

NOVEMBER 14, 2021

• THIRTY- THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

SAINT FRANCIS OF ASSISI CATHOLIC CHURCH



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MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday Vigil Mass: 5:00 p.m.

Sunday Mass: 10:30 a.m.

Text to Give: (833) 938-2034

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Saturday: 4:00 p.m. or by appointment.

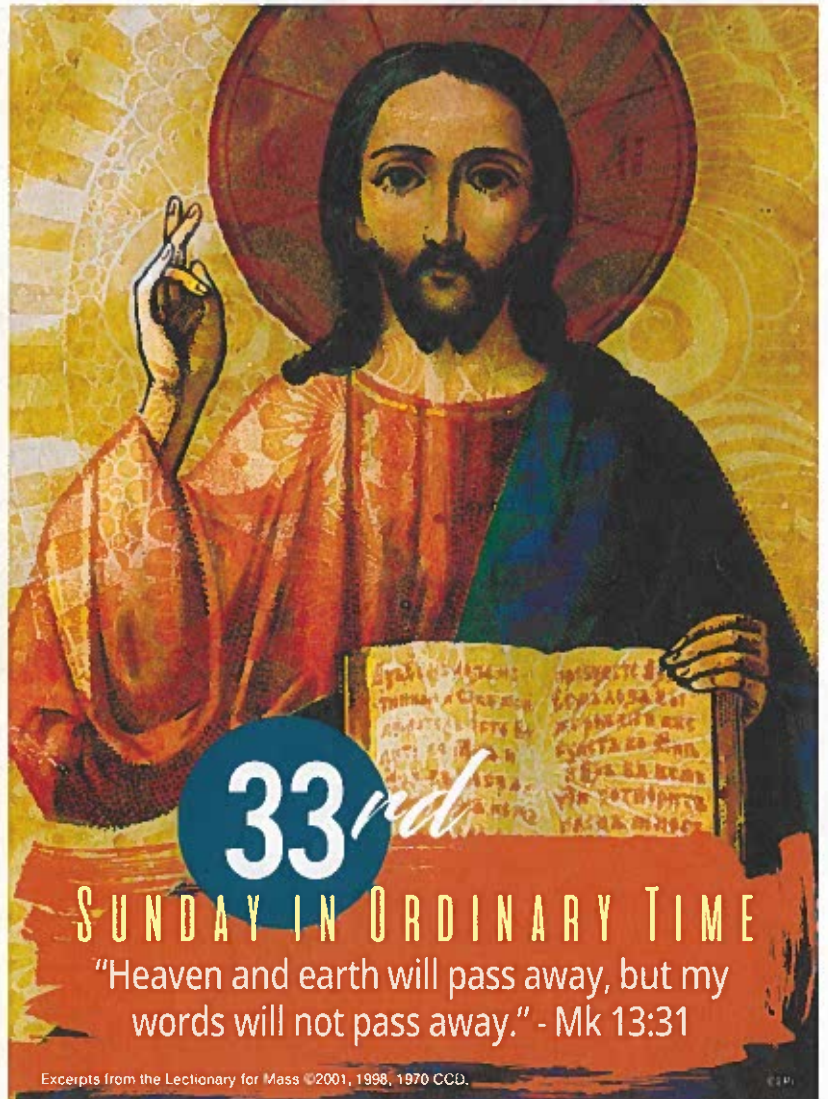
PARISH STAFF

Pastor: Fr. Rob Adams

Deacon: Dcn. Joe Jacobs

Administrative Assistant: Becky Griffith

Custodian: Lisa Scalf



33rd

SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

"Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away." - Mk 13:31



From the Pastor's Desk....

Sunday Offertory

11-07-2021.....\$2,922
 Weekly Budget.....\$2,700
Surplus/Deficit.....\$222
 YTD Offertory.....\$48,586
 Budget.....\$51,300
Surplus/Deficit.....\$2,714
 11-07-2021 Building Fund.....\$820

BUILDING FUND UPDATE: We currently owe **\$64,640** on the new church building. Thank you for your continued support of the Church Building Fund.



Daniel 12:1-3
 Hebrews 10:11-14, 18
 Mark 13:24-32

At the end, the Son of Man will return with great power and glory, placing his enemies under his feet. Those whose names are in the Book shall live forever in light and joy.

Readings may be found in the Saint Augustine Hymnal Number 1076

Hi Everyone!

I want to remind everyone that we will begin our Bible study on Mary begins this Wednesday, November 17. We will meet from 7:00 pm - 8:15 pm in the school building. You can order your materials and online access from the link in our St. Francis Pikeville app or copy and paste the link on the website. Please email the office if you'd like to participate by virtually!

Beginning the week of Thanksgiving, we will include the list of food items that we need for Christmas this year. Our plan is to help 20-25 local families celebrate Christmas. The parish normally contributes a few weeks of canned food for each family. Let's all be generous this year!

Finally, we are looking at putting together a little choir for Advent and Christmas. It will be open to anyone, kids and adults. They will meet to practice on Wednesdays at 6:00 pm at the church starting on December 1. They would be singing at Mass on December 11 (Saturday Mass) and Christmas Eve. Other days can be added as the group decides. Please see Anne Westgate if you would like to join!

