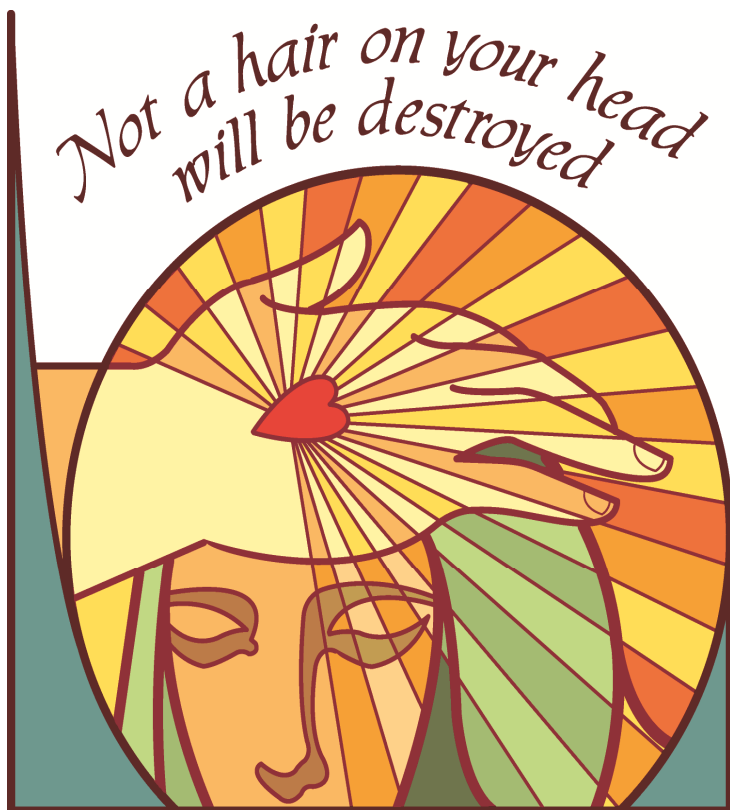


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Today's readings paint a somewhat frightening picture of the end of time. But the Gospel ends with the assurance to faithful stewards that those who persevere will be saved.

Mass Schedule

Sunday 9:30 AM

Mission Staff

Sister Susana Renteria, PCI

PASTOR: Msgr. Michael Heras

PRIESTS: Msgr. Seamus McGowan

Fr. Patrick Higgins

Fr. Joseph Olikkara

DEACONS: Allen Cicora

Eluterio Farias

Richard Lewinski

Nov. 17, 2013

**Thirty-Third Sunday in
Ordinary Time**

NOT WATCHING FOR THE SECOND COMING

As we near the end of the Church year, the scriptures become more urgent. Both the prophet Malachi and Jesus in the Gospel according to Luke offer graphic pictures of a terrible future. But we are missing the message if we use these passages to speculate about when the world will end. The troubles predicted have already occurred, and then some. In the last century alone we have seen devastation beyond anything the ancient prophets could have imagined.

We weren't given these passages to strike fear in our hearts, but faith. The sun of justice will rise, Malachi assures us, for those who are faithful. And Jesus promises, "By your perseverance you will secure your lives." But it is Paul who brings the message down to earth. The Thessalonians were so sure that the end of the world was upon them, some of them had stopped working! Paul states his case clearly: "If anyone was unwilling to work, neither should that one eat." We are not called to worry about how things will end, but to live today faithfully.

Living God's Word

Living with self-inflected limitations is no easy task, personally or ecclesially. On the other hand, the presence of the Lord Jesus Christ renews the Church and helps us to build his kingdom as best we can.

