

SAINT COLUMBAN CATHOLIC CHURCH

Christi simus, non nostri
We belong to Christ, not ourselves

ST. COLUMBAN PARISH

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Office Hours

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Mass Schedule

Saturday Vigil: 5:00PM

Sunday: 10:30AM

Daily Mass: Tues—Fri 9AM *except 1st Fridays

Rosary is said 30min prior to each Mass

Sacraments

Anointing of the Sick: Following First

Friday Devotions or by Appointment

Confession: Saturdays 3:30—4:30PM

First Friday Devotions: 6:30PM

The church may be opened upon request during office hours for private prayer.

See Calendar on Page 3 for current schedule and updates

St. Vincent De Paul

Providing emergency assistance for those in need.

Help Line: 360-458-1904

ST. PETER MISSION

149 Keithahn St. S, Tenino, WA 98589

360-264-2124

Office Hours

Mondays & Fridays 10:30AM – 2PM

Mass Schedule

Sunday 8:00 AM

Rosary is said 30min prior to Mass

Sacraments

Confession: Sundays 7:30 -7:45AM

First Friday Devotions: 9:00AM

Anointing of the Sick: Following First Friday Devotions or by appointment

We are a Catholic faith community that seeks to place God first, to know Him, and to grow in holiness together. We strive to live the Gospel through the Eucharist, in our teaching and way of life.



Learn a lesson from the fig tree When its branches become tender and sprouts leaves, you know that summer is near. In the same way, when you see these things happening, know that he is near, at the gates.

November 14, 2021

33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

Today's Readings

Entrance Antiphon: *The Lord said, I think thoughts of peace and not of affliction. You will call upon me and I will answer you.*

1st Reading: Daniel 12:1-3

Responsorial Psalm: *You are my inheritance, O Lord.*

2nd Reading: Hebrews 10: 11-14, 18

Gospel Acclamation: *Be vigilant at all times and pray that you have strength to stand before the Son of Man.*

Gospel: Mark 13: 24-32

Communion Antiphon: *To be near God is my happiness, to place my hope in God the Lord.*

MASS ATTENDANCE

In obedience to the most recent guidelines from the Archdiocese, public Mass at our parish is held with the following safety measures in place.

- ◆ Masks are required at this time unless you have a medical exemption
- ◆ Seating is on a first come first served basis, if you wish to remain distanced from others you may do so at your own discretion.
- ◆ Hand Sanitizer is provided



Fr. Thompson's Reflections

Cardinal Sarah and Isolation

Over the past several years, I have read several books by Cardinal Robert Sarah, *God or Nothing*, *The Power of Silence*, & *The Day Is Now Far Spent*; he one of the wisest and most spiritually astute bishops in our era. Originally being from a small village in the nation of Guinea, Cardinal Sarah grew up enamored with the beauty of the faith that was brought to his country by French missionaries, the Holy Ghost Fathers, along with the wider Judeo-Christian heritage. In a particular way, he was able to grow up a son of Guinea with its own history and culture and yet also an heir by adoption of Christianity and the intellectual tradition of the West (and adoption is as real as blood). At the same time, this sense of self was not uncomplicated: In the light of Christ, he recognized components of Guinean culture that were not good or at least lacking, yet he also experienced the flaws of Western colonial culture that harmed so many African nations like Guinea. Later, Cardinal Sarah witnessed the horrors that came from the lies of Marxism and oppression by dictatorial strongmen that took power in his country after the French abandoned Guinea. In more recent decades and into the present, he witnessed the far more harmful—and racist—cultural colonialism and manipulation of his people and nation by ostensible charities, non-governmental organizations, and even western democracies. Cardinal Sarah is especially horrified by the West—us—so often conditioning aid to Africa on adoption or tolerance of evil social policies: contraception and artificial reproduction, abortion & euthanasia, “gay” and transgender agenda, etc.

In short, Cardinal Sarah is really a fascinating man: deeply spiritual, insightful, fair-minded, earnestly appreciative of the heritage he received from both his own culture and the French, yet unafraid to challenge the difficulties and deficiencies of both, as well as similar challenges in the Church.

One core critique he has of Western culture is how isolated we are from one another. This is not just a physical isolation, or a social isolation, but also a temporal isolation. He speaks of it as a loss of a sense of “sonship.” We live as if the past has nothing to teach us and each generation must re-invent the world rather than receiving it as an ongoing human project aimed toward the Kingdom of God. The Plague has proven Cardinal Sarah’s insights keenly true. The Plague has aggravated the underlying illnesses of our society: The constant diet of fear and deception have led people who already felt isolated by an impersonal society to fall into deeper depression and despair; Identitarian ideologues have sold many the lie that society is made to oppress them, and have driven many to hatred and even violence; wicked men have continued their siege against religious liberty and morality in both politics and pop culture, ginning up contempt for those who won’t adopt those pressures uncritically. Cardinal Sarah would say things are this bad because we have spent generations willfully and zealously throwing away our heritage in the name of some false idol of “progress”, a progress that wants social and technological development without foundations in unchanging truths, above all the Deposit of Faith; this corruption has even infested many in the Church! We are fatherless, says Cardinal Sarah, not because we were orphaned but because we reject being sons.

