

# Bulletin 33 Ord C Sunday November 13, 2016

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

1. Welcome to our new Archbishop Paul Etienne. The installation celebration was beautiful. Some 75 priests and deacons attended along with several Bishops, approximately 14.
2. New instruction on cremation burial has been released by the Vatican. The new instruction says that shortly, in many countries, cremation will be considered the ordinary way to deal with the dead, including for Catholics. "Cremation, in and of itself does not constitute a denial of belief in the immortality of the soul and the resurrection of the body, the instruction says. Nor does it prevent God in his omnipotence, from raising up the deceased body to new life." Please click on the following link for more information:  
<http://www.catholicnews.com/services/englishnews/2016/final-resting-place-vatican-releases-instruction-on-burial-cremation.cfm>
3. There are several wood floor examples in the vestibule at Holy Rosary. Please check out the samples and let me know which three you like best. To help save money for the new floor in our church, please donate to One Bread One Body. Thank you.

## **HOMILY**

### **END OF TIME**

Within 100 years after Jesus' death, the earliest Christians thought the end of the world was near. We call that the end time or doomsday.

### **JUDGMENTS**

The end time is the final Judgment. The first judgment will be when we die and go to purgatory. The second judgment will be the final judgment or end-time. The final judgment is a general judgment when all are assembled before God and their relationship to God is made public.

## WHAT IS A DOOMSDAY PROPHET

A doomsday prophet is a person who predicts this final judgment. During the cold war in the 1960's, people made bomb shelters in case the Russians nuked us. Doomsday prophets made people afraid that a nuclear attack would end the world.

## Y2K

Doomsday prophets had a field day with President Clinton and Y2K in 1999. Imagine, the entire world shutting down, planes crashing, warheads going off all around the country, and no electricity, water, or food. The turn of the century is always a great time for doomsday prophets to emerge.

## REALITIES WE LIVE WITH

Regardless of whether or not the end time comes in our lifetime there are three realities we live with: (1) the end time will come, we just don't know when and (2) we will always have war, famine, natural disasters and followers of Jesus will be persecuted (3) Jesus tells us that we will know, without a doubt, when the end-time is near.

## GOSPEL ADVICE ABOUT DOOMSDAY

The readings give us advice on how to live our lives knowing that the end time is inevitable. About doomsday, Jesus tells us not to follow the doomsday prophets. He says, "Awesome sights and mighty signs will come from the sky." When the end-time is near, without a doubt, we will know.

## PREPARE FOR END TIME

A Homily written in second century describes the End Time and gives advice about how to prepare for the End Time. "Moon and stars will be consumed, and the whole earth will become like lead melting in the fire. All that each man has done, whether openly or in secret, will then be brought to light. Therefore, a very good way of atoning for our sins is by being generous to the poor. Fasting is better than prayer, but almsgiving surpasses both, for love covers a multitude of sins. Nevertheless, prayer delivers the soul from death if it proceeds from a good conscience. Happy the man who is found rich in these virtues; by relieving the poor, he himself will be relieved of his sins."

## PAUL'S ADVICE

Paul, in Thessalonians, gives us advice about living with the end-time looming over us: Work and earn the food you eat. Do not be lazy. Live in a spirit of

harmony and unity with people. Do not let peer pressure sway you from your Christian beliefs. Hostility from others is not an excuse for us to be hostile ourselves. We are to persevere in holiness of life. Leave judgment to the Lord.

### MESSAGE

The message of the day is not a timetable for disaster. Our message is about happiness and peace while we are living our lives on earth. We do that by putting our faith and hope in Jesus. By anchoring ourselves to Christ in these end times, we can turn a crisis into opportunity.

### ENDURE IN HOPE UNTIL THE END

As we come forward to receive communion, let us take into our hands the anchor of our faith, which is the body of Christ. It will enable us to endure in hope until the end of time, whenever that may be (602 Words).

### READINGS

#### Malachi 3:19-20

For lo, the day is coming, blazing like an oven, when all the proud and all evildoers will be stubble, And the day that is coming will set them on fire, leaving them neither root nor branch, says the LORD of hosts. But for you who fear my name, there will arise the sun of justice with its healing rays; And you will gambol like calves out of the stall

#### 2 Thessalonians 3:7-12

For you know how one must imitate us. For we did not act in a disorderly way among you, nor did we eat food received free from anyone. On the contrary, in toil and drudgery, night and day we worked, so as not to burden any of you. Not that we do not have the right. Rather, we wanted to present ourselves as a model for you, so that you might imitate us. In fact, when we were with you, we instructed you that if anyone was unwilling to work, neither should that one eat. We hear that some are conducting themselves among you in a disorderly way, by not keeping busy but minding the business of others. Such people we instruct and urge in the Lord Jesus Christ to work quietly and to eat their own food.

Luke 21:5-19

While some people were speaking about how the temple was adorned with costly stones and votive offerings, he said, "All that you see here--the days will come when there will not be left a stone upon another stone that will not be thrown down." Then they asked him, "Teacher, when will this happen? And what sign will there be when all these things are about to happen?" He answered, "See that you not be deceived, for many will come in my name, saying, 'I am he,' and 'The time has come.' Do not follow them! When you hear of wars and insurrections, do not be terrified; for such things must happen first, but it will not immediately be the end." Then he said to them, "Nation will rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom. There will be powerful earthquakes, famines, and plagues from place to place; and awesome sights and mighty signs will come from the sky. "Before all this happens, however, they will seize and persecute you, they will hand you over to the synagogues and to prisons, and they will have you led before kings and governors because of my name. It will lead to your giving testimony. Remember, you are not to prepare your defense beforehand, for I myself shall give you a wisdom in speaking that all your adversaries will be powerless to resist or refute. You will even be handed over by parents, brothers, relatives, and friends, and they will put some of you to death. 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.

## **INTERCESSIONS**

### **Celebrant**

The Lord tells us to turn to him in our moments of need. Let us turn to our heavenly Father and pray.

### **Deacon/Lector**

Let us pray for the Church: that it may bear witness to the truth of the Gospel in the face of a hostile world, we pray to the Lord.

Let us pray for ourselves and our families: that we may witness to our faith by having the courage to put it into practice, we pray to the Lord.

For the Catholic Campaign for Human Development, for all who work to address poverty in this country, and for Holy Rosary, Saint Theresa, Saint Peter the Fisherman, and all our Saint Paul Mission village communities, that we may follow Christ's examples of Love and solidarity with the poor, let us pray to the Lord.

For those who have died (especially.....): may they be welcomed into the joys of eternal life, we pray to the Lord.

In Silence, let us now add our own intentions for our community, our country, and for the world.....we pray to the Lord.

**Celebrant**

Loving Father, hear all these our prayers, and what we ask in faith may you grant through your Son, our Lord Jesus Christ.