



To the Heights

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

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

Game Changers

The Catholic Church's Liturgical Calendar is crammed full of inspirational saints and heroes, or as we like to call them, Game Changers! Check them out on our web page!

14 November	St Laurence O'Toole
15 November	St Albert the Great
16 November	St Margaret of Scotland / St Gertrude
17 November	St Elizabeth of Hungary
18 November	Dedication of the Basilicas of Ss Peter and Paul



Reflect



1. What did Jesus prophesy about the temple?
2. What kind of calamities did Jesus predict would happen in the future?
3. What kind of treatment did Jesus predict his followers would have to face?
4. What do you think He means by "and that will be your opportunity to witness"?
5. Why do his followers not have to be worried about preparing their defence?
6. What promise does He give for this time of trial?

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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.



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

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!

TUNE OF THE WEEK



Even Unto Death

Audrey Assad



WEEKLY CHALLENGE:

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.

Check out our Cardinal Van Thuan Resource Pack in our Gamechangers section on our webpage



Young Person's Prayer



Lord, I thank You that no matter what I face, no matter what happens in my life or in my world, You are always there and I can lean on You for strength and protection. Amen

Hidden Message

FIRST FIND ALL THE WORDS IN THE LIST. WORDS CAN GO IN ANY DIRECTION AND SHARE LETTERS AS WELL AS CROSS OVER EACH OTHER. ONCE YOU FIND ALL THE WORDS. COPY THE UNUSED LETTERS STARTING IN THE TOP LEFT CORNER INTO THE BLANKS TO REVEAL THE HIDDEN MESSAGE.

betrayed
defence
destruction
eloquence
endurance
fearful
great signs
hated
heaven
Jesus
kingdom
nation
opponents
persecute
prison
revolutions
temple
wars
wisdom

Y O U D R N N E F N D U M R P
A N C E E O W E I L L O W E O
I N Y V S Y A O U Y D O R P U
R L A I I R A V E G S S P M W
B E R G F P A R N Q E O O B F
H P A U N E W I T C N D L A W
S C L Z L L K C U E S N R G A
B R V D W P A T N I B O D T Z
C A A L S M E T W T J I R Q X
V E N W D E S T R U C T I O N
S N G I S T A E R G O A B S D
R E V O L U T I O N S N U S E
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E C N A R U D N E G E B Z S A
E L O Q U E N C E J K V K K H

ROAD OF HOPE: THE SPIRITUAL JOURNEY OF CARDINAL NGUYEN VAN THUAN (TRAILER)



WHAT'S ON

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, Coláiste Chríost 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

Youth 2000 Christmas Retreat: 9 - 11 December, Newbridge - save the date!

Pick one line from the gospel to reflect on this week!