What can we do? We must reject false utopian or revolutionary visions (even if championed by priests!) that have either as means or ends further disregard or rejection of our shared tradition and heritage; Reject the lies that seek to frame the faith as antiquated or that “it is just a matter of time” before the Church changes this or that perennial teaching; Live our baptismal and particular vocations well; Look for ways to reach out to those who are trapped in isolation or exclusion, not as tools for our agenda, but as the image of God deserving true love. I would really recommend you to look up Cardinal Sarah and read his works, he explains all this much better than I am doing.

In Christ,

Fr Thompson

Financial Stewardship

Weekly Offering

	St. Columban	St. Peter
Weekly Goal	\$5,762	\$712
October 30	\$4,003	\$929

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SERVE as CHRIST**

As of: July 12, 2021

3 Year Goal for St. Columban: \$307,368
Total Pledged: \$115,409 37% of Goal

3 Year Goal for St. Peter: \$54,327
Total Pledged: \$26,897 50% of Goal



*Remembering Veterans Day
November 11, 2021*

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Faith Formation

CHILDREN'S PRAYERS The prayer chart numbers will be reported monthly for the remainder of the school year. Check back in December to see how the children of St Columban are living their faith by saying their prayers regularly.



Write to a Seminarian!

For the month of November, please consider sending one of our pre-printed postcards to one of this year's seminarians. Post cards are available in the Narthex and at the front table in the Faith Formation building.

"Behold, I tell you a mystery. We shall not all fall asleep, but we will all be changed, in an instant, in the blink of an eye, at the last trumpet. For the trumpet will sound, the dead will be raised incorruptible, and we shall be changed."
-1 Corinthians 15:51-52

Faith Formation: Grades K-12

- K-5 Sundays from 9-10:15AM
- Confirmation Classes on Sundays from 12-1:15PM

Please see the parish website for a complete class schedule



Join us for RCIA Tuesdays at 6:30PM in Room 103 of the Religious Education Building.

Topic This Week Church History

RCIA is open to all adult learners including, but not limited to, those seeking sacraments of initiation (Baptism, Eucharist, and Confirmation). Please contact Katie Hennigan in the Faith Formation office for additional information.

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Please contact the parish office for more information, the latest updates, and schedule changes.

November 15 Rosary Prayer Group

7:00PM Kimball's Ranch

November 16 Daily Mass

9:00AM St. Columban
+In Memory of: Patricia Meyer

6:30PM Spanish Prayer Group
Parish Hall

November 17 Daily Mass

9:00AM St. Columban

6:00PM Knights of Columbus Mtg.
Parish Hall

November 18 Daily Mass

9:00AM St. Columban

Bible Study

10:00AM St. Peter (Tenino)
6:30PM St. Columban
RE Bldg Rm. 105

November 19 Daily Mass

9:00AM St. Columban

November 20 Confession

3:30-4:30PM St. Columban

Vigil Mass

5:00PM St. Columban

November 21 King of the Universe

ST. PETER MISSION TENINO

7:30-7:45AM Confession
8:00AM Mass

ST. COLUMBAN

9—10:15AM Religious Ed Classes
10:30AM Mass
11:45—1PM Confirmation Classes
Year 1

Thanksgiving Day Mass

Thursday November 25th 9:00AM
Bring a bottled beverage or bread item in a presentable basket to be blessed.

Please no perishable items, plastic bags or boxes.

In Our Prayers

Loving God, we join with others of your people here asking you to hold in Your hands all of our homebound brothers and sister and those who have asked for our prayers:

Joseph Waters

Jessica Nash

Maria Luisa Fregoso

Paul Hennigan

Pam Henslee

Don Troyer

Mary Taylor

Mary Jo Jenkins

Nicole & Garith Scherk

+ All Veterans, Active & Retired Military and their families

+ All those in harm's way.

+ For all those affected by the Coronavirus and for all first responders and caregivers.

Rest In Peace

All the names written in our Book of the Dead and all the souls in purgatory, especially those who have no one to pray for them.

To add a name please contact the parish office.

All submissions must have permission from the named individual or an authorized family member for privacy purposes.

PARISH MINISTRIES

For more information or to sign-up to volunteer with any of these ministries, please contact the parish office.



