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MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday Vigil

7:00 p.m. **Spanish** (piano & cantor)

Sunday

8:00 a.m. **English** (organ & cantor)

9:30 a.m. **Spanish** (piano & choir/cantor)

11:30 a.m. **English** (organ & choir/cantor)

1:30 p.m. **Vietnamese** (keyboard & choir)

Weekdays

8:30 a.m. **Spanish** (Mon-Fri.)

12:00 p.m. **English** (Mon-Fri)

7:45 a.m. **Vietnamese** (Thu & Sat)

CATHOLIC FAITH FORMATION

All those who are called to follow Jesus in the Catholic faith along with Catholics already baptized (adults, youth & children) who desire to celebrate the sacraments of First Confession, First Communion and Confirmation can make contact with the coordinator of this area for information about the various programs available. Registration for these programs are announced in the bulletin during various times of the year. Also appointments can be made in the parish office at anytime.

Parents wishing to baptize their children (ages 1-5) are invited to make an appointment in the parish office to speak with a staff member in order to make arrangements for participating in the Baptismal Program.

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION (CONFESSIONS)

At the parish office by appointment.

MARRIAGE

Couples planning to be married should call for an appointment six months in advance of the wedding.

VISITS TO THE SICK

In emergency, call the parish office at any hour. Please inform the office of sick or homebound who desire the sacraments.

NEW PARISHIONERS

Welcome to all parishioners.

We encourage all parishioners to register at our parish office. We invite new parishioners to make an appointment to meet a member of the parish staff.

PARISH OFFICE HOURS

MONDAY - FRIDAY 9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. open

MONDAY - THURSDAY 6:00 p.m.- 8:00 p.m. open

SATURDAY 9:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.

SUNDAY 9:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.



THIRTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

GOD'S REIGN

By pointing to the end times, today's readings speak to the coming reign of God, when God will make all things new. In Christ, this time has already begun. We, by our energized watchfulness, can further God's reign. We can heal broken hearts, free captives, spread the Good News. Even so, the reign of God will not be complete without the second coming of Christ. Our weekly eucharistic gathering is a sign of the fullness of the end times. At Mass we join as an assembly to recall and to claim the story of Jesus as our own. Together we give thanks to God for the many gifts bestowed upon us. We receive nourishment in the simple but profound meal. And our weak and weary selves are invigorated and transformed by the power of Christ, so that we ourselves might become effective signs of God's reign present and to come.

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The end is near! Many of us recall such predictions from religious sources, mostly small evangelical sects but even the larger Jehovah's Witnesses. Catholics, too. For instance, Pope Saint Clement of Rome declared *the end is near* for the year 90; his successor Pope Sylvester II for 1000; and Innocent III predicted 1284 as the world's end by adding 666 years to the date of Islam's beginning. *The end is near!* Today's Liturgy of the Word opens with Daniel's prediction of "a time unsurpassed in distress since nations began" (Daniel 12:1), for some "an everlasting horror and disgrace" (12:2). In today's Gospel, Jesus seems to describe precisely what Daniel's vision will look like: "In those days after that tribulation the sun will be darkened, and the moon will not give its light, and the stars will be falling from the sky, and the powers in the heavens will be shaken" (Mark 13:24-25). *The end is near!* Well, at least the end is certain, based on these scriptures proclaimed ominously midway through this month of All Saints and All Souls.

LISTENING WITH JOYFUL HOPE

If *the end is near* or at least coming for certain, Someone else is even nearer, indeed with us already! For one thing, today's Hebrews reading offers us this blessed assurance: "by one offering (Jesus) has made perfect forever those who are being consecrated" (Hebrews 10:14). So, by the all-sufficient sacrifice of Christ, forgiveness is ours, our "consecration" having begun in Baptism. Christ's sacrifice, offered once and for all on the cross, is now made ever present in the Church's Eucharistic Sacrifice, the Mass. But even before we hear Hebrews proclaim such Good News, we need to listen with joyful hope to Daniel. For, at that very time Daniel declares "unsurpassed in distress," Daniel promises "at that time your people shall escape, everyone who is found written in the book" (Daniel 12:1). Recalling Hebrews again, the writing of Daniel's "book," namely the Book of Life, begins when our names are inscribed on the day of our baptism.

TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading — Those who lead the many to justice shall be like the stars forever (Daniel 12:1-3).

Psalm — You are my inheritance, O Lord! (Psalm 16).

Second Reading — Where there is forgiveness, there is no longer offering for sin (Hebrews 10:11-14, 18).

Gospel — Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away (Mark 13:24-32).

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GOOD NEWS IN THE END

Seen then as positive, Daniel's predictions blossom even more beautifully in Jesus' Good News. Indeed, Jesus invokes that very image: "Learn a lesson from the fig tree" (Mark 13:28). Consider well: Jesus does not predict produce that comes forth withered, or even worse, poisoned, ending in (for many of us) winter's forthcoming thick clouds, deep snow, and brutal cold. Placing before our eyes instead a gloriously lovely and positive image, Jesus declares: "When its branch becomes tender and sprouts leaves, you know that summer is near" (12:28). So where is the "Gospel good" in today's passage? Precisely in what happens after "that tribulation" and "the powers being shaken" in the Gospel's opening lines (12:24-25). For Jesus promises that we will "see 'the Son of Man coming in the clouds with great power and glory' " (12:26). Jesus "will send out the angels and gather his elect from the four winds, from the end of the earth to the end of the sky" (12:27): Jesus' whole family gathered together, the little and lowly lifted up, the lost sheep found. Tender indeed is Jesus' mercy; blessed fruit that endures and nourishes us into eternity! So, we hope indeed that *the end is near!*

Holy Time Warp!

