



The Catholic Community of Divine Savior

Family Faith Focus

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Dates to Remember

- November 14: Thirty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time—
Mass at 4:00 PM on Saturday & 9:00 AM on Sunday
- November 15: Memorial of St. Albert the Great
- November 17: Memorial of St. Elizabeth of Hungary
- November 21: Solemnity of Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe—
Mass at 4:00 PM on Saturday & 9:00 AM on Sunday

The Gospel:

Our Guide to Prayer

People ask me, "What is prayer, Father? Where can we buy it? How do we do it?" It can only be done with the Gospel in hand. Basically, you pick up the Gospel, select a passage, read it once, read it twice; imagine what's happening and speak with Jesus about what comes from your heart. And with this we allow hope to grow, because we have our eyes fixed on Jesus. And even if we have many commitments, we can always find the time, even 15 minutes at home. Pick up the Gospel, a short passage, imagine what is happening and talk to Jesus about it. This way your eyes will be fixed on Jesus and your ears will be fixed on the words of Jesus.

— Pope Francis

Thirty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

Mark 13: 24-32

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Mark.

Jesus said to his disciples:

"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.

"And then they will see 'the Son of Man coming in the clouds'
with great power and glory,
and then he 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.

"Learn a lesson from the fig tree.

When its branch becomes tender and sprouts leaves,
you know that summer is near.

In the same way, when you see these things happening,
know that he is near, at the gates.

Amen, I say to you,

this generation will not pass away
until all these things have taken place.

Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away.

"But of that day or hour, no one knows,
neither the angels in heaven,
nor the Son, but only the Father."

The Gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

The Knights of Columbus...



are helping the Christmas Cheer Foundation by collecting brand new and crocheted hats, gloves and scarves for men, women and children in need to keep them warm this winter. **Bins are located in the vestibule for the collection of these items through Sunday, November 28.**



Sunday Gospel Connection: November 14, 2021

Thirty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time, Cycle B

Mark 13: 24-32

Gospel Background: This Sunday is the second to last Sunday of our liturgical year. As we approach the end of the Church year, our Gospel invites us to consider Jesus' predictions and teaching about the end of the world. In the context of Mark's Gospel, Jesus' words about this are spoken to his disciples as he prepares them for his passion and death.



Before we consider Jesus' words, it is important to note the political backdrop against which many think Mark's Gospel was written. Most scholars concur that Mark wrote his Gospel for Christians living in or near Rome about 30 to 40 years after the death of Jesus. This was a time of political turmoil in Rome. Some Christians experienced persecution by the Romans during the reign of the emperor Nero (about 64 A.D.). Jewish revolutionaries rebelled against the Romans, which led the Romans to destroy the Temple in Jerusalem in 70 A.D. In this time of political turmoil and persecution, many in Mark's community might have wondered if the end times predicted by Jesus were in fact quite near.

Last Sunday we heard Jesus' observation about the contributions being made to the temple treasury and the example of sacrificial giving that he saw in the poor widow's offering. If we had been reading Mark's Gospel continuously, we would have heard Jesus predict the destruction of the Temple, his teaching about the costs of discipleship, and the woes that will accompany the end times. Finally, we would have heard Jesus instruct his disciples about the need for watchfulness so that they will not be caught unprepared for this final day of judgment.

In today's Gospel, Jesus continues this teaching by offering his disciples signs to look for that will indicate that the coming of the Son of Man is near. His words and images draw upon Old Testament imagery, especially images found in the Book of Daniel. Next, Jesus offers the lesson of the fig tree, a parable that teaches that if one knows how to read the signs, one can be prepared for the end times. Jesus also teaches, however, that no one knows when the end time will come, except the Father. In the verses that follow this reading in Mark's Gospel, Jesus continues to warn his disciples to be on watch for this end time.

Jesus' words are not spoken to frighten his disciples, nor should they frighten us. Rather, they are offered to prepare us for the changes we will experience during our lifetimes and at the end times. Our consolation and hope is found in the lasting nature of Jesus' words and God's never-ending love for us.