Daughters of Mary
St. Columban Catholic Church Yelm, WA

December 14 Christmas Party
6:00PM Parish Hall



KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS COUNCIL 17152

December 15 Council Meeting
6:00PM Parish Hall



St. Vincent de Paul

December 16 Monthly Meeting
7:00PM Parish Hall



St. Peter's Circle

January 4 Monthly Meeting
9:30AM St. Peter Mission/Tenino



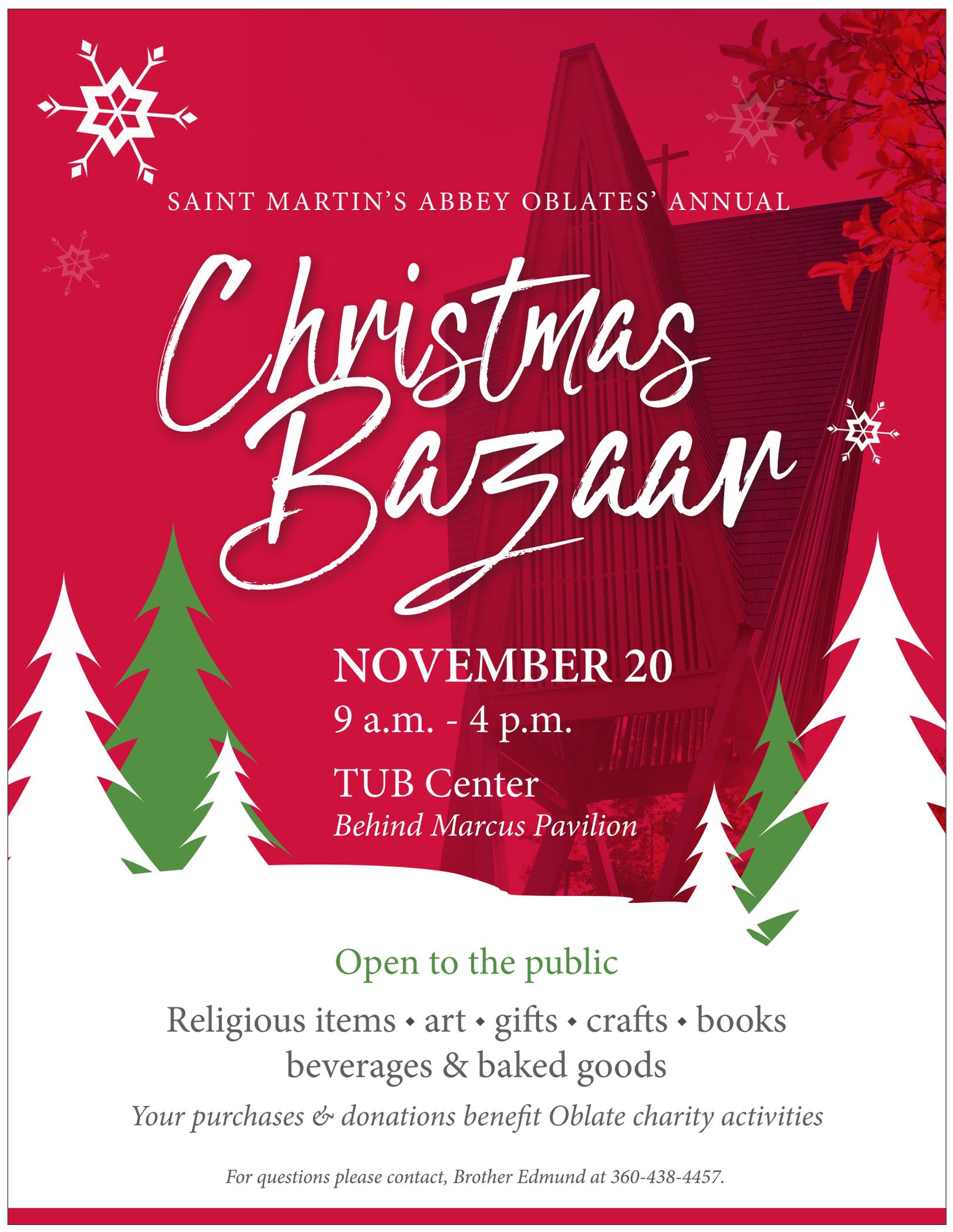
ALTAR SOCIETY

Cleaning the Church
Every Thursday after Daily Mass

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SAINT MARTIN'S ABBEY OBLATES' ANNUAL

Christmas Bazaar

NOVEMBER 20

9 a.m. - 4 p.m.

TUB Center
Behind Marcus Pavilion

Open to the public

Religious items • art • gifts • crafts • books
beverages & baked goods

Your purchases & donations benefit Oblate charity activities

For questions please contact, Brother Edmund at 360-438-4457.

Daniel's Prophecy Word-Find

What was Daniel talking about? Find all the words from the reading that are in CAPITALS. The leftover letters will give you the answer.

L I V E B E G A N T M H
 F O R E V E R W H O I S
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 J U S T I C E E D A Y S

In those DAYS, I, DANIEL, HEARD this word of the LORD: "At that time there shall ARISE MICHAEL, the GREAT PRINCE, guardian of your people; it shall be a time unsurpassed in DISTRESS since NATIONS BEGAN until that time. At that time your people shall ESCAPE, EVERYONE WHO IS FOUND WRITTEN in the book. "MANY of those who SLEEP in the dust of the EARTH shall awake; some shall LIVE FOREVER, others shall be an everlasting HORROR and disgrace. "But the WISE shall SHINE brightly like the SPLENDOR of the firmament, and those who lead the many to JUSTICE shall be like the STARS forever.

Daniel 12:1-3

Saint Albert the Great

November 15

ALBERT WAS BORN IN THE LATE 1100'S, THE SON OF A GERMAN MILITARY LORD. HE RECEIVED A GOOD EDUCATION. This morning we will do Latin, and music and math in the afternoon.

HE JOINED THE DOMINICAN ORDER TO STUDY AND SERVE GOD, IN SPITE OF HIS PARENTS' OPPOSITION.

I know this is what God wants.

ALBERT BECAME A PROFESSOR AND TAUGHT THEOLOGY (THE STUDY OF GOD.)

We know about God through nature, the Bible and the Church.

IN PARIS HE BECAME THE TEACHER OF ST. THOMAS AQUINAS.

ST. ALBERT WENT BACK TO PARIS TO DEFEND THE STUDIES OF ST. THOMAS. HIS STUDENT HE DIED IN 1280, BUT WAS ONLY CANONIZED IN 1931.

Thomas' arguments are logical. They must be defended in the universities.

