

## PARISH CALENDAR

Saturday, November 17	..... 5:00 p.m.	Mass
Sunday, November 18	..... 7:00 a.m.	Mass
	..... 9:00 a.m.	Mass
		<b>OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILDREN PACKING PARTY</b>
Monday, November 19	..... 5:00 p.m.	Mass
	..... 7:45 a.m.	Morning Prayer
	..... 8:00 a.m.	Mass
Tuesday, November 20	..... 9:00-11:00 a.m.	<b>Food Pantry Closed</b>
	..... 7:45 a.m.	Morning Prayer
	..... 8:00 a.m.	Mass
Wednesday, November 21	..... 7:00 p.m.	<b>Finance Council Meeting - Kamiano Trailer</b>
	..... 7:45 a.m.	Morning Prayer
	..... 8:00 a.m.	Mass
Thursday, November 22	..... 9:00-11:00 a.m.	<b>Food Pantry Closed</b>
	..... 7:45 a.m.	Morning Prayer
	..... 8:00 a.m.	<b>THANKSGIVING MASS PARISH OFFICE CLOSED - THANKSGIVING HOLIDAY</b>
Friday, November 23	..... 7:45 a.m.	Morning Prayer
	..... 8:00 a.m.	Communion Service
		<b>PARISH OFFICE CLOSED</b>
		<b>Food Pantry Closed</b>
Saturday, November 24	..... 9:00-11:00 a.m.	
	..... 4:00-4:45 p.m.	Confession
	..... 5:00 p.m.	Mass

### NEXT SUNDAY READINGS:

**Dn:7:13-14: His dominion is everlasting**

**Rev:1:5-8: He is ruler of the kings of the earth**

**Jn:18:33b-37: My kingdom does not belong to this world**

The Book of Daniel was written about two hundred years before the birth of Jesus. Israel was suffering under the tyranny of despots who sought to break its heart and spirit. To lift Israel's spirit and mend its heart, the prophet Daniel arose. In the book attributed to him, we find a collection of victorious visionary writings, each of which addresses God's inevitable triumph over evil and Israel's own imperishable life in God.

In the context of today's liturgy, the reading from Daniel serves as an assurance of good things to come. It reminds us that no matter how heart-breaking, faith-shaking, or spirit-crushing the events of life may be, a time is coming when our faith in God as the Lord of life will be proved true. No matter that we may be the brunt of earthly oppressors; our oppression will end. To those of us who remain steadfast in the face of persecution, whose faith stands firm, whose hearts remain open, and whose hands do justice, the future is assured and bright. A time is coming when it will be our turn to shine forever.

If Daniel's words do not persuade us that rescue and redemption are ours, the reading from Hebrews should. The author points out that Christ's sacrifice for us was not only perfect and true, but once and for all. Ancient sacrifices—temple sacrifices—were not efficacious for the removal of sin. That is why the ancient priests were obliged to "stand" and repeat such sacrifices "day by day," to offer them "again and again." Christ, on the other hand, is depicted as "seated." His sacrificial "offering" is an affair complete. It needs no repeating, no re-doing. Its potency is positively persistent.

Mark addresses his Gospel to a group of Jewish converts who were overwhelmed and unnerved. The times in which they were living were frightening, and they were looking hard for Jesus to come again and rescue them. Mark has Jesus drawing on triumphant images that would have been very familiar to his audience of Jewish converts. We Christians see these images heralding the Second Coming.

Mark goes on, however, to let his audience know that the time of triumph has already begun with Jesus' resurrection. Thus, he does not want them to rely only on ancient signs and images, but on faith that God will keep promises and act on their behalf. To this end, Mark assures his listeners that the matter of their ultimate salvation is already settled. They are already in the end time, the end of the old dispensation and the beginning of a radically new time that has begun with the Resurrection. Although no one knows the "exact day or hour" of Christ's coming again, for sure Christ will come, all in God's good time.

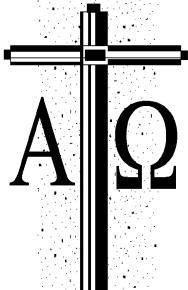
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**Thirty-third Sunday  
In Ordinary Time**

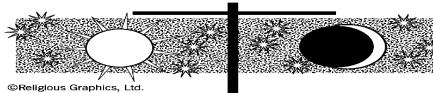
November 18, 2018

You are my inheritance, O Lord!



