Today’s Gospel gives us a timely message about the end of times. It is the culmination of our journey which began with the sacrament of Baptism, cleansing us of the vestiges of original sin, followed by the adoption as children of the loving Father, and integrated as living members into the Body of Christ, nourished with the Holy Eucharist, healed and strengthened by the sacramental grace of Reconciliation, anointed and vested with the Gifts of the Holy Spirit, we became a family of God, the Father, consecrated, set apart and made new to do His Will: namely to know Him, to love Him and to serve Him.

While Jesus tells us that no one knows when the end will come except the heavenly Father, He directs us to be hopeful, rather than fearful. This is considered as the only attitude worthy of a Christian.

God made us for salvation, not for damnation. His love and mercy are at the heart of the Good News Jesus brought and continues to bring to us. He leads us by example to live our lives as if the end was about to happen at any moment. Christian living prompts us to look forward to the end, as prisoners and slaves look forward to the day of freedom.

The words of Jesus give strength and life; they illuminate our paths and give us hope to get by. The light given to us by virtue of our faith will also shed that light around us so that those who walk in darkness will be able to find their way home.

Perhaps you could spend some minutes in quiet prayer, and ask God to show you one (or more) ways that you may be called to respond to this week’s scriptures:

- In your relationship with God
- With family and friends
- At work, school, or church
- In the broader community....

PARISH COMMUNITY NEWS

THANKSGIVING DAY MASS

On Thanksgiving Day, November 22, 2019, our Parish will celebrate a multilingual (English-Spanish-Tagalog) Mass at 9:00am in our Church. We invite you to make a special effort to come, join and celebrate this Mass with us. Our Parish joins our fellow sisters and brothers, as a grateful nation to give thanks to God for so many gifts, favors and blessings we have received from him all through this past year.

As Parishioners of St. John the Evangelist Church we embark upon this opportunity to remember gratefully His Fatherly care and loving providential watch over us, protecting us and guiding us through the last One hundred and twenty five years of our Parish. This year we invite our children and the young people of our Parish to join us celebrate this beautiful tradition.

FOOD FOR THE POOR AND THE HUNGRY

At the Thanksgiving Day 9:00am mass, on November 22, the St. Vincent De Paul conference of St. John the Evangelist Parish requests all to consider bringing non-perishable food for distribution to those in need in our parish and community. They seek white rice, pinto beans, pasta, ramen, oatmeal, meat-based soups, and small cans of whole kernel corn, fruit, tuna, and meat or spam. Thank you again for your generosity.

ST. JOHN SCHOOL

St. John School is accepting applications for next August’s Transitional Kindergarten and Kindergarten classes. Please call the school office @ 415-584-8333 if you are interested in a tour. Children must be 4 years old by September 1, 2019 for Transitional Kindergarten and 5 years old by September 1, 2019 for Kindergarten.

St. John School, mindful of its witness to the love of Christ for all, admits students of any race, color, and national and/or ethnic origins to all rights, privileges, programs and activities generally accorded to or made available to students at this school. St. John School does not unlawfully discriminate on the basis of race, color, and national and/or ethnic origin, age, sex or disability in administration of educational policies, admissions policies, scholarship and loan programs, and athletic and other school-administered programs.

ST. JOHN THE EVANGELIST PARISH CHOIRS

We would love to have more members in our Parish choirs, both in English and Spanish. We invite new members to join our choirs. We look for whoever wants to sing God’s praises in our choirs, come and make friends and lend your voices to this ministry.

Practice for the English Choir is at 6pm on Wednesdays.

Practice for the Spanish Choir takes place on Sunday after the Spanish Mass.