SAINT ALBERT STUDIED ALL THE KNOWLEDGE OF HIS TIME SO THAT HE COULD BETTER UNDERSTAND GOD. HE SAW EVERY-THING IN SCIENCE AS A PROOF OF GOD'S WORK. SOMETIMES PEOPLE SAY THAT RELIGION IS AGAINST SCIENCE, BUT WE CAN LEARN FROM ST. ALBERT TO SEE GOD'S HAND IN ALL CREATION.

The Kids' Bulletin

33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time
 November 14th, 2021

In today's Gospel reading Jesus tells the disciples what will happen at the end of time.

The sun and moon will become dark and the stars will fall down from the sky, and then Jesus will come back.

What else does he say? Use this code to find out!

A B C D E F G H I J K L M N O P Q R S T U V W X Y Z

The End...

Mass tell us about some of the things that will happen at the end of the world. It seems pretty scary - the sun and moon will stop shining and the stars will fall down. But it should also be a very happy thing to think about - Jesus is coming back!

When the end of this world comes, all the good people will go to live with God and will be completely happy forever!

As long as we stay close to God and keep away from sin, we can be happy when the end of the world comes. Are you ready for it?

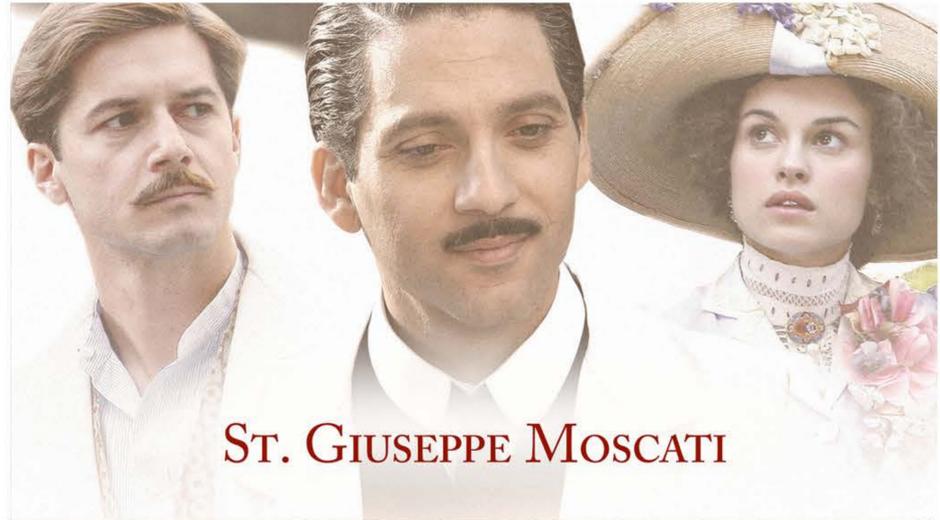
Answer to Daniel's Prophecy Word-Find: the end of time.
 Answer to puzzle on front page: Heaven and earth will pass away but my words will not pass away.

Nov 14, 2021

WATCH

ST. GIUSEPPE MOSCATI: DOCTOR TO THE POOR

Giuseppe Moscati, "the holy physician of Naples," as a medical doctor and layman in the early twentieth century who came from an aristocratic family and devoted his medical career to serving the poor. His research also led to the discovery of insulin as a cure for diabetes. Moscati regarded his medical practice as a lay apostolate, a ministry to his suffering fellowmen. Before examining a patient or engaging in research, he would place himself in the presence of God. He encouraged his patients to receive the sacraments.



ST. GIUSEPPE MOSCATI

LEARN

FORMED NOW: HOLY HEROES AND THE FORMATION OF CHILDREN

Holy Heroes

and the Formation of Children

with Dr. Ben Akers and Ken Davison

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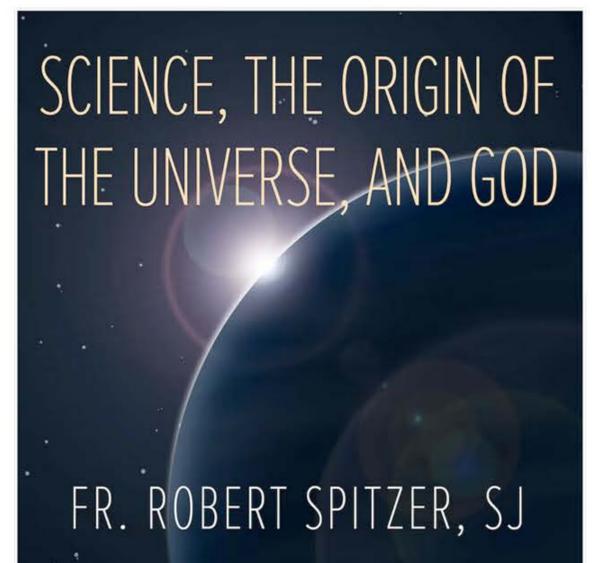


Dr. Ben Akers welcomes Ken Davison, founder of Holy Heroes, to discuss the formation and education of children and how Holy Heroes was created in order to bring the faith alive in a new way for kids of all ages.