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# ANNOUNCEMENTS

**OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD:** Please come and join our Religious Education Department as they Pack Shoe boxes for Operations Christmas Child, which provides items for children all over the world. "Operation Christmas Child," uses gift-filled shoeboxes to demonstrate God's love in a tangible way to children in need around the world. Packing time begins at 9 am today!

**CATHOLIC CAMPAIGN FOR HUMAN DEVELOPMENT:** Please be generous in this week's special collection for the Catholic Campaign for Human Development. In the United States, one in seven people lives in poverty. With this collection you support programs that address the causes of poverty and provide a sustainable future for those who are struggling across the country. In addition, 25 percent of funds collected remains in our diocese to fund local anti-poverty projects. Please prayerfully consider how you can support this collection and work on the margins. More information about the Catholic Campaign for Human Development can be found at [www.usccb.org/cchd/collection](http://www.usccb.org/cchd/collection)

**ADVENT RECONCILIATION SERVICE:** Mark your calendars, St. Rita Advent Reconciliation is schedule for Tuesday, December 4<sup>th</sup> at 7 pm.

**ADVENT "SPIRITUAL STEWARDSHIP" WORKSHOP:** Mark your calendars for the Wednesday of Advent, **December 5<sup>th</sup>,** **December 12<sup>th</sup> & December 19<sup>th</sup> (7 pm - 8:30 pm)** for our Spiritual Stewardship Workshop given by Mark Clark of the Diocese of Honolulu, he is the Director of Stewardship & Development. Come, learn and pray about Stewardship in your life.

**WORD OF LIFE:** "Our love for our children has nothing to do with their abilities. We love them simply because of who they are, and understanding this teaches us how to truly love everyone." - "USCCB Secretariat of Pro-Life Activities "A Perfect Gift," [www.usccb.org/perfect-gift](http://www.usccb.org/perfect-gift)

## WEEKLY READINGS

**Nov 18 Sun: 33<sup>rd</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time**

Dan:12:1-3; Ps:16; Heb: 10:11-14, 18; Mk:13:24-32

**Nov 19 Mon: Ordinary Weekday**

Rev:1:1-4, 2:1-5; Ps:1:1-2, 3, 4 & 6; Lk:18:35-43

**Nov 20 Tue: Ordinary Weekday**

Rev:3:1-6, 14-22; Ps:15:2-3a, 3bc-4ab, 5; Lk:19:1-10

**Nov 21 Wed: The Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary**

Rev:4:1-11; Ps:150:1b-2, 3-4, 5-6; Lk:19:11-28

**Nov 22 Thu: Thanksgiving**

Sir:50:22-24; Ps: 113: 1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 7-8; 1 Cor:1:3-9; Lk:17:11-19

**Nov 23 Fri: Ordinary Weekday**

Rev:10:8-11; Ps 119:14, 24, 72, 103, 111, 131; Lk:19:45-48

**Nov 24 Sat: Saint Andrews Dung-Lac Priest and Companions, Martyrs**

Rev:11: 4-12; Ps:144:1, 2, 9-10; Lk:20:27-40

## End Times

As the liturgical year draws to a close, this Sunday propels us even further forward to the end times—to the second coming of Christ. For most of us, thinking about the end times is not a favorite topic. Let's face it, the thought is scary. However, our faith isn't geared to scare, but to save. Today's readings call us to faith and draw on our faith to help us face the end times without trepidation.

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## STEWARDSHIP PRAYER

*How would you spend your day if you knew it was the last day you would spend on earth? Undoubtedly, it would not be a normal day. The point of today's Gospel reading is that the end-time is always imminent. The good steward remains prayerfully alert, ready to give an accounting; and living each day in the awareness of the coming judgement and salvation. How do we exercise stewardship over our daily lives? Are we prepared to give an accounting? How will we allow Christ to work in and through us to prepare for the reconciliation of the heavens and the earth? (International Catholic Stewardship Council~e-bulletin)*

## Reflection

*Should we think that we are not interested in visionary images and writings, especially about end times, we should think again. At least we should look to the media, which would tell us that we are very interested indeed. Popular movies and television programs often reveal our culture's fascination with apocalyptic images. They show us both signs of the coming end and dramatic rescues from that end.*

*As Christians, that rescue is already ours. Today's readings point to the end times, reminding us that God's reign is already begun. Our task is neither to avoid nor to fear freak events of nature, but to seek out broken hearts to heal, captives to free, Good News to share—all of which are the signs of God's reign and the coming of the Messiah. Our universe of signs is an interior one. Drawing upon them, we can realize and recognize that salvation and victory are already ours. All we need do is claim them.*

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