Fr. Rob

OUR MISSION STATEMENT

St. Francis of Assisi Catholic Church is a Eucharistic family of Catholic Christians. Nourished by the sacraments and guided by the Holy Spirit, we proclaim Jesus Christ and the Good News of salvation. Following the spirit of the Gospel, St. Francis parish provides continuous religious education and spiritual growth for all parishioners, varied opportunities for social enrichment, and support for the needs of families in Pike County, our nation and the world.

Mass Schedule & Intentions

Saturday, November 13	5:00 pm Vigil Mass	+Drew and Lexi Dreggors
Sunday, November 14	10:30 am Mass	For the People
Monday, November 15	No Mass	
Tuesday, November 16	Noon Mass	CES Donor
Wednesday, November 17	Noon Mass	+John Altman
Thursday, November 18	Noon Mass	+Nanette Schmidt
Friday, November 19	Noon Mass @ St. George Church	
Saturday, November 20	5:00 pm Vigil Mass	+John Altman
Sunday, November 21	10:30 am Mass	For the People

Parish Calendar & Announcements

POOR BOX: During the month of October we collected \$191 in the poor box to assist the ministry of Helping Hands. Thank you!

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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.

POPE FRANCIS' PRAYER INTENTIONS FOR NOVEMBER - People Who Suffer from Depression - We pray that people who suffer from depression or burn-out will find support and a light that opens them up to life.

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. ©LPi

SIN ON THE SOUL

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. ©LPi



Barbara Kiser

Tim Deskins, cancer

Sandy Lowe, cancer

Jerry and Ann Bilicek

Gloria Wagner (Mother of Linda Justice and Susan Chafin)

Ron Saros

Cindy and Christy Hedinger

Rita Scheuer

Kenny Blackburn

Alpha Carroll, Signature Health Care

Dr. Harry and Helen Altman

Carol Rashella

Margarita Gomez

Fran Sykes

VOTIVE CANDLES:

Suggested donation: Large votives \$3.00 and small votives \$0.50



Our Parish COMMUNITY

November 14, 2021

Thirty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time (B)

Dn 12:1-3

Heb 10:11-14, 18

Mk 13:24-32

In Those Days...

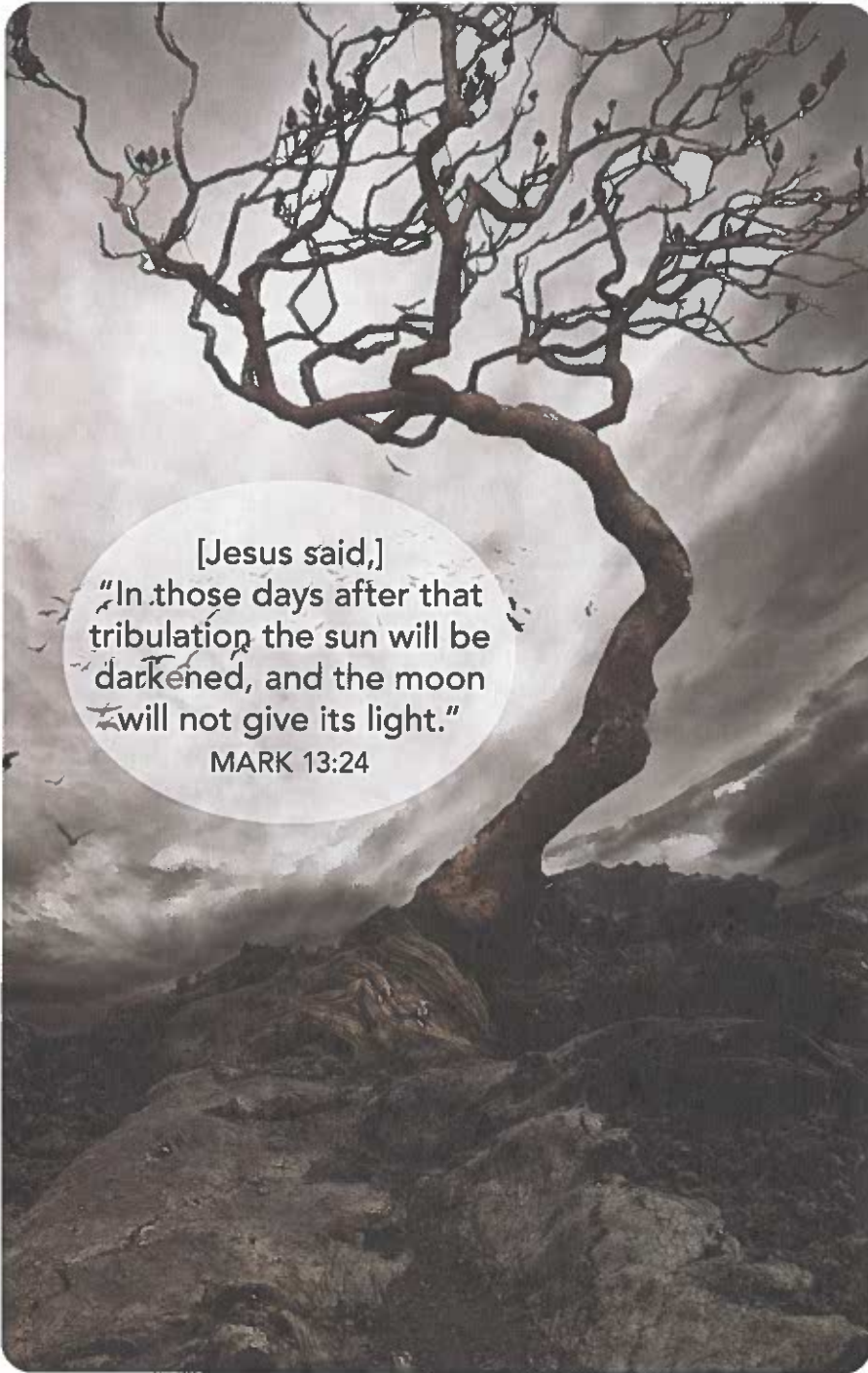
This phrase is frequently found in the writings of the prophets. While it sometimes points to a future time of peace and happiness, it often portends imminent fear and trembling, as it does in today's readings. Both Daniel and Jesus speak of the suffering that will precede the end of the world. This suffering is often called the