LISTEN

SCIENCE, THE ORIGIN OF THE UNIVERSE, & GOD BY FR. ROBERT SPITZER

All too often, science is falsely pitted against Faith to disprove the tenants of Christianity. In this informative talk, Fr. Robert Spitzer, SJ—expert in physics, philosophy, and theology—debunks this powerful myth as he discusses the Big Bang and the origin of the universe with sound reason, credible science, and faithful theology. This talk is a must-listen for anyone wrestling with the biggest questions regarding science and Faith.



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The Thirty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

NOVEMBER 14, 2021



World Day of the Poor

WHO LIVES IN POVERTY USA?

All those who make less than the Federal government's official poverty threshold... which for a family of four is about \$25,700. People working at minimum wage, even holding down multiple jobs. Seniors living on fixed incomes. Wage earners suddenly out of work. Millions of families everywhere from our cities to rural communities.



Women



Men

Poverty does not strike all demographics equally. For example, in 2018, 10.6% of men, and 12.9% of women lived in Poverty USA. Along the same lines, the poverty rate for married couples in 2018 was only 4.7% - but the poverty rate for single-parent families with no wife present was 12.7%, and for single-parent families with no husband present was 24.9%.

In 2018, the poverty rate for people living with a disability was 25.7%. That's nearly 4 million people living with a disability—in poverty.

Learn more about how you can encounter, educate and act at PovertyUSA.org

Sources: How the US Census Measures Poverty, US Census Bureau; Income, Poverty, and Health Insurance Coverage in the United States: 2019, US Census Bureau (p. 18-19).



SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 14, 2021

33RD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



“Amen, I say to you, this generation will not pass away until all these things have taken place. Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away.

“But of that day or hour, no one knows, neither the angels in heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father.” - Mk 13:30-32

WEEKLY PRAYER

Readings for the week of November 14, 2021

- Sunday** Dn 12:1-3/Ps 16:5, 8, 9-10, 11 [1]/Heb 10:11-14, 18/Mk 13:24-32
- Monday** 1 Mc 1:10-15, 41-43, 54-57, 62-63/Ps 119:53, 61, 134, 150, 155, 158 [cf. 88]/Lk 18:35-43
- Tuesday** 2 Mc 6:18-31/Ps 3:2-3, 4-5, 6-7 [6b]/Lk 19:1-10
- Wednesday** 2 Mc 7:1, 20-31/Ps 17:1bcd, 5-6, 8b and 15 [15b]/Lk 19:11-28
- Thursday** 1 Mc 2:15-29/Ps 50:1b-2, 5-6, 14-15 [23b]/Lk 19:41-44
Dedication: Acts 28:11-16, 30-31/ Ps 105:2-3, 36-37, 42-43/Mt 14:22-33
- Friday** 1 Mc 4:36-37, 52-59/1 Chron 29:10bcd, 11abc, 11d-12a, 12bcd [13b]/Lk 19:45-48
- Saturday** 1 Mc 6:1-13/Ps 9:2-3, 4 and 6, 16 and 19 [cf. 16a]/Lk 20:27-40
- Next Sunday** Dn 7:13-14/Ps 93:1, 1-2, 5 [1a]/Rv 1:5-8/Jn 18:33b-37

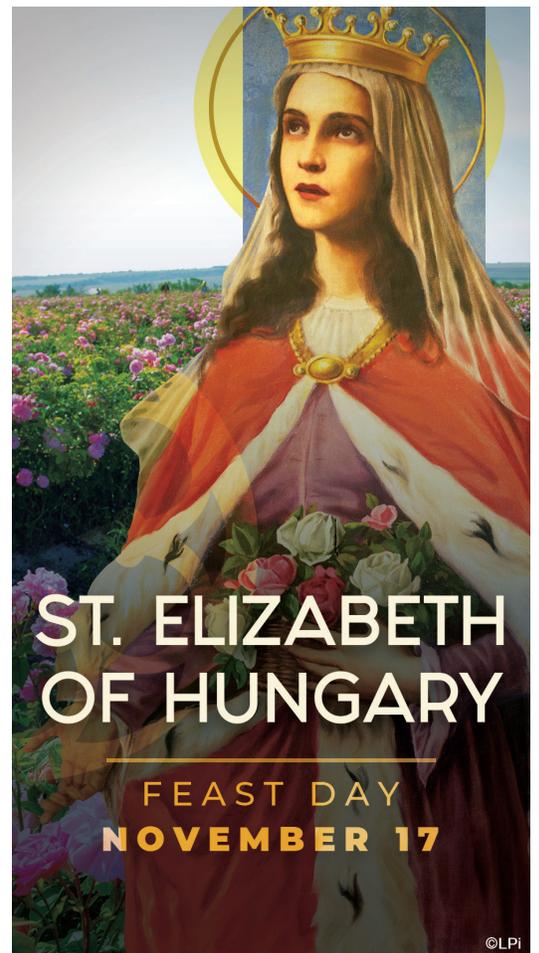
OBSERVANCES FOR THE WEEK OF NOVEMBER 14, 2021

- Sunday:** 33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time
- Monday:** St. Albert the Great, Bishop and Doctor of the Church
- Tuesday:** St. Margaret of Scotland; St. Gertrude, Virgin
- Wednesday:** St. Elizabeth of Hungary, Religious
- Thursday:** The Dedication of the Basilicas of Sts. Peter and Paul, Apostles; St. Rose Philippine Duchesne, Virgin
- Saturday:** BVM
- Next Sunday:** Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe

LIVE THE LITURGY

Inspiration for the week

Every human being asks and answers a very important existential question. What happens to us when we die? The answer we provide will determine how we chart the course of our existence. It will also determine whether the Second Coming of Christ will be of any concern to us. For many, life is simply a random occurrence with no significant intention or meaning about it. For these people, their eventual death, and the end of the earth as they know it, have little importance beyond their personal consequences. But, for people of faith our natural death and the Second Coming of Christ have huge implications. It is to these things that our faith speaks volumes and can bring a keen understanding and direction that the secular world simply cannot provide. This is where the call to vigilance and the primordial virtues of faith, hope, and love become useful and meaningful. We are works in progress who can either resist the inspirations of the Divine Artist or give into the wonderful surprising creativity of his will.



