



SUNDAY NOVEMBER 16, 2025

THIRTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



Background on the Gospel Reading from Loyola Press Sunday Connection

In the context of Luke, today's Gospel appears near the end of Jesus' teaching in Jerusalem, just prior to the events that will lead to his crucifixion. His warnings and predictions are ominous but can be read in many ways.

To those who first heard Luke's Gospel, those may have been words of encouragement. The destruction of the Temple in Jerusalem by the Romans was history (70 A.D.); Luke's Gospel, Catholic scholars propose, was written between 80 and 90 A.D. His audience was probably Gentile Christians. Luke here tries to interpret the fall of Jerusalem for them and to locate it in God's plans for humankind (salvation history). At the same time, Luke is suggesting to his audience that there will be a considerable elapse of time before Jesus' final coming. Luke's listeners have likely seen much upheaval and are anxious to know if these are the signs of Jesus' coming. Luke is urging greater patience.

In the second part of today's Gospel, Jesus warns that his followers will face persecution for their beliefs. Luke presents persecution as an opportunity for the followers of Jesus for "It will lead to your giving testimony" (Luke 21:13). In persecution God's wisdom and power will be shown in the example of followers of Jesus. Perseverance in the face of persecution will lead to their salvation.

Here Jesus is assuring his followers that God is present to all believers, even in times of trouble. Ultimately, Jesus will witness to this with his own death. As disciples of Jesus, we try to follow his example, trusting in God's mercy and protection, even when we are facing difficulties.

THE PRESENTATION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY, Feast Day November 21



Mary's presentation was celebrated in Jerusalem in the sixth century. A church was built there in honor of this mystery. The Eastern Church was more interested in the feast, but it does appear in the West in the 11th century. Although the feast at times disappeared from the calendar, in the 16th century it became a feast of the universal Church.

As with Mary's birth, we read of Mary's presentation in the temple only in apocryphal literature. In what is recognized as an unhistorical account, the *Protoevangelium of James* tells us that Anne and Joachim offered Mary to God in the Temple when she was 3 years old. This was to carry out a promise made to God when Anne was still childless.

Though it cannot be proven historically, Mary's presentation has an important theological purpose. It continues the impact of the feasts of the Immaculate Conception and of the birth of Mary. It emphasizes that the holiness conferred on Mary from the beginning of her life on earth continued through her early childhood and beyond.

Reflection:

It is sometimes difficult for modern Westerners to appreciate a feast like this. The Eastern Church, however, was quite open to this feast and even somewhat insistent about celebrating it. Even though the feast has no basis in history, it stresses an important truth about Mary: From the beginning of her life, she was dedicated to God. She herself became a greater temple than any made by hands. God came to dwell in her in a marvelous manner and sanctified her for her unique role in God's saving work. At the same time, the magnificence of Mary enriches her children. They - we - too are temples of God and sanctified in order that we might enjoy and share in God's saving work.

Please remember to keep Saint Francis Parish in your will.





OCIA-Adult Education on Monday night November 17th at 7:00 p.m. is **Catholic Morality. Virtue-Grace**; the path to true happiness. What are the three requirements to make sure an act is 'moral'. Can we use immoral acts to assure a moral end? Can the end justify the means? What helps us to correctly form our 'formed' consciences? Come join your fellow parishioners in the spirit of fellowship. Snacks provided. Deacon David and Education team



Cookies, Cakes, and Pies! Oh, My!!!!

Our Food Pantry will have a Thanksgiving Bake Sale after our Masses next weekend, November 22nd and 23rd.

Never regret a day in your life; good days give happiness, bad days give experience, worst days give lessons and the best days give memories



Pray for healing: Shirley Allegretti, Donna Barbaro, Dolores Botti, Chad Cook, William Crunkleton, Susan Darby, Lillianne Duong Davis, Tony Frede, Sarah Fricks, Daniel Hellerer, Wayne Hirsch, Sarah Holloran, Bill Holten, Guyla Ivers, Anette ML Jiglau, Sandra Kanter, Georgette Lee, Terry McConnell, Michelle Mercer, Dee Moffitt, Delphine Moss, Monica Moya, Benjamin Nemeth, John Ontiveros, Freeman Robinson, Josette Roisin, Kathleen Rogers, Patricia Ruehle, Mike Scarborough, Bill Shaw, Roxanne Lumia Smith, Wanda Stamey, Irene Tisdale, Art Todesco, Alan Tucker, Ruby Christina Tucker, Joe and Charlene Youdell, Rosalie Perreault, David Ramsey, Susie Lopez Pineda



Rosary is prayed ½ hour before every Mass.

Adoration every Friday after our 9:00 a.m. Mass with the Chaplet of Divine Mercy at 11:30 a.m. and benediction till noon.

Reconciliation ½ hour before Vigil Mass and Wednesday at 6:15 p.m.



Please pray for our parishioners and all men and women in the armed forces: Angel Avila, Stephen Fox, Lauren Richards, Christopher Richards, Jesus Rodriquez and Elizabeth Scoon



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Mass Schedule and Intentions

Saturday, November 15

Saint Albert the Great,

Bishop and Doctor of the Church

4:00 P.M. †Elizabeth Tauzin by Glenn Deimel

†Guillermo Ramos, †Miguel Angel Ramos

Sunday, November 16

Thirty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

9:00 A.M. †Armando Acevedo,

†Maria del Refugio Acevedo,

†Marciano Diaz Acevedo,

†Gonzalo Barriga

11:30 A.M. †Ismael Trujillo Nunez,

†Evangeline Rodriguez Marez

†Leticia Gonzalez Ramirez

Monday, November 17

Saint Elizabeth of Hungary, Religious

NO MASS

Tuesday, November 18

The Dedication of the Basilicas of Saints Peter and Paul

NO MASS

Wednesday, November 19

NO MASS

Thursday, November 20

NO MASS

Friday, November 21

The Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary

NO MASS

Saturday, November 22

Saint Cecilia, Virgin and Martyr

4:00 P.M. †Mirella Diaz, †Margarita Diaz,

†Holy Souls, David Ruiz

Sunday, November 23

Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe

9:00 A.M. †Jackie Chambers

Erin Bock

11:30 A.M. †Ismael Trujillo Nunez

†Evangeline Rodriguez Marez

†Francisco Arellano

†Manuel Cardenas

