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33RD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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Sunday Mass Readings

First Reading:

Malachi 3:19-20

Responsorial Psalm:

Psalm 97(98): 5-9

Second Reading:

2 Thessalonians 3:7-12

Gospel:

Luke 21:5-19

"Take care not to be deceived," he said, "because many will come using my name and saying, 'I am He'."



The Prophecy of the Destruction of the Temple, James Tissot, Public domain, via Wikimedia Commons

Hear

Grab your Bible and look up the Gospel reading. Don't have one? No worries, you can find this week's readings online [here](#).

Check out [this video](#) on the readings for children.

Pray

In the Gospel today we hear Jesus prophesying the destruction of the temple and signs to come.

- What is the Holy Spirit saying to you through this piece of Scripture? How do these words resonate with you personally?
- This Gospel can sound a little frightening if we focus on the imagery presented, but diving deeper we see that God's love is unfailing, and His protection is there for us - we just need to trust in Him. What are the wars, the upheavals, the persecutions you feel you are facing in your life. Where can you see God's saving hand in all of this?
- "Jesus I trust in You" - a simple prayer to say, but it can be difficult to mean. This week, say this prayer throughout the day, until it becomes a habit for you, and you are praying it from your heart.

Talk

In today's readings we hear Jesus talking about God's promise to be with us always, no matter what is happening in the world or in our lives.

- Do you know of anyone who is struggling at the moment? Can you think of areas of the world where people are suffering because of war or famine? Let's take a moment to pray for them and their situations....
- Can you think of a time when you were struggling with something, but you knew you weren't alone because someone was helping you through it?
- God is always with us. Even when we can't understand what is happening, or there are lots of difficulties, God never leaves us. Let's thank Him for that.

Family Challenge!

Colour the prayer page, "Jesus I trust in You!" and find somewhere to hang it up in your home this week. Let each member of the family write their names in the space after "I" on the sheet. Remind each other to pray this simple prayer throughout the week, especially if you find yourselves in tough situations.



If you are always morose, pessimistic, and complaining, people will begin to doubt the eloquent advice you constantly offer. Seeing your example, would they be able to put their faith in the God you witness to?
Cardinal Van Thuan

ROAD OF HOPE

TRUST IN GOD'S MERCY AND PROTECTION

In the context of Luke, today's Gospel appears near the end of Jesus' teaching in Jerusalem, just prior to the events that will lead to his crucifixion. His warnings and predictions are ominous but can be read in many ways.

To those who first heard Luke's Gospel, those may have been words of encouragement. The destruction of the Temple in Jerusalem by the Romans was history (70 A.D.); Luke's Gospel, Catholic scholars propose, was written between 80 and 90 A.D. His audience was probably Gentile Christians. Luke here tries to interpret the fall of Jerusalem for them and to locate it in God's plans for humankind (salvation history). At the same time, Luke is suggesting to his audience that there will be a considerable elapse of time before Jesus' final coming. Luke's listeners have likely seen much upheaval and are anxious to know if these are the signs of Jesus' coming. Luke is urging greater patience.

In the second part of today's Gospel, Jesus warns that his followers will face persecution for their beliefs. Luke presents persecution as an opportunity for the followers of Jesus for "It will lead to your giving testimony" (Luke 21:13). In persecution God's wisdom and power will be shown in the example of followers of Jesus. Perseverance in the face of persecution will lead to their salvation.

Here Jesus is assuring his followers that God is present to all believers, even in times of trouble. Ultimately, Jesus will witness to this with his own death. As disciples of Jesus, we try to follow his example, trusting in God's mercy and protection, even when we are facing difficulties.

Loyola Press Sunday Connection

CHECK IT OUT: LOYOLA PRESS



In the spirit of Saint Ignatius of Loyola who points us always to personal relationship with Jesus Christ, and in response to those they serve, they create books and multi-media products that facilitate transformative experiences of God so that people of all ages can lead holy and purposeful lives with and for others. Check out their free online Sunday Connection resources with ideas for all age groups, Saint Stories, Liturgical Year resources, and more.