This week is the last we will hear from the letter to the Hebrews. It makes the point that when Jesus allowed himself to be crucified he was actually being a priest, offering himself for the sins of the world. Jesus replaces the high priests of Israel, whose offerings had no power to forgive sins. After giving his life for us, he takes his place as God's equal. He is now the eternal Priest, so all clergy since the time of Jesus are visible signs of that priesthood.

When we celebrate the Eucharist, Jesus' sacrifice is there: The bread that is his Body is broken; the wine that is his Blood is poured out. We are present at his death and resurrection, without needing a flux capacitor or a time warp. Instead of taking us back in time, he brings his saving death and resurrection to us now. His sacrifice is an eternal one, redeeming all past and future sins. So if you have come back to church after being absent for years, you don't have to hide behind the hymnal. If you have sins weighing on your conscience, God has already offered you forgiveness. He knows all our weaknesses and lets us learn from our mistakes.

The Eucharist also reminds us that Jesus is present in glory, with us always, sharing his priesthood with all the baptized. We too are called to forgive, starting with ourselves. We can show God's mercy by forgiving each other. Since Jesus lives in us, we offer our lives as sacrifice for sins, as St. Paul said, "I fill up in my flesh what is still lacking in regard to Christ's afflictions." (Col 1:24) Does that mean we are supposed to seek ways to suffer? No, it means the suffering we cannot avoid can become our offering to God, a way to take up our cross as Jesus did, and a way to experience God's power in our weakness.

At the Eucharist, we pray with the priest, "that my sacrifice and yours may be acceptable to God..." All the sacrifices we make, from accepting serious illness, to giving up something for Lent, are ways we take part in the priesthood of Christ.

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The COVID-19 pandemic has brought overwhelming grief to many families. At FEMA, our mission is to help people before, during and after disasters. We are dedicated to helping ease some of the financial stress and burden caused by the virus.

FEMA is providing financial assistance for COVID-19-related funeral expenses incurred after January 20, 2020.

Visit the parish office for more information.

Confessions are by appointment only. Please call 718-295-6800 for an appointment time.

READINGS FOR THE WEEK
NOVEMBER 15, 2021

Monday: 1 Mc 1:10-15, 41-43, 54-57, 62-63; Ps 119:53, 61, 134, 150, 155, 158; Lk 18:35-43
 Tuesday: 2 Mc 6:18-31; Ps 3:2-7; Lk 19:1-10
 Wednesday: 2 Mc 7:1, 20-31; Ps 17:1bcd, 5-6, 8b, 15; Lk 19:11-28
 Thursday: 1 Mc 2:15-29; Ps 50:1b-2, 5-6, 14-15; Lk 19:41-44 or (for the memorial of the Dedication) Acts 28:11-16, 30-31; Ps 98:1-6; Mt 14:22-33
 Friday: 1 Mc 4:36-37, 52-59; 1 Chr 29:10bcd, 11-12; Lk 19:45-48
 Saturday: 1 Mc 6:1-13; Ps 9:2-4, 6, 16, 19; Lk 20:27-40
 Sunday: Dn 7:13-14; Ps 93:1-2, 5; Rv 1:5-8; Jn 18:33b-37

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK
NOVEMBER 15, 2021

Monday
8:30am Felix Antonio Hernandez & Maria Olinda Ramirez (D)
12:00pm Maria Ninh (D); Julia Guasp (D); Marie Aziadou (D); Vincent Adote's Family Deaths
Tuesday
8:30am Acción de gracias al Sagrado Corazón de Jesus; Santa Maria Zapata (D)
12:00pm Maria Ninh (D)
Wednesday
8:30am Maria Ninh (D)
12:00pm Thanksgiving (family)
Thursday
8:30am Noel C. Rodriguez (D); Romulo Anibal Berges Perez (D)
 Peace (family)
12:00pm
Friday
8:30am Anastacio Montero, Juan Bautista Hernandez, Keren Hernandez, Rosa Caines (D); Virgen de la Providencia, Maria Perez (D), Grace Archibald (D)
 Maria Ninh
12:00pm
Saturday
7:45am Maria Ninh (D)
7:00pm Estilf Miguel Santos (D); Luis Ramon Corona (D); Rafael Alejandro Fernandez & Milagros Fernandez (D); Diodoro Perez, Ramon Baez, Viterbo Baez (D)
Sunday
8:00am People of SNT; Francis Xavier Trung
9:30am Jose Manuel Gomez, Maria Eduardo, Ramon Gomez, Dominga Roja (D)
 Maria Ninh (D)
11:30am Ana Báng & Phaolo Chau (D)
1:30pm

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