SAINT OF THE WEEK

Although her life was short, St. Elizabeth of Hungary (1207 – 1231) is recognized for her love of the poor and suffering, and as patroness of Catholic charities and the Secular Franciscan Order. The daughter of the King of Hungary, she chose a life of penance instead of leisure, which made an impact on the “commoners” she served.

St. Elizabeth married Louis of Thuringia when she was 14. Deeply in love, they had three children. Despite their wealth, she led a life of prayer, sacrifice, and service to the poor and sick under the spiritual direction of a Franciscan friar.

After six years of marriage, her husband died in the Crusades, and St. Elizabeth was grief-stricken. Her husband’s family did not look kindly upon her and mistreated her before finally throwing her out of the palace. However, the return of her husband’s allies from the Crusades resulted in her being reinstated, since her son was legal heir to the throne.

St. Elizabeth joined the Secular Franciscan Order in 1228 where she cared for the poor in a hospital she founded in honor of St. Francis of Assisi. She died in 1231, but her great popularity resulted in her being named a saint only four years later.

WORSHIP & MEDITATION



FIRST READING

"But the wise shall shine brightly like the splendor of the firmament, and those who lead the many to justice shall be like the stars forever." (Dn 12:3)



PSALM

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



SECOND READING

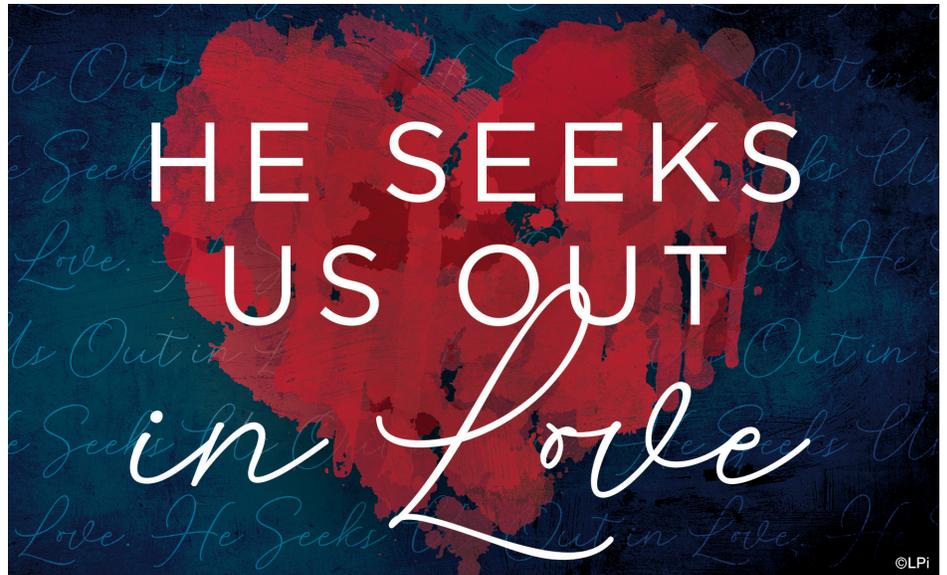
For by one offering he has made perfect forever those who are being consecrated. (Heb 10:14)



GOSPEL

"And then they will see 'the Son of Man coming in the clouds' with great power and glory, and then he will send out the angels and gather his elect from the four winds, from the end of the earth to the end of the sky." (Mk 13:26-27)

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GOSPEL MEDITATION

Encourage Deeper Understanding of Scripture

"And then they will see 'the Son of Man coming in the clouds' with great power and glory." Take a moment to ponder these words from today's Gospel. How does this image make you feel? For people to truly understand the significance of this message, something profound has to happen within. If we find ourselves reacting with a sense of dread or fear, we have to step back and ask why. Our answer will reveal a great deal about our relationship with God. It's hard to fall in love with a God of whom we are afraid. God does not want us to be afraid. Nor does He want us to align our wills to His in order to avoid some kind of horrendous eternal consequence. That sounds like too much of a superficial power play on the part of God who continues to seek out His children in love.

In order for these words to carry any type of significant meaning for us, they have to resonate with and touch us on a deeper level. They have to be able to connect some dots and have meaning for us in order for this promise to change our lives. Sometimes we get preoccupied with the uncertainty of our deaths. Not knowing when or how we will eventually die can be unsettling. But, more so than needing an answer to the "when" of death, the "what" of death answer we provide has more significance. What happens to us when we die? Whether we die during the natural course of our lives or when Christ comes again, the experience is the same. If we believe that we are meant to live in union with God eternally and that death completes and does not diminish us, then it is worth our time and effort to wait in vigilant hope of the Lord's coming in glory. Our journey back to God is something beautiful to be desired, not dreaded or feared.