There's some stark imagery in today's Gospel: wars, revolutions, signs in the heavens, nation against nation, persecution, betrayal... it's enough to make you want to hide under the covers and batten down the hatches, hoping it'll all pass. But there's no need for fear or worry. Jesus promises that even in the midst of trial and persecution, not one hair on our heads will be lost. What can he mean by this? No matter what storms are raging in our own lives, or what tribulations and disasters the world faces, God is Ruler of All, and God is merciful and loving. God is a loving Father, who wants to protect His children, and only asks that we turn to Him, that we rely on Him, that we find our strength and our joy in Him, no matter what goes on around us, or even within our own hearts.

Looking at the lives of those who have gone before us can help us understand this in a practical way. Cardinal Van Thuan did not die as a martyr, but he was persecuted and imprisoned for 13 years, 9 of which he spent in solitary confinement... and yet never was his faith stronger or his joy greater than in that prison cell: knowing and trusting God more and more, serving his people in a different way. His life was a witness to hope, to love and to joy in the midst of persecution: something we're all called to! Learn about the life of Cardinal François-Xavier Nguyễn Văn Thuận, political prisoner of the Communist regime in Vietnam and his inspiring and enduring hope and joyful service.



Road of Hope: The Spiritual Journey of Cardinal Nguyen Van Thuan Even Unto Death - Audrey Assad



To the Heights Youth Newsletter available also. Check out our Cardinal Van Thuan resource pack in the Gamechangers section on www.waterfordlismore.ie/youth-ministry



Family Prayer

Jesus, help us to keep our eyes focused on You and Your saving light in our lives. Amen

EVENTS

Night Vigil of Eucharistic Adoration & Reparation.

Foyer of Charity, Dunmore East, Sat Nov. 12th: Night Vigil of Eucharistic Adoration & Reparation. 8pm Sat to 9.30am Sun. Holy Mass Sun. 10am. For more info: Helen 086 1678027 / hellywilliams@gmail.com

Youth 2000 Munster Retreat: 18 - 20 November, Colaiste Christí Rí, Cork City. For young people aged 16 - 35. More info on www.youth2000.ie

Cherished Women's Ministry: Advent Workshop - Sun 20 Nov, Glencomeragh House, 10am - 2.30pm. €20. To book your place contact Shauna @ 087 137 8364

Advent Reflections in the Diocese:

- St. John's Pastoral Centre, 7.30pm, 29 Nov, 'Perceiving life through the window of the soul' - Antoinette Dilworth rsj
- Park Hotel Dungarvan, 7.30pm, 5 Dec, 'Journeying with Advent Hope', Frances Rowland
- Minella Hotel Clonmel, 7.30pm, 12 Dec, 'Waiting through Advent, with Mary' - Gemma Mulligan

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Let's dive in!

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@Home Activities for Children!
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Let's Learn!

Check out this video from Kids Catholic media on this Sunday's readings.

Let's think!

God is always with us.
Draw any prayers or worries you might have in His heart and ask Him to look after them!



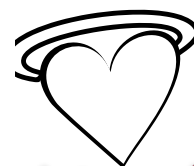
Puzzle



Can you find these words from the Gospel in the wordsearch?

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N	I	O	A	L	D	A
T	Q	G	P	I	T	T
E	A	M	N	F	R	I
N	E	V	A	E	H	O
T	K	I	N	G	S	N
J	E	S	U	S	R	O

hair
heaven
Jesus
kings
nation
sign
temple



Celebrate the Seasons!

What colour is the priest's chasuble today?
Colour it in!

Tick the box for the correct liturgical season!

Advent ☐ Christmas ☐ Lent ☐

Easter ☐ Ordinary Time ☐



My Saint Friend



St Elizabeth of Hungary
17 November

Let's sing!



"Focus"
Orange

Kids Music



Let's PRAY



Jesus, you are my friend and I trust in you. Help me to live this day with you and for you! **Amen**

Let's act!



Jesus teaches us in today's Gospel to trust in Him because He will always love us and protect us. His love lasts forever. Decide for Jesus every day this week, using the prayer above!

Not a hair on your head will be lost

Word of God



Jesus

I,

TRUST

in

YOU!

