

November 13, 2016
Thirty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time (C)

From the Desk of Rev. Msgr. Hugh J. Corrigan:

How did the Christian church of the first century survive despite the failure of two huge expectations? The first was the imminent return of Jesus the Christ. Luke wrote his gospel sometime between 80-85 A.D. (Anno Domini, "Year of the Lord") or C.E. (Common Era) which is fifty years after the death and resurrection of Jesus. The temple of Jerusalem and most of the city of Jerusalem had been destroyed in the Jewish Wars against Rome (66-70 C.E.) Jesus had not returned nor had the Kingdom of God. Unlike Paul (who wrote thirty years before), the Christian church is warning people not to expect the coming of the Kingdom anytime soon. It will come but not in the near future. 1,900 years later it still has not come.

The second failed expectation was the rejection by their own Jewish people of Jesus as the Christ (the anointed one, the Messiah). By the time of Luke's Gospel, the split between the synagogue and the new Christian church was complete. Jewish families were divided. There was even in some places open persecution by Jewish authorities, as we read in today's gospel.

I am sure that many of the Jewish Christians gave up on their new faith. Some Christian Jews remained while keeping the Jewish laws. Others reshaped the message by dropping many of the Jewish laws and reached out to no Jews (Gentiles).

Against all odds, Christianity survived and grew. Read today's Gospel in that historical context. You come to understand the difficulties and heroism of our first and second generation Christians.



COLLECTION: the collection for last Sunday, November 6, 2016 was \$5,183.00; the second collection this Sunday, November 13, 2016 will be our monthly Church Property Insurance collection.



Food Collection: Thanks you for your generosity in our monthly food collection we were able to fill 22 bags of nutritious food supplies for the needy in our community.

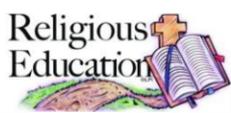
Thirty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time: As we come to the end of the liturgical year, the focus of our scriptures turns toward the end-times. With the bare trees and the onset of winter temperatures, it seems a natural inclination to ponder the end of all things. As we move through our celebration today, let us pray for the strength to face whatever comes in our future, so that we may be ready for the coming of the Lord.

First Reading: Malachi 3:19-20a – The sun of justice shines with healing warmth on those who walk in the Lord, but evildoers face a blazing oven, for the day of the Lord is coming.

Responsorial Psalm: Psalm 98- "The Lord, comes to rule the earth with justice!"

Second Reading 2 Thessalonians 3:7-12 – Paul urges members of the church in Thessalonica to conduct themselves in a way that befits Christ's followers. He asked them to work in the community and earn their keep.

Gospel: Luke 21:5-9– Jesus urged patient endurance for his followers when they face trial or contradiction. He consoled them and calmed their worries in the midst of war, earthquake, disease, and hunger.



Religious Education News:

Classes have started on Saturdays at 9:30am to 11:00am (Children should line up in the Parish Hall by 9:20 am).

❖ There is a change in the Religious Education Calendar for November. The Family Catechesis Day has been moved from Saturday the 5th of November to Friday the 18th at 7:00pm in order for all the parents to be able to attend.

❖ There is also a change in the December 17th Saturday Family Catechesis Day. It has been changed to Friday the 16th of December at 7:00pm.



Parish Council Meeting: There will be a Parish Council Meeting this coming Wednesday, November 16, 2016 at 7:00pm in the Parish Rectory.



Thanksgiving Day November 24, 2016: There will be a Mass of Thanksgiving on Thursday November 24, 2016 at 9:00am. The rectory office will also be closed on Thursday, November 24th Thanksgiving Day and Friday, November 25th in observance of the holiday.

You Are Invited: if you have received a letter from Msgr. Corrigan regarding *Renew + Rebuild* we cordially invite you to a small gathering in the rectory on Thursday, November 17th at 7:00pm.



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Mass Schedule For the week of
November 13, 2016 to November 20, 2016
Mass are daily at 8:15 and 12:05
Below are the special intentions for this week

Sunday November 13, 2016

7:30 For the Parishioners
9:00 in Thanksgiving
11:00 Celina Antao 3rd Anv.

Esther & Eduardo Rodrigues

Monday November 14, 2016

8:15 Hanada Cardon
12:05 Dennis M. McMahon

Hazim Hamarneh
the Bonanno Family

Tuesday November 15, 2016

8:15 Hanada Cardon
12:05 Marie & Mike Clarke

Hazim Hamarneh
Maureen Mangan

Wednesday November 16, 2016

8:15 Hanada Cardon
12:05 Ignacia Sicar

Hazim Hamarneh
Julian Castro

Thursday November 17, 2016

8:15 Hanada Cardon
12:05 Suad Saba
7:00 Jahayra Miranda

Hazim Hamarneh
Gilda Zucker
Maria Miranda

Friday November 18, 2016

8:15 Hanada Cardon
12:05 Marie Cummins

Hazim Hamarneh
Carmel Mangan

Saturday November 19, 2016

12:05 Gerry Hilado
5:00 Eugene Flavravd
7:30 Jose E. Romero & Nila M. Regalado

Sony Hilado
Cousin Lizzie & Family
Yolanda Romero Moreno

Sunday November 20, 2016

7:30 For the Parishioners
9:00 Ruben Sanchez
11:00 Maria A. Alves Rodrigues

Anahi Sanchez
Esther & Eduardo Rodrigues