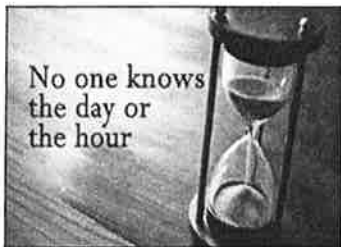


November 14th - Thirty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time



MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

Saturday, November 13

9:00am † *Esperanza Buenconsejo*

4:30pm † *Rufino Labari*

Sunday, November 14

8:00am

10:00am † *Ramona Murray*

12:00pm † *Antonio Sandoval*

Monday, November 15

9:00am † *Natividad Fernandez*

Tuesday, November 16

9:00am † *Dr. Cesar Santos*

Wednesday, November 17

9:00am † *Rodrigo Tarantan*

Thursday, November 18

9:00am

Friday, November 19

9:00am † *Henry & Teresa Thran*

Saturday, November 20

9:00am

4:30pm

From the Desk of the Pastor

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

The Church is open for Masses

Weekday masses at 9:00am Monday through Saturday

Saturday Vigil Mass at 4:30pm and Sunday Masses at 8am & 10am in English and 12 noon en español

The church is open for personal prayer and Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament on Sundays from 7:30am to 1:00pm.

We pray the rosary at 9:30am in English and at 11:30am in Spanish. Come and join us in praying the rosary.

The Parish thanks the Knights of Columbus, Council 615 and our liturgical ministers who generously offer their time, talent and treasure in faithful stewardship every weekend, keeping watch in the church and taking care of the church.

Thank you

The Parish of St. John the Evangelist thanks Mary Alfonso, Aida Grona, Flaviano Redublado, Henry Falcon, Paul Limpin, and Sonia Urquilla and all those who magnanimously worked to organize and generously supported the celebration of the nine day-novenas and the Feast of San Lorenzo Ruiz of Manila.

Your efforts raised a total offering of \$3,135.00 to help install a new heating system for the church. It has been transferred to the Fixing God's House account. Thank you for your generosity.

St. Vincent de Paul and The Riley Center

The St. Vincent de Paul Conference of St. John the Evangelist and the Riley Center are partnering for their annual "Adopt A Family" program. The Riley Center shelters battered women and their children. You are invited to take an envelope from the Christmas Giving Tree, which will be set up on the weekend of November 20th and 21st in the back of the church.

Please place your donation of any amount in an envelope and place it in the box by the giving tree. All funds collected will go towards a \$75.00 Target gift card to help needy families at Christmas. You may also purchase a \$75.00 gift card if you so wish and place it in an envelope. Thank you for your generosity.

In today's Gospel, Jesus continues His teaching by offering his disciples signs to look for that will indicate that the coming of the Son of Man is near. His words and images draw upon Old Testament imagery, especially images found in the Book of Daniel. Jesus offers the lesson of the fig tree, a parable that teaches that if one knows how to read the signs, one can be prepared for the coming of the King. Jesus also teaches, however, that no one knows when the end time will come, except the Father. In the verses that follow this reading in Mark's Gospel, Jesus continues to warn his disciples to be on watch for this end time. Jesus' words are not spoken to frighten his disciples, nor should they frighten us. Rather, they are offered to prepare us for the changes we will experience during our lifetimes and at the end times. Our consolation and hope is found in the lasting nature of Jesus' words and God's never-ending love for us.

Heaven and earth
will pass away
But My words will
never pass away - Jesus
Mark 13:31



This weeks second collection is for the **2021 Archdiocesan Annual Appeal.**

As of November 9, 2021.

Parish Assessment \$ 33,576.00

YTD we paid: \$ 23,781.30

Balance we owe: \$ 9,794.70

Kindly consider helping meet our goal. Thank you for your continued generous support.

LAST WEEK'S COLLECTION COLECTA DE LA SEMANA PASADA

November 1st - November 7th, 2021

Weekend Offering.....\$ 2,548.90

Reserve.....\$ 1,287.70

COLLECTION DATA

First Collections:

October 3.....\$ 2,240.00

October 10.....\$ 2,301.25

October 17.....\$ 2,207.00

October 24.....\$ 2,235.00

Total \$ 8,983.25