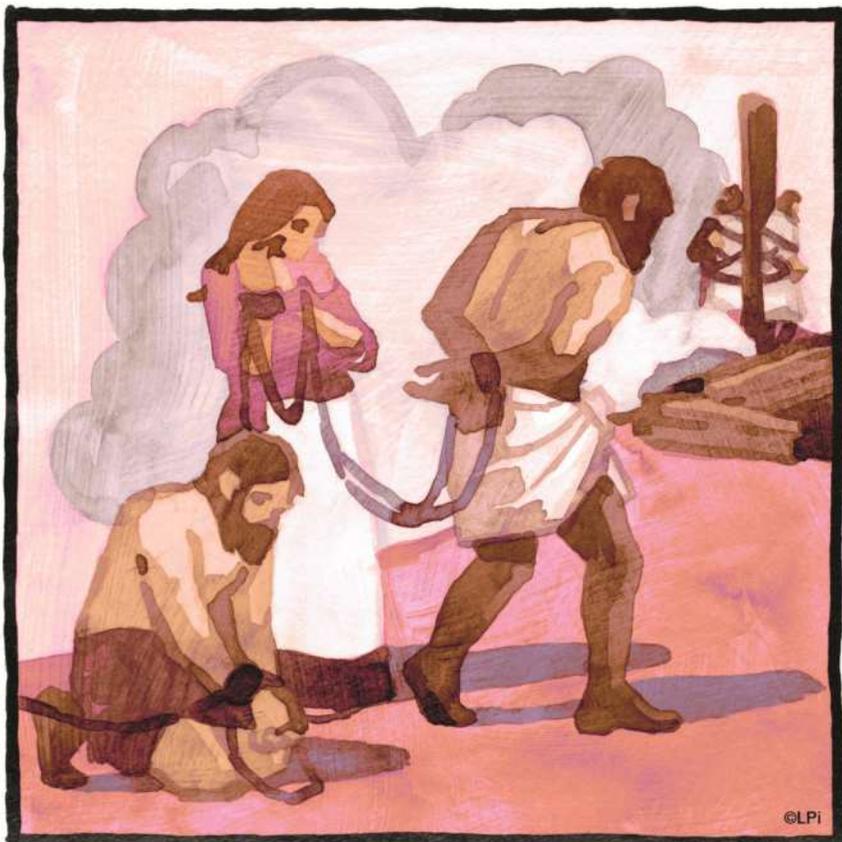


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SACRAMENTS

Confession, First Communion and Confirmation

Make contact with the coordinator of this area for information about the various programs available. Appointments can be made in the parish office at anytime.

Baptism

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.

Confessions

Saturday 5:30-6:30 p.m. and 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.

MASS SCHEDULE

Weekend

Saturday Vigil

7:00pm Spanish (organ & cantor)

Sunday

8:00am English (organ & cantor)
9:30am Spanish (organ & cantor)
11:30am English (organ & cantor)
1:30pm Vietnamese (keyboard & choir)

Weekdays

Monday - Friday

8:30am Spanish 12:00pm English

Thursday & Saturday

7:45am Vietnamese

2 PRAYER AND WORSHIP

NOVEMBER 16, 2025

MASS INTENTIONS

Monday, November 17

8:30 a.m. Felix Antonio Hernandez,
Maria Olinda Ramirez,
Keren Hernandez, Juan
Bautista Hernandez (D),
Julian Villanueva (D)

12:00 p.m.

Tuesday, November 11

8:30 a.m. Ramon De La Rosa Sosa
Reyes (D)

12:00 p.m. John Baptist Khuyen (D)

Wednesday, November 12

8:30 a.m. Nancy Margarita
Perez (D), Dominga
Sanchez, Martin Peña,
Bacilicia Rosario (D)

12:00 p.m.

Thursday, November 13

8:30 a.m.
12:00p.m. Thanksgiving to the Holy
Spirit, the Mercy of God,
God Almighty, St. Michael
the Arcangel

Friday, November 14

8:30 a.m. Maria Virgen Sanchez de
Taveras (D), Jose
Santos (D)

12:00 p.m.

Saturday, November 15

7:45 a.m. Phero Luc & Ana Thuy (D)
7:00 p.m. Tommy Febles (D), Carlos
Dario Ubaldino Perez &
Lucia Del Rosario (D),
Benera Sufron, Petra Ortiz,
Damaris Sanchez, Wilberto
Rivera, Angel Luis
Figueroa (D)

Sunday, November 16

8:00 a.m. People of SNT, Acción de
gracias al Sagrado
Corazón de Jesus, Ysabel
Ramirez, Maria Josefa
Parache, Virgilio
Adames (D)
9:30: a.m. Elsa Maria Marte (D),
Manuel De Jesus
Henriquez, Maria
Altagracia Reynoso, Luis
Leonel Henriquez (D)
11:30 am All Souls
1:30 pm Giuse Duong (D)

READINGS

First Reading:

But for you who fear my name,
there will arise
the sun of justice with its
healing rays. (Mal 3:20)

Psalm:

The Lord comes to rule the
earth with justice. (Ps 98)

Second Reading:

Rather, we wanted to present
ourselves as a model for you,
so that you might imitate us. (2
Thes 3:9)

