

THIRTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

NOVEMBER 18, 2018



As we edge closer to the closing of the liturgical year, the Church selects readings that remind us of the final close: the second coming of Christ. It's easy, perhaps, to forget that this is a dogma of our Catholic faith. We see this dramatic end times language in today's Gospel. "The sun will be darkened ... and the stars will be falling from the sky."

As Christians and as human beings, we know all things will come to an end. "But of that day or hour, no one knows." The "end of the world" and end of time at Jesus' coming is in a future unknown. But God has given us beautiful reminders of this truth. We see the signs and symbols of ending all around us — nightfall at the end of each day; the life cycle of crops coming alive, bearing fruit, and being harvested; our own death. That, too, will come at an unknown day and hour. But that is the way of things. Even as God created in Genesis, He gave us a sense of time — the sun rising and setting, a beginning and an end — to mark our days.

So how do we welcome these built-in forms of measurement? Do we take time to quietly recollect at the end of each day? Do we see every morning as a fresh start for mercies new? Do we observe the seasons and reflect on what they might be speaking to us of God and His glory? "Heaven and earth will pass away, but my works will not pass away." The little beginnings and little ends are opportunities to renew our faith in Jesus, if only we have the eyes to see!

PRAY FOR THE SICK

Please Pray For: Patsy R. Coleman, Reginald Douglas, Sonya Douglas, Sophia Eaglin, Debra Evans, Rosalind Gardner, Thelma Gardner, Herman Gary, Janet Gary, Mary Gilliard, Elizabeth Harris, Kandace Hebert, Florence Johnson, Jeanette Jones, Charles Julian, Mary Jane Julian, Robert Kirkland, June Marsh, Hazel McClinton, Verbal Martin, Michael Mitchell, Krista Moore, Montreal Moore, Ani Josephine Pendleton, Hazel Rem, Theresa Rideau, Genevieve Rousseve, Carolyn Softly, Urabell Thomas, Leroy Thornton, Jacob Viser, Melina Volair, Mary Ann Willis and Kyle Wright.

MINISTERS FOR NOVEMBER 24th & 25th, 2018

LECTORS

5:00PM Heartha Boudreaux, Umaja Savoy, Tracey Johnson
8:30AM Erica Johnson, Ronald Enard, Tony Brown
11:00AM Johnnie Mae Roy, Mary C. Hamilton, Eric Calloway

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS

5:00PM Janiece Jefferson, Shameika Jefferson, Carmen Lockett
8:30AM Carla Joseph, Mary Julian, Dorothy Lewis, Cathy Paul Steward, Mary Ann Willis
11:00AM Laua Allen, Cheryl Cash, William Cash, Erika Edmond, May Walker, Sylvester Whitmire

ALTAR SERVERS

5:00PM Carl Cassel
8:30AM Vincent Doucent, Brain Stubblefield
11:00AM Naankwat Riemson, Lucy & Rita Didikiri

LIVING FAITH:

SCRIPTURE READINGS FOR THE DAY

Monday: Rv 1:1-4; 2:1-5 * Ps 1:1-4, 6 * Lk 18:35-43
 Yet I hold this against you; you have lost the love you had at first.
Tuesday: Rv 3:1-6, 14-22 * Ps 15:2-5 * Lk 19:1-10
 Jesus looked up and said to him, "Zaccaeus, come down quickly, for today I must stay at your house."
Wednesday: Rv 4:1-11 * Ps 150:1-6 * Lk 19:11-28
 Let everything that has breath praise the Lord! Alleluia.
Thursday: Rv 5:1-10 * Ps 149:1-6, 9 * Lk 19:41-44
 Then I saw... a Lamb that seemed to have been slain.
Friday: Rv 10:8-11 * Ps 119:14, 24, 72, 103, 111, 131 * Lk 19:45-48
 ...they could find no way to accomplish their purpose because all the people were hanging on his words.
Saturday: Rv 11:4-12 * Ps 144:1-2, 9-10 * Lk 20:27-40
 In this way, anyone wanting to harm them is sure to be slain. Then have the power to close up the sky...
Sunday: Dn 7:13-14 * Ps 93:1-2, 5 * Rv 1:5-8 * Jn 18:33b-37
 ...he reached the Ancient One and was presented before him...

ACTIVITIES FOR THE WEEK

Mon.	6:30 PM	Rosary Group
	7:00 PM	Saturday Choir Practice
Tues.	5:00 PM	Liturgical Dance Rehearsal- Cottage
	6:30 PM	Pastoral Council
	7:00 PM	8:30 AM Choir Practice
Wed.	7:00 PM	Thanksgiving Day Mass

PRAYING THE ROSARY

Join us for the Rosary thirty minutes before each Mass.