Sadly, many folks believe that life is no more than a random occurrence without any purposeful direction or meaning. Death is simply death and nothing more. For them, the Second Coming of Christ and God's eternal promise have no meaning. When we understand the truth about who we are, it changes things up. We then can see ourselves as works in progress who have the choice to either resist the inspirations of the Divine Artist or give into the wonderful creativity of His will. Life awaiting the fullness of Christ to come becomes an unfolding of Divine surprises and abundant joy. God is eternally merciful, forgiving, and welcoming. It is only when we directly reject this gift and turn our backs on Love itself that we have anything to fear.

LITURGICAL LIFE

RESPONDING *to the Call*

EVERYDAY STEWARDSHIP

Recognize God In Your Ordinary Moments

Giving Until it Hurts

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

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

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

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

— Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS

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WHY DO WE DO THAT?

Catholic Life Explained:

Question:

Why do some sacraments leave a character or mark on the soul? Don't all sacraments affect the soul?

Answer:

All sacraments mediate grace and connect us to Christ and to the Church. Some sustain us in our faith journey, while others help us heal from the effects of sin. Each one offers a share in God's life, giving us what we need to be faithful followers of Jesus. But some sacraments change us in ways that are irreversible. The three sacraments that leave a character are Baptism, Confirmation, and Holy Orders. We are literally different people because of the effect of the grace of those sacraments. We are changed at the core of our being in such a fundamental way that we can not go back to what we once were.

In Baptism, we are freed from original sin, initiated into the Body of Christ as adopted sons and daughters. In Confirmation, we are given the fullness of God's Spirit, sealed in his grace and gifted with what we need to live a Christian life. In Holy Orders, a priest is marked as an 'alter Christus,' another Christ, and is once and forever a priest who offers sacrifice, forgives sin, and acts in the person of Christ. In these three sacraments, we are conformed more closely to Christ, reflecting his love and truth.

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“And then they will see
‘the Son of Man coming
in the clouds’ with great
power and glory, and then
he will send out the angels
and gather his elect from
the four winds, from the
end of the earth to the
end of the sky.”

– Mk 13:26-27

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QUESTIONS OF THE WEEK

Invite Parishioners to Reflect and Respond to Scripture

First Reading

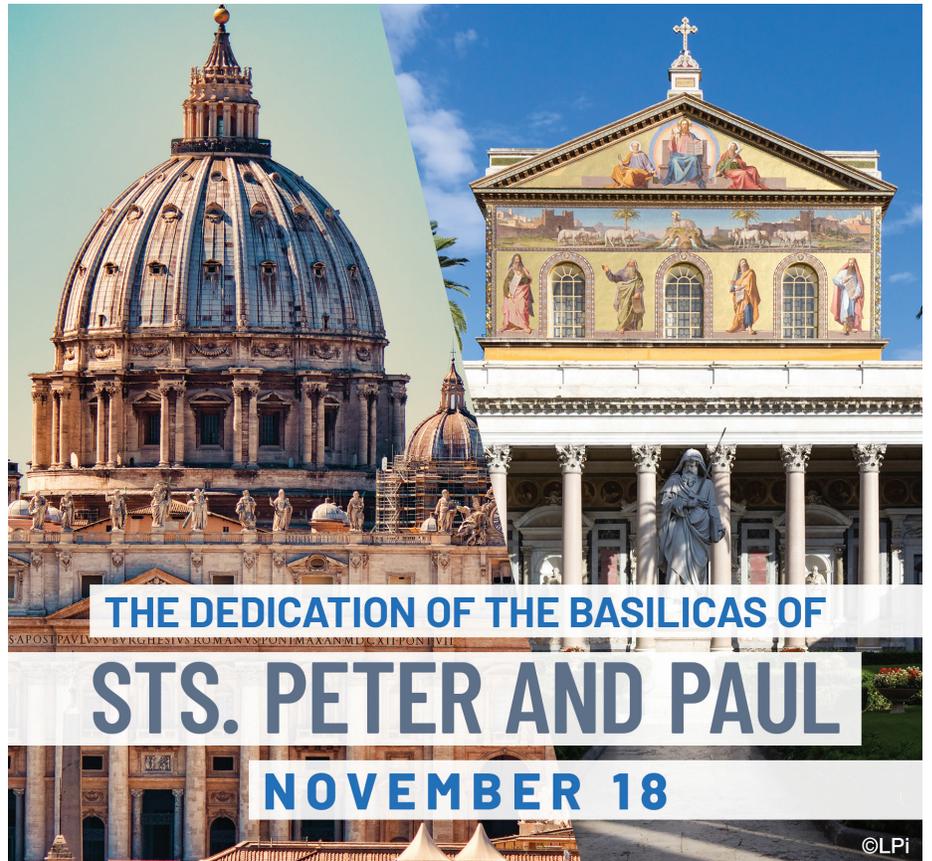
The prophet Daniel foresees a time of “unsurpassed distress” where all receive divine judgement of either everlasting life or everlasting disgrace. Do thoughts of the end times bring you comfort or concern?

Second Reading

The author of Hebrews continues to emphasize Jesus' death as the definitive and final sacrificial offering for sins. Why do you think this is a central theme in the Letter to the Hebrews?