Gospel:

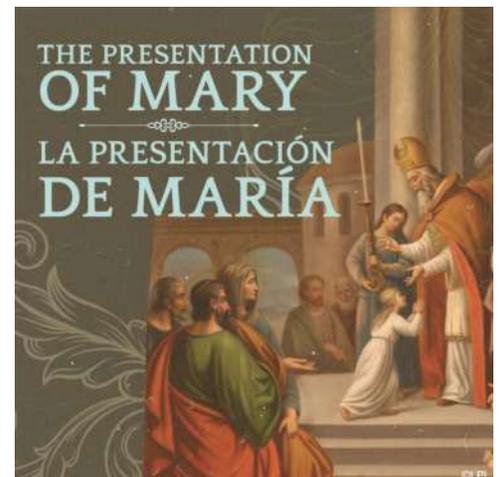
"You will be hated by all
because of my name,
but not a hair on your head
will be destroyed.
By your perseverance you will
secure your lives." (Lk 21:17-19)

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Readings for the week of November 16, 2025

Sunday: Mal 3:19-20a/Ps 98:5-6, 7-8, 9 (see 9)/2 Thes 3:7-12/Lk 21:5-19
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 3:2-3, 4-5, 6-7/Lk 19:1-10
Wednesday: 2 Mc 7:1, 20-31/Ps 17:1bcd, 5-6, 8b and 15/Lk 19:11-28
Thursday: 1 Mc 2:15-29/Ps 50:1b-2, 5-6, 14-15/Lk 19:41-44
Friday: 1 Mc 4:36-37, 52-59/1 Chr 29:10bcd, 11abc, 11d-12a, 12bcd/Lk
19:45-48
Saturday: 1 Mc 6:1-13/Ps 9:2-3, 4 and 6, 16 and 19/Lk 20:27-40
Next Sunday: 2 Sm 5:1-3/Ps 122:1-2, 3-4, 4-5 (see 1)/Col 1:12-20/Lk 23:35-43



(PRACTICING) CATHOLIC - RECOGNIZE
GOD IN YOUR ORDINARY MOMENTS

By Colleen Jurkiewicz Dorman

Mini reflection: Love and hate. Hope and fear. Death and life. What lasts forever, and what is even now passing away before our eyes. To be human is to know that these feelings, these realities, can and often do occur at the same time. To be Christian is to know that it means something.

Two Things Can Be True At Once

As my husband and I drove our firstborn child home from the hospital, I sat alongside my daughter in the backseat. Terrified, exhausted, exhilarated, confused, hopeful — I was all of these things at the same time. I gazed at her, this magnificent little creature whose face was both familiar and strange to me, thinking: *She is exquisite. She is the future. She is life.*

And then I burst into uncontrollable sobs.

“What’s wrong?” my husband cried, panicked, glancing in the rearview mirror.

“She’s — going — to — die — someday,” I blubbered, choking on my own tears.

“Ohhh, honey.” I’ll never forget the tone of his voice as he clearly debated turning this car around and taking me back to the hospital for an emergency psych evaluation. “I think you might be tired.”

Ten years later, it’s a memory we laugh about. I hadn’t slept more than four hours in four days. Postpartum hormones had lain waste to my senses. Here, on the threshold of new life, all I could think of was death. It’s funny. It’s absurd.

But it also makes a lot of sense.

Love and hate. Hope and fear. Joy and sorrow. Death and life. What lasts forever, and what is even now passing away before our eyes. To be human is to know that these feelings, these realities, can and often do occur at the same time. To be Christian is to know that it means something — even if we cannot understand what. Not yet.

In every moment of his earthly life, Christ shows us that two things can be true at once. A virgin is a mother. An exile is a king. The temple will be destroyed, and it will last forever. The world is ending. The world is beginning. The cross is death. The cross is life.

Thirty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time Luke 21:5-19

When I was a kid growing up in New England, I’d occasionally go on a whale watch. Once we went out with calm waters and clear skies. But on the way back in, the sea got rough. I was just a kid, and I remember thinking we should turn left or right toward the shoreline I could see. But the pilot of the boat kept going straight — right into the waves — focused on a small, discouragingly distant lighthouse. Even when it flickered in and out of sight, he stayed the course. He knew where he was going.

That image comes to mind when I hear Jesus’ words in today’s Gospel regarding false messiahs: **“Do not follow them” (Luke 21:8)**. In times of chaos or uncertainty, there are always voices offering easier routes, promising false safety, claiming to speak for God. But Jesus isn’t found in the loudest voice or the nearest shoreline. He is steady, like a lighthouse in the storm.

The tribulation of which Jesus speaks — it’s real. It happened to the Temple, it happened to him, it happens in the Church, and it will come to each of us. But the command is not to panic. It’s to endure. To keep steering toward him. Faith isn’t about having all the answers or dodging every wave. It’s about knowing where the lighthouse is — and trusting it enough to keep going, especially when false safety beckons us to stop.

— Father John Muir

LIVE THE LITURGY - INSPIRATION FOR THE WEEK

Jesus’ words today are filled with fire and brimstone, vivid with images of pain, suffering, confusion — and, ultimately, peace. Do we believe what he promises? Do we have the endurance to stay with him until the end?

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