Offering for November 10th & 11th, 2018

Regular Offering \$10,776.71
 Mail-In Offerings \$ 3,730.00
 Online Giving \$ 2,231.23
Total Offering \$16,737.94
 Capital Improvement Collection \$ 271.00

Thank you so much for your generosity!

ONLINE GIVING

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DIOCESAN SERVICES FUND (DSF)

As of 11-08-2018

Parish Goal \$ 64,000.00
 Total Pledged \$ 32,770.00
 Total Paid \$ 29,136.00
 Total Number of Participants 142
 Total Number of Households 1080

Thank you so much for answering the call to express God's Mercy and compassion through your commitment to this Year's DSF.

HAVE YOU HELPED?

Haven't you Supported yet?

Will you hear Christ's Call to Help your Brother and Sister in Need?

Will you Help our Parish Achieve its Goal of \$64,000.00 for the First Time Ever?

Use the pledge card in the Sanctuary or online @ www.archgh.org-dsf.

SECOND COLLECTION

Please be generous in this week's second collection for the Catholic Campaign for Human Development. In the United States, one in seven people lives in poverty. With this collection you support programs that address the causes of poverty and provide a sustainable future for those who are struggling across the country. In addition, 25 percent of funds collected remains in our diocese to fund local anti-poverty projects. Please prayerfully consider how you can support this collection and work on the margins. More information about the Catholic Campaign for Human Development can be found at www.usccb.org/cch/collection.

MASS INTENTIONS

Sat. 5:00 PM Our Parishioners
Sun. 8:30 AM +Bennie Morton by Mrs. Bennie Morton & Family
 +Thomas E. Malone by Mrs. J.S. Stone & Family
 +Leon R. Spencer, Jr. by His Family
 +My Mom (3yrs) by Leona Davis
 +Alice Davis by The Davis Family
Sun. 11:00 AM +Stanley & Hilma Sassau Broussard by the Family

+Consuella Broussard by Charlotte Davis

Thurs. 7:00 AM Educational Endeavors of our Children & Youth

CATHOLIC VOCABULARY FOR THE WEEK

"Liturgical Year / Calendar"

The celebration throughout the year of the mysteries of the Lord's birth, life, death and Resurrection in such a way that the prayer, with its focal point on Easter, (CCC#1168).

ALTAR SERVERS TRAINING

We are in need of more Altar Servers. It's a privilege and a call to serve the Lord at the Mass as altar server. We welcome anyone interested in becoming an Altar Server to attend our meeting and training on Saturday, December 15th at 10AM in Room 100. All Current Altar Servers and parents are asked to attend.

THANKSGIVING DAY MASS

Thursday, November 22nd, is Thanksgiving Day. It should first and foremost be about thanking the Almighty God for His continual blessings upon us. The best way to Thank God is by participating in the Holy Mass. We will have a **Special Thanksgiving Mass on Wednesday, November 21st at 7:00pm.** Come, Let us Thank God for all the blessings we receive from HIM every day/every moment of our life

NEED PARENTING HELP?

The Diocesan office of family life ministry has trained eight professionals around the Archdiocese of Galveston Houston to provide services to parents who are willing and need help raising their children. The program is designed to offer advice, support and formation to parents with common developmental and behavioral problems in children. To obtain more information please contact us at 713-741-8739 or 713-741-8711.

JEROME'S HOPE RETREAT

The Diocese office of pro-life activities will offer a single day retreat for parents following miscarriage, stillbirth, or early infant loss on Saturday, Dec. 15. This retreat is part of Jerome's hope ministry. To register or for more information please contact the office of pro-life activities at 713-741-8728 or 713-741-3443.

SCHOOL CORNER

Thanks to all parishioners who helped our school with their 1st Box Tops Collections. With your help, we are mailing in 1,342 Box Tops. Over the Thanksgiving and Christmas holidays, please continue to collect Box Tops. *Thanks again*

GUMBO FESTIVAL 2018

A very sincere thanks and appreciation to the Bazaar Chairs and committee members, for all your sacrifices and hard work. Our Thanks are also due to all the parishioners for your support and contribution.

Attention! All outstanding funds (Dance Tickets, Ads & Patrons of the Commemorative Booklet, Raffle, Bingo, etc.) should be turned into the Church Office immediately.

Final Bazaar Report is Forthcoming!