"birth pangs of the Messiah" (Matthew 24:8; Mark 13:8; John 16:21). This apt metaphor includes both life-threatening distress and wondrous joy over new birth. Pain and subsequent happiness are both described in today's readings.

The author of Daniel may be referring to the end of the whole world but is probably also presenting that in terms of the end of his own world, which would have included the suffering and even death of Jews who remained faithful under persecution. Some interpreters suggest Jesus is speaking similarly. That is, he is using a familiar figure of speech that characterizes suffering as birth pangs. According to this metaphor, there might be terrible suffering, but at the end there is utter happiness.

Both Daniel and Jesus seek to encourage their hearers to remain faithful even in the face of torment, for new life can come out of such suffering. This is a message we all need to hear. Suffering is a reality in every life. How do we endure it? Does it sour us, break us down? Or do we come out of it new people, more sensitive and understanding? It is up to us.

Sr. Dianne Bergant, CSA



[Jesus said,]
"In those days after that tribulation the sun will be darkened, and the moon will not give its light."
MARK 13:24

FOR *Reflection*

- ✦ *Pray for the strength to remain faithful, regardless of the difficulty.*
- ✦ *How has suffering made you a better person?*

Dear Padre,

Is a homily necessary at every Mass?

The homily is “highly recommended” not only because it is an essential part of the liturgy but also because “it is necessary for the nurturing of the Christian life” (*General Instruction of the Roman Missal*, 65). “On Sundays and holy days of obligation there is to be a homily at every Mass that is celebrated with the people attending and it may not be omitted without a grave reason. On other days it is recommended, especially on the weekdays of Advent, Lent and Easter time, as well as on other festive days and occasions

when the people come to church in greater numbers” (*GIRM* 66). In practice, brief homilies are usually offered on nonfestive weekday Masses during Ordinary Time, too—especially in church parishes and religious communities—even for a minimal number of people in the congregation.

“Whoever preaches, let it be with the words of God” (1 Peter 4:11). To the office of an ordained minister belongs the tremendous sacred duty to preach a homily rooted in prayer, and with an understanding of the Scriptures and the needs of the particular faith community in mind. “If the words of Scripture are divinely inspired, as we believe them to be, then divine inspiration must be at work when those words are made alive and contemporary to the believing community in and through” the ministry of preaching (*Fulfilled in Your Hearing*, U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops, 1982).

Fr. Byron Miller, CSSR
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A WORD FROM *Pope Francis*

Please, make the homily brief, but prepare it well. And how do we prepare a homily, dear priests, deacons, bishops? How should it be prepared? With prayer, by studying the word of God and by making a clear and brief summary; it should not last more than ten minutes, please.

GENERAL AUDIENCE, FEBRUARY 7, 2018



Calendar

Monday

NOVEMBER 15

Weekday

1 Mc 1:10–15, 41–43,
54–57, 62–63
Lk 18:35–43

Tuesday

NOVEMBER 16

Weekday

2 Mc 6:18–31
Lk 19:1–10

Wednesday

NOVEMBER 17

St. Elizabeth of
Hungary, Religious

2 Mc 7:1, 20–31
Lk 19:11–28

Thursday

NOVEMBER 18

Weekday

1 Mc 2:15–29
Lk 19:41–44

Friday

NOVEMBER 19

Weekday

1 Mc 4:36–37, 52–59
Lk 19:45–48

Saturday

NOVEMBER 20

Weekday

1 Mc 6:1–13
Lk 20:27–40

Sunday

NOVEMBER 21

Our Lord Jesus Christ,
King of the Universe

Dn 7:13–14

Rv 1:5–8

Jn 18:33b–37

**Do you have
a question for
the Padre?**

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to learn more about
Dear Padre.