

Thirty Third Sunday in Ordinary Time November 15, 2015

La Historia y Usted: XXXIII Domingo de Tiempo Ordinario

Me pregunto si todavía lo poder localizar. A. Aquí esta. Un retrato muy antiguo y descarapelado se encuentra al fondo de mi archivo titulado “Literatura Apocalíptica”. Ojeo los papeles del Libro de Daniel, con sus grandes historias de ángeles en el horno ardiente, y leones hambrientos que se acostaron a dormir a los pies de Daniel en su guarida. Me encantan estas historias, escritas en un tiempo de gran peligro, acerca del poder salvador de Dios. Y también, por supuesto, esta mi grueso, jugoso archivo del libro de Revelación. Lagos de fuego. Siete sellos y siete trompetas. Los cuatro jinetes. Una nueva Jerusalén. Me encanta como se oye eso. Si alguna vez ha existido una ciudad, con su historia asediada, que implora ser hecha nueva, esa sería Jerusalén. Conservo el hermoso retrato, me fue obsequiado por un devoto cantante evangélico de Oklahoma hace ya cuarenta años. Fue tomado durante un tornado. Después que lo revelaron, la familia creyente se quedó sin aliento. Ahí, en medio de las nubes profundamente oscuras, hay una figura vestida de blanco, justo ahí, en medio de la tormenta. He sostenido ese retrato muy de cerca de través de los años, a través de tiempos de enfermedades estremecedoras y pérdidas devastadoras. Tal vez sea un truco de la luz. Tal vez sean los vapores dando vueltas alrededor del torbellino. Pero yo elijo creer que la imagen es una de tantas interminables señales para nosotros de la cercanía de Dios. Verán al hijo del Hombre venir de entre las nubes, se lee en el borroso subtítulo, escrito en un antiguo letrero, décadas antes de que existiera la computadora personal. Mi experiencia me obliga a agregar las palabras de Jesús durante su ascensión. “Y por mi parte yo estaré con ustedes todos los días, hasta el final del mundo”.

¿Qué momentos de su vida recuerda usted como claras señales de la presencia consoladora de Dios?

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The Story and You: Thirty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

I wonder if I can still find it. Ah. Here it is. A very old, grainy picture sits at the bottom of my file

marked “Apocalyptic Literature.” I sort through papers on the Book of Daniel, with its great tales of angels in the fiery furnace, and ravenous lions who lay down at Daniel’s feet in their den. I love those stories, written in a time of great peril, about God’s power to save. And then, of course, there is my big, fat, juicy file on the book of Revelation. Lakes of fire. Seven seals and seven trumpets. The Four Horsemen. A New Jerusalem. I like the sound of that. If ever a city, and its embattled history, cries out to be made new, it’s Jerusalem. I hold the precious picture, given to me by a devout Oklahoma evangelical gospel singer forty years ago. It was taken during a tornado. After it was developed, the believing family gasped. There, in the midst of the deepening dark clouds, is a figure clothed in white, right there in the middle of the storm. I’ve held that photograph close through the years, through times of shuddering illness and shattering loss. Perhaps it’s a trick of the light. Perhaps it’s vapors swirling in the vortex. But I choose to believe that the image is one of the endless signs to us of the nearness of God. They will see the Son of Man coming in the clouds, reads the fading caption, typed out on an old Underwood, decades before the personal computer. My experience compels me to add Jesus’ words at his ascension: And behold, I am with you always, even unto the end of times.

What moments in your life do you remember as a sure sign of the comforting presence of God?

Please Pray for the Sick of our Parish—

Veronica Aragon, Mary Maes, Joe Mares, Ed Cichuniec, Vince Harrington, Jessica Harris, Eleanor Sisneros, Steve Mione, Calista Pugh, Esther Duran, Elegio Duran, Tillie Estrada, Cassandra Romero, Don Milner, Roger Esquebel, Barbara Vigil, Alicia Aguilar

Community Ministry Food Bank—would like us to collect **Dry Beans & Rice** for the month of November. Please leave your donations in the church vestibule.

GOBBLE GOBBLE Make plans to join us for Thanksgiving Mass on Thursday, November 26. Mass will be at 9am. Morning Prayer will be at 8:30am.

Just a note—Oregon’s data on Physician Assisted Suicide is flawed, incomplete and tells us very little. The state does not investigate cases of abuse, and has admitted, “We cannot determine whether physician assisted suicide is being practiced outside the framework of the Death with Dignity Act.” The state has acknowledged destroying the underlying data after each annual report. Under Oregon and Washington law, there is nothing to compel doctors to encourage a patient to notify family members as a support system to aid in the process or even be present.

