

Thirty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time – November 17, 2019

Today is the Day of Salvation

Readings: Malachi 3:19–20 Psalm 98:5–9 2 Thessalonians 3:7–12 Luke 21:5–19

It is the age between our Lord's 1st coming and His last. We live in the new world begun by His life, death, Resurrection, and Ascension, by the sending of His Holy Spirit upon the Church. But we await the day when He will come again in glory.

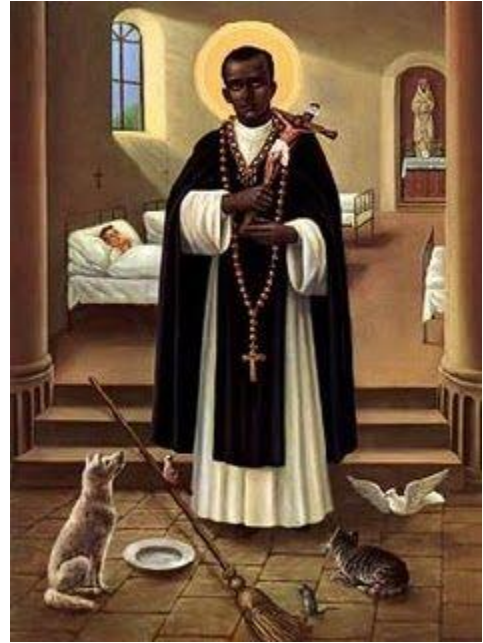
"Look, the day is coming," Malachi warns in today's First Reading. The prophets taught Israel to look for the Day of the Lord, when He would gather the nations for judgment (Zephaniah 3:8; Isaiah 3:9; 2 Peter 3:7). Jesus anticipates this day in today's Gospel. He cautions us not to be deceived by those claiming, "the time has come." Such deception is the background also for today's Epistle (2 Thessalonians 2:1–3).

The signs Jesus gives His Apostles seem to already have come to pass in the New Testament. In Acts, the Epistles, and Revelation, we read of famines and earthquakes, the Temple's desolation. We read of persecutions—believers imprisoned and put to death, testifying to their faith with wisdom in the Spirit.

These "signs," then, show us the pattern for the Church's life—both in the New Testament and today. We too live in a world of nations and kingdoms at war. And we should take the Apostles as our "models," as today's Epistle counsels. Like them we must persevere in the face of unbelieving relatives and friends, and forces and authorities hostile to God. As in today's Psalm, we should sing His praises, joyfully proclaim His coming as Lord and King. The Day of the Lord is always a day that has already come and a day still yet to come. It is the "today" of our Liturgy.

The Apostles prayed *marana tha*—"O Lord come!" (1 Corinthians 16:22; Revelation 22:20). In the Eucharist He answers, coming again as the Lord of hosts and the Sun of Justice with its healing rays. It is a mighty sign—and a pledge of that Day to come.

-Archbishop Jose Gomez, Archbishop of Los Angeles and new President of the US Conference of Catholic Bishops



Black Catholic History Month - Martin de Porres (Velázquez), O.P. was a Peruvian lay brother of the Dominican Order beatified in 1837 by Pope Gregory 16th canonized in 1962 by Pope St. John 23rd. As a Black Latin he is the patron of all mixed-race people, barbers, innkeepers, public health workers, and all those seeking racial harmony. Martin above all was humble and a man of intense prayer especially before the Blessed Sacrament spending long hours in adoration. He had the gift of healing, was seen levitating and floating in chapels, could bi-locate and was known to be seen on the opposite sides of the world visiting missionaries at the same time remaining in Peru. A statue of St. Martin is located in our Church on the south side interior. St. Martin is patron of our own parishes of St. Martin in DC and in Gaithersburg, Md.

New Young Adult Group! Are you 18 and up? Out of college or in college. Join our new Young Adult Group at Nativity. Some serve as Lectors or Ushers others work with Youth. Fr. Evans will give regular spiritual advice and encouragement and offer prayer times and holy hours. Contact: Adaobi Ahantu ahanotuadaobi3@gmail.com

Volunteers are needed for Religious Education on Sundays and for monthly Youth Days. All must follow VIRTUS and Child Protection policies of the ADW.