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

Nov. 18-24, 2013



Monday

8:00 am †Mark Stock -

Tuesday

Margaret Boerm

8:00 am †Tommy Najvar - Ann Najvar

Wednesday

6:30 pm †Janie Gil - Altar Society

Thursday

8:00 am †Henry Lozano, III - Lucia Lozano

Friday

8:00 am †Joyce Brand - Steve & Judy Jaksik

Saturday

6:00 pm †Harold & Louise McCown - Harold & James McCown families

COLLECTIVE MASSES

Sunday

8:00 am Joshua Tristan B-day - parents

9:30 am †Armando & Maria Elena DeLosSantos - Lupe Castillo

†Micaela Reyes - Delma Garza

10:00 am Special Intention - Dominican Sisters

12:00 pm †Hipolito Cantu - Bertha & Family

†Levina & Gilberto Cantu - Noemi & Joe Reynolds

†Juan G. Garcia, Sr. - Gloria Garcia

†Armando Vasquez, Jr.- Vangie & Mauricio Cantu

†Joel Candela, Jr. - Amanda Cisneros

6:00 pm †Mira S. Flores - Flores & Salinas Family



The Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Thursday is the memorial of the Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary, which, by an ancient custom, we celebrate the mystery that the Blessed Virgin Mary was marvelously prepared to receive the coming of Jesus Christ by being presented to God in the temple by her parents at a very young age to hasten the coming of the Messiah.

This feast happens every year immediately before Advent, an entire season when we focus on preparing the way for the Lord. The last two weeks of the Church's year the readings and liturgy are all about the final coming of God to consummate the ages with God's final victory over evil and judgment over all mankind. The readings for Thursday reveal this.

Just as the Blessed Virgin Mary was prepared to give the gift of her life back to God in the temple by meditating on the Word of God and participation in the temple liturgy, we are prepared in a most excellent way to give our gifts back to God by the Word of God and by participation in the Sacred Liturgy of the Church, especially the Most Holy Eucharist, which is the source, summit, and center, of all the gifts that we have been given.

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday:

1 Mc 1:10-15, 41-43, 54-57, 62-63; Ps 119:53, 61, 134, 150, 155, 158; Lk 18:35-43 or (for the memorial of the Dedication) Acts 28:11-16, 30-31; Ps 98:1-6; Mt 14:22-33

Tuesday:

2 Mc 6:18-31; Ps 3:2-7; Lk 19:1-10

Wednesday:

2 Mc 7:1, 20-31; Ps 17:1bcd, 5-6, 8b, 15; Lk 19:11-28

Thursday:

1 Mc 2:15-29; Ps 50:1b-2, 5-6, 14-15; Lk 19:41-44

Friday:

1 Mc 4:36-37, 52-59; 1 Chr 29:10bcd, 11-12; Lk 19:45-48

Saturday:

1 Mc 6:1-13; Ps 9:2-4, 6, 16, 19; Lk 20:27-40

Sunday:

2 Sm 5:1-3; Ps 122:1-5; Col 1:12-20; Lk 23:35-43

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Collections for St. Mary's Mission will be posted in two weeks.

Thank you for your understanding!

CCD Class - Wednesday, 5:30 to 6:30 pm.
Confirmation Class - Wednesday, 7:00 - 8:00 pm. Call Sr. Susana at 947-4601 for more information.

This Week at St. Peter's

MONDAY: Rosary 7:30 am; **Mass** 8:00 am.

TUESDAY: Rosary 7:30 am; **Mass** 8:00 am; **RCIA** 7 pm.

WEDNESDAY: Rosary 6:00 pm; **Mass:** 6:30 pm; **Prayer Group Meeting** 7 pm.

THURSDAY: The Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary; **Mass** 8 am. **Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament** 8:30 am - 6:30 pm; **Choir Practice** 7 pm.

FRIDAY: Feast of St. Cecilia; Mass 8 am

SATURDAY: Feast of St. Clement I; St. Columban; Confessions 4:30 - 5:30 pm. **Vigil Mass** 6pm.



VOCATION VIEW

You know that at the end of earth-time, every thing will be stubble. Be sure there is a monument to your earth-love in heaven. Listen to Jesus.



More pictures of the children dressed as Saints

RESEMBLANCE

The dignity of resembling the Almighty is common to all people; we should then love them all as ourselves, as living images of the Deity. It is in this that we belong to God.