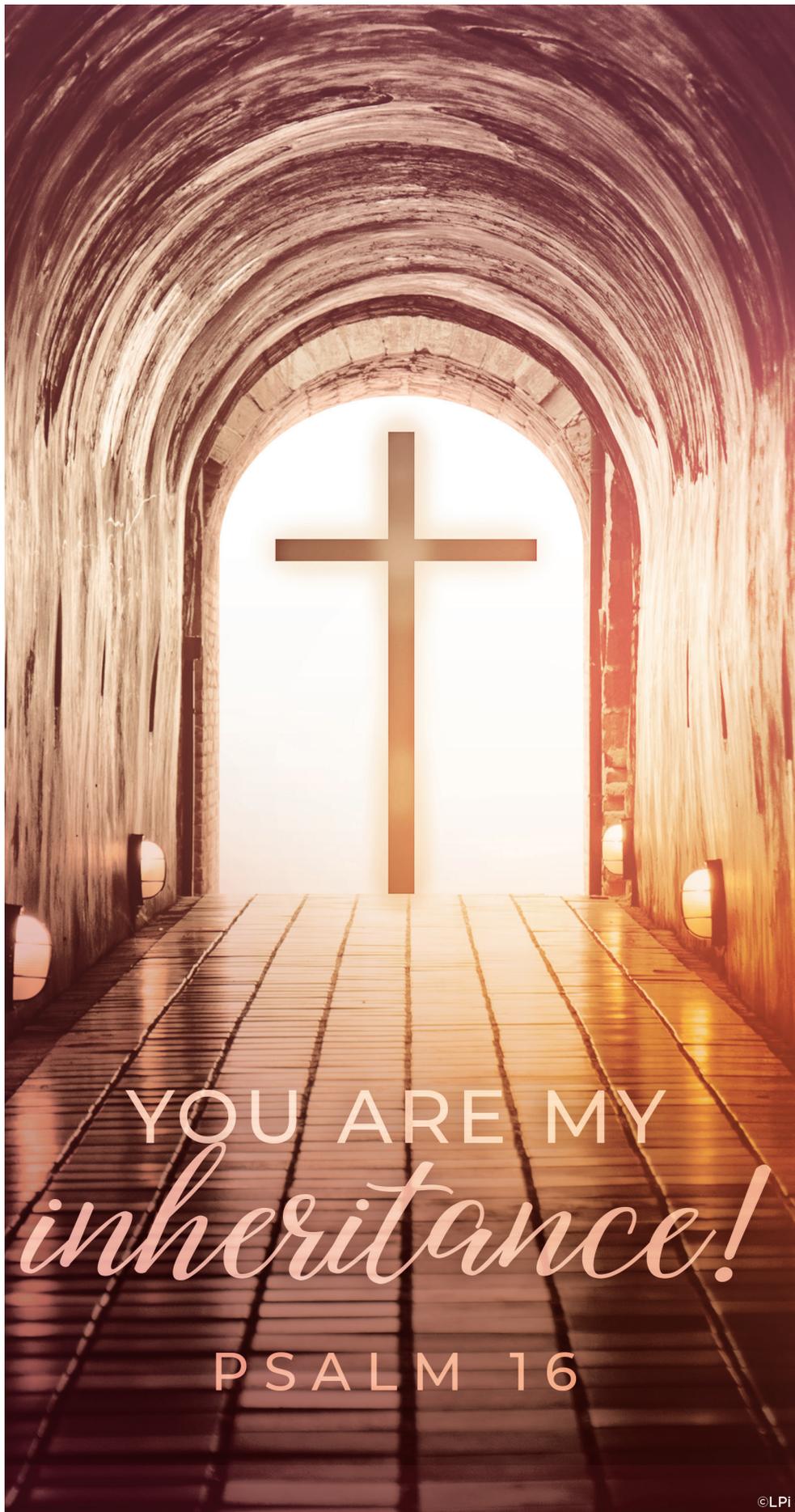
Gospel Reading

Jesus speaks of his Second Coming at the end of time and warns his disciples: “Be watchful! Be alert!” How are you preparing for judgment day?



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*“Amen, I say
to you, this
generation will not
pass away until
all these things
have taken place.
Heaven and earth
will pass away,
but my words will
not pass away.
But of that day
or hour, no one
knows, neither the
angels in heaven,
nor the Son, but
only the Father.”*

- Mk 13:30-32

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READ THE GOSPEL AND COMPLETE A PUZZLE!

Unscramble words from today's Gospel:

shaken
clouds
power

glory
angels
gather

chosen
leaves
heaven

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gthrae	—	—	—	—	—	—
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cldsou	—	—	—	—	—	—
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pwroe	—	—	—	—	—	—
anglse	—	—	—	—	—	—
lvseea	—	—	—	—	—	—

SHARING THE GOSPEL

Today's Gospel reading gives us both a warning and a promise. One day Jesus will come back, so we need to be ready. For those of us who follow God to the end, Jesus promises to take us to heaven. So live every day like you are going to meet Jesus. One day you will.

PRAYER

Dear God, keep me close to you until I live with you in heaven.

MISSION FOR THE WEEK

Invite a friend to come to church with you. Share a meal together, and talk about the promise Jesus made about heaven.





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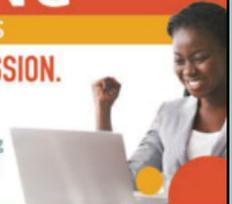
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