Mass Intentions

November 16 - 23, 2019

Sat. 11/16	8:00 am	Holy Souls
	4:30 pm	Holy Souls
Sun. 11/17	8:00am	+Deceased members of Andre Jackson's family
	10:00am	People of the Parish
	1:00pm	+Jaime Jose Gutierrez Lovo
Mon. 11/18	12:00	Santiago & Janine Bulnes
Tue. 11/19	12:00	+Jennnifer Hulsinger
Wed. 11/20	12:00	Holy Souls
Thu. 11/21	12:00	No mass
Fri. 11/22	12:00	Holy Souls
Sat. 11/23	8:00 am	Holy Souls
	4:30 pm	Holy Souls

Please pray for the sick and home-bound of our Parish:

*Alice R. Allen, *Amina Anderson-Pringle, *Ernestine Anderson, *Catherine Baum, *Jose Guadalupe Bonilla, *Ann Butler, *Carmen Dolores Campos, *Eileen Carroll-Doshier, *Carla Andrea Catacora, *Shawn Coleman, *William Corbel, *Isel Fitzgerald, *Linda Foster, *Fr. Ricky Gancayo, *Charlie Gick, *Fr. Paul Grauls, SDB, *John Green, Sr., *Janet Henery, *Blanca Hernandez, *Lawrence C. Hill, *Lee Hobbs, *Sydney Horge, *Francis Howard, *James Humphries, *Elaine Hunt, *Helen Hurd, *Larry Ivy, *Irene Jimenez, *Geraldine Jones, *Charles Johnson, *Manuel Juarez, *Busara Kennedy, *Claude Kolthoff, *Betty Lawton, *Yavonna Lewis, *Sandra Lucas, *Eric Malcolm, *Edwin & Regina Mbanude, *Theresa McNair, *Agnes Moore, *Larry Morris, *Iris Newman, *Gloria Payne, *Fr. Everett Pearson, *Victor Perez, *Michelle Perez, *James Pope, *Dorothy Richburg, *Fr. Vince Rigdon, *Rosa Maria Santos, *Robert Schaeffer, *Andre Sims, *Bonafacio Selayo, *Delores Sloan, *Adrian Smith, *Theresa Smith, *Suzie Thompson, *Auristela Toro, *Dominic Valentine, *Dorothy Waring, *Paul Williams.

Question of the week: Do I continue to meet my responsibilities even during difficult times? How can I bring myself to hope for healing justice in the midst of terrible events?

**Saint John Paul II National Shrine
3900 Harewood Rd. NE Washington, DC 20017**

Behold! Adoration and Confession

Saturdays at 3:00 p.m. — Silent Adoration with the Divine Mercy Chaplet and Confessions.

November

Catholic Daughters. Our Lady of the Americas, Court 2344, will meet on Sunday, November 17 All Catholic Daughters are encouraged to arrive promptly at 7:30 am. After Litany and Mass, the CDA Court will meet in the Music Room for regular meeting.

Parish Social – Community Sunday, November 17, after the 10:00 am mass at the Lounge. Hosted by “Nativity Young Adults Group”.

Bake Sale. Sponsored by Catholic Daughters. Please stop by the lounge after the 8am and 10am Masses on November 24. There will be lots of homemade goodies. The funds will support our Parish.

Thanksgiving Mass. November 28th at 10 am. We welcome Fr. Kevin Kennedy and St. Gabriel's parishioners.



A special Marian/Advent/Christmas Youth day

DECEMBER 7th. 9:00 AM – 3:00 PM

- ✓ fun,
- ✓ games,
- ✓ lessons,
- ✓ lunch,
- ✓ daily mass,
- ✓ mentor help from young peers

Our Lady of Bethesda Center will run the program - (Our Lady of Bethesda center 1 Priest, 1 Brother, 1 Lay Youth Missionary; and High School volunteers. Chaperones and other helpers are welcome.