call our name on Judgment Day.

### LITURGY OF THE WORD

In the first reading from the Book of Revelation John describes what an angel showed him: *A river of life-giving water ... flowing from the throne of God and of the Lamb; and the tree of life* that grew alongside the river. In the Gospel, Jesus warns his disciples to be vigilant so that the Day of Judgment does not *catch [them] by surprise like a trap.*

### UNIVERSAL PRAYER

PRIEST: With trust and confidence, we turn to our loving Father and ask that he hear our prayers.

- 1) For the Church, as the Mystical Body of Christ, may she grow and prosper in the Lord's saving work, let us pray to the Lord.
- 2) For all nations and peoples torn by strife, may the Lord grant them his peace, let us pray to the Lord.
- 3) For those subject to harsh living conditions in this upcoming winter season, may God provide for them and bless them with loving and compassionate neighbors, let us pray to the Lord.
- 4) For those in our community who face a difficult holiday season from the loss of a loved one, may the Lord bring them strength in the presence of family and friends, let us pray to the Lord.
- 5) For those who have died this liturgical year, may they find eternal rest in the arms of Jesus, let us pray to the Lord.
- 6) (Special petition/s)

PRIEST: Merciful Father we pray that you answer these prayers in your gracious mercy. Through your Son, Christ our Lord.

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## YEAR B WEEKDAYS I

**SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 29, 2020**

(Lec. 2)

- 1) Isaiah 63:16b-17, 19b; 64:2-7
- 2) 1 Corinthians 1:3-9
- 3) Mark 13:33-37

**FIRST SUNDAY  
OF ADVENT**

FOCUS: Let us be ever watchful for our God, who comes to us in ordinary circumstances.

Perhaps, like Isaiah, we long for God to perform a breath-taking miracle that would make us sit up and take notice. Yet, as people of faith, we are called to see God in the ordinary. Advent gives us the opportunity to take time to pray – to sharpen our vision of God’s presence in our daily lives.

### LITURGY OF THE WORD

The prophet Isaiah speaks of the longing of the people of Israel for God’s return and help in times of trouble: *That [he] would rend the heavens and come down*, such that mountains would quake and *awesome deeds* take place. Paul gives thanks for the grace of God bestowed on the Corinthians, and assures them that they *are not lacking in any spiritual gift*. In today’s Gospel, Jesus tells his disciples, *Be watchful! Be alert! For they do not know when the Lord of the house is coming*.

### UNIVERSAL PRAYER

PRIEST: We begin this season of Advent with trust in God’s love for us. Let us present him with our needs, and the needs of our world.

- 1) For the Church, may the Lord look graciously upon us as we proclaim the Gospel message, let us pray to the Lord.
- 2) For civic leaders, may Christ strengthen their conviction as servant leaders for all people, let us pray to the Lord.
- 3) For all who face hunger and malnutrition, may God grant them strength and provide the means for them to obtain their daily bread, let us pray to the Lord.
- 4) For our family members and loved ones who struggle with mental illness, may God bring them healing and peace, let us pray to the Lord.
- 5) For all who have died, especially our loved ones, may God bring them home to be with him forever, let us pray to the Lord.
- 6) (Special petition/s)

PRIEST: God our Father, hear these prayers of your people and grant them in accordance with your holy will. We ask this in the name of Jesus, your Son and our Lord.

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Monday, November 30, 2020  
(Lec. 684)

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

**SAINT ANDREW,  
APOSTLE  
- FEAST**

FOCUS: *For everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved.*

As we celebrate Saint Andrew the Apostle, we are celebrating his commitment and his zeal for the Gospel, and his willingness to make the ultimate sacrifice for Christ. His life bears witness to the truth highlighted by Paul that all disciples need to be ready to share their faith in word and in action.

### LITURGY OF THE WORD

In the first reading, Saint Paul says to the Romans, *If you confess with your mouth that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved.* In the Gospel from Matthew, Jesus tells *Simon who is called Peter, and his brother Andrew, to come after him to be fishers of men.*

### UNIVERSAL PRAYER

PRIEST: Seeking to answer the Lord's call in our lives, let us offer him our prayers.

- 1) For the Church as we celebrate the feast of Saint Andrew, may the Holy Spirit lead all Christians to unity and peace, let us pray to the Lord.
- 2) For government leaders, may God strengthen them in their work of upholding the dignity and sanctity of human life from conception through natural death, let us pray to the Lord.
- 3) For all who are sick or suffer from depression or anxiety, may Christ's love and compassion be their consolation, let us pray to the Lord.
- 4) For guests and visitors to this faith community in this Advent season, may Christ pour out his blessings upon them during their time with us, let us pray to the Lord.
- 5) For all who have died, may the risen Christ welcome them into the fullness of life, let us pray to the Lord.
- 6) (Special petition/s)

PRIEST: Heavenly Father, as we celebrate the example of Saint Andrew, we ask you to hear our prayers and answer them according to your holy will. Through your Son, Christ our Lord.

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