Family Connection: Many things in our lives and in our world are subject to change. Yet all of us find security in relationships and values that endure. Foremost among these are our family relationships. We can confidently accept change if we know that we will continue to be loved by our family and by God. We help impart this sense of trust and confidence in our children with our daily assurances to them that nothing can change our love for them.

As you gather as a family, look through several family photo albums. Observe and talk about things that have changed in your family life over the years. Talk also about the things that have stayed the same. We do not need to fear changes in our family life because we know that the most important aspects of our family life do not change, such as our love for one another. The same is true with God and God's love for us. Read today's Gospel, Mark 13:24-32. Jesus teaches us that things in our world will change and that the world itself will one day end. We don't need to be fearful because God's love for us will never end. Conclude in prayer together thanking God his never-ending love for us. Pray together the Glory Be to the Father.

For more information and Sunday Connection resources visit:

<https://www.loyolapress.com/catholic-resources/liturgical-year/sunday-connection/33rd-sunday-in-ordinary-time-b-sunday-connection/>

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Fill a Bag = Feed a Family

THANKSGIVING FOOD DRIVE

As Thanksgiving approaches, we reflect with gratitude on our blessings and good fortune. At the same time, let's also remember that many of our neighbors are feeling the pain of need more than ever. During the season of Thanksgiving, many food pantries see an incredible rise in need.

In 2020, with help from all of you, St. Eulalia passed out Thanksgiving Food Boxes to 786 FAMILIES. We're asking for your help once again to address what we know will be another major year of need. Help them by filling a bag of food over the next few weeks.

Here's a list of the items needed:

Stuffing Mix	Hominy (canned) OR Masa	1-2 pound bag of black OR Pinto beans OR black-eyed peas
Cranberry Sauce	Peanut Butter & Jelly	Pie crust (not frozen),
Broth (boxed or canned)	Brown sugar & Marshmallows	pie filling,
Potatoes (boxed)	Whole grain cereal OR oatmeal OR	evaporated milk
Gravy (can/box/packet)	pancake mix & syrup	Cake mix & frosting OR
Corn (canned)	Green beans (canned)	Brownie/cookie mix
Unsweetened applesauce (cups/pouches)	Cream of mushroom soup	
Cornbread mix (like Jiffy) OR Biscuit mix	French Fried Onions	
	1-2 pound bag of plain rice	

Please, NO GLASS JARS, outdated or expired items, open or used items, or homemade items.

The items you see in the picture here fulfill this list. Almost everything was purchased at Aldi for about \$33!

This is the perfect opportunity to get your kids involved and help them learn more about the importance of giving back! Here are a few ways you can make a difference:

1. Shop for the items all at once, put them in a paper grocery store bag, and bring them to the church vestibule.
2. Contribute individual food items. There will be a box in the church vestibule labeled St. Eulalia Thanksgiving Food Drive.
3. Overwhelmed with work, school, kids, and/or just this 2021 life in general?! Just send \$33 (or an amount of your choice), and we will shop/fill a bag in your name!

Monetary donations can be sent to Kacie723@yahoo.com via quickpay or Kacie Bratko via Venmo. If neither of those options work for you, you can leave a contribution at the Rectory, marked for the Thanksgiving Food Drive.

If you are filling your own bag or bringing food items, bring them to the church vestibule no later than Tuesday, November 16. All donations (food and/or monetary) must be received by the end of the day on Tuesday, November 16th.

Thank you for your generous, faithful care of our less fortunate brothers and sisters.





Thanksgiving Day Liturgy

Thursday, November 25, 9:00 AM

**ALL of our FCFF Families
are Invited and Encouraged to Be Present
As We Join Together to
Give Thanks for our Many Blessings!**

**The Story of the First Thanksgiving
will be presented by the children
in Pre-K through Grade 4**

**What Better Way to Begin this Day of Family Celebration
than to Join Together as God's Family at the Table of the Lord!**