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Readings for the week of November 15, 2015

Sunday: Dn 12:-1-3//Heb 10: 11-14, 18//Mk 13: 24-32

Monday: 1 Mc 1: 10-15, 41-43,54-57,62-63//Lk 18: 35-43

Tuesday: 2 Mc 6: 18-31//Lk 19: 1-10

Wednesday: 2 Mc 7: 1, 20-31//Lk 19: 11-28

Thursday: 1 Mc 2: 15-29//Lk 19: 41-44

Friday: 1 Mc 4: 36-37, 52-59//Lk 19: 45-48

Saturday: 1 Mc 6: 1-13//Lk 20:1-8

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We will changing the Church Environment from Autumn to Advent right after the 11:30am Mass on Sunday, November 22. Join us for this fun event. We will have hot chocolate and cookies while we are setting up.

Christmas Toy Drive++++

The Knights of Columbus and the parish community will be conducting the Annual Christmas Toy Drive. It was a big success last year with the new format and we look forward to another successful year. Nominations for families/children in need of a Christmas Toy will be accepted until November 15. Nominations can be given to Father Jerry or Steve Martinez, Grand Knight of Saint Rose of Lima Council. The timeline is as follows:

- =Nomination Forms due—Nov 15
- =Giving Tree in Foyer—Nov 15 to Dec 7
- =Gathering of unwrapped gifts delivered to Foyer with Ornament (has code for recipient)—Dec 14 to Dec 18
- =Gift wrapping party in Community Room—Dec 18
- =Santa here to help get toys to kids & families—Dec 19

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+Dino Onofrio, the son of Charles and Helen Onofrio, was working in Poland and was planning to soon return to Colorado. Sadly his life came to an end in the forests on the outskirts of Warsaw. We invite you to come to funeral Mass for Dino this Wednesday, at 7pm, here at the church.

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--from Sue Retzer, president of the Altar & Rosary Society of Saint Rose of Lima. Hazel Becker and the Rosettes—Back in 1955, Hazel Becker started a “Circle” from the Altar and Rosary Society membership and called them the Rosettes. The primary goal of the Rosettes was to attend to the needs of the sick and elderly. No one knows how many members there were over the decades, but hundreds of people were surely helped by this dedicated group. The Rosettes performed many tasks outside of their duties as Altar & Rosary members. In addition to visiting the sick and homebound, they were also known to do housekeeping and painting. The Rosettes were most known for their work providing funeral dinners for parishioners. In the beginning, they furnished a cooked ham, side dishes, plates, utensils, coffee and punch. In later years, as members dwindled, the Rosettes served food provided by the family and cleaned up afterwards. Several years ago, even this was too much for the remaining members and they discontinued the funeral dinners. Over the past decade, the Rosettes would still meet monthly. They would pray the rosary, enjoy a meal together, and ALWAYS play Bingo, even at Denny’s. Hazel never let up in her recruiting efforts; asking every month, if anyone was free on the 2nd Tuesday of the month, that they were more than welcome to join the Rosettes. With Hazel’s passing, there were only 3 members left and they decided to dissolve the Circle. We want to acknowledge them and thank them for all their hard work and dedication to the Saint Rose of Lima community.

Robert Cordova is the Knights of Columbus Membership Director for St Rose of Lima. Contact Robert for info on becoming a Knight.
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Ho! Ho! Ho!—The Altar & Rosary Society begins selling tickets for the Holiday Cash Bonanza this weekend after all the Masses until December 6. Tickets are \$1 OR \$5 for 6 (such a bargain!) Grand prize is \$500, second is \$100, and third is \$50. This is their major fundraiser of the year, so please a buy a book or two.

The Altar & Rosary Society is also accepting baked goods for their booth at the Arts and Crafts Fair. Bring you donated baked goods to the booth either Saturday or Sunday to the school cafeteria. Thank you for you donation!

LITTLE SISTERS OF POOR CHRISTMAS SALE

On Friday, November 20, join the Sisters in the Main Dining Room at Mullen Home (ground floor) from 8:30am to 3pm and see what they have you!

Volunteer Opportunity—We are looking for a “church fluffer,” that is, some folks to help out with some of the little tasks that need tending to, to help the church stay in good order. Some of the tasks include putting the song books in order, putting oil into the candles, watering the flowers, setting out the music for the school masses, opening-closing the church, alerting maintenance of possible problems,