

# Welcome to OUR LADY OF THE MIRACULOUS MEDAL CHURCH



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**Baptisms**-Parents must meet with the Pastor for instructions and a date for the ceremony\*

**Marriages**-Couples must see the Pastor at least six months before the intended wedding date\*

**Visits to the Sick and Homebound**-(*Holy Communion and/or Anointing of the Sick*)-Please call the Parish Office to make arrangements

**Religious Education**-Sundays, Sept.-May from 9:30 to 11 am. Pre-K through secondary grades

**RCIA**- (Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults) - Please contact the Pastor for more information

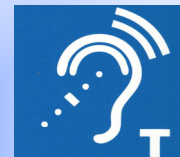
**New Parishioners**-Registration forms are located in the entrance of the Church, at the Parish Office and on our website

**Prayer & Scripture Group**-Meets the First & Third Tuesdays of every month

**\*Registered parishioners only**

## MASS SCHEDULE

- ◆ **Daily Mass** Monday—Friday 8:30 am
- ◆ **Saturday Vigil** 4:30 pm—Year Round
- ◆ **Sunday Masses**
  - **September through May** 8:30 am & 10:30 am
  - **June through August** 9:30 am
- ◆ **Spanish Mass** 5:00 pm Sunday—Year Round
- ◆ **Holy Days of Obligation** 8:30 am & 6:00 pm unless otherwise noted  
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- ◆ **Confessions** Fridays after the 8:30 am Mass, Saturdays 3:30 to 4:30 pm or by appointment
- ◆ **Rosary** A half hour prior to daily Mass. Wednesdays the Rosary is dedicated for the protection of our area against disasters. Rosary begins 45 minutes before the first Sunday Mass
- ◆ **Miraculous Medal Novena** Monday following the 8:30 am Mass
- ◆ **Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament** First Friday of every month beginning at 9:00 am concluding with a brief prayer service and Benediction at Noon
- ◆ **Chaplet of Divine Mercy** First Fridays after the opening of Adoration



HEARING HELP AVAILABLE

**NOVEMBER 17, 2019—THIRTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

# Mass Intentions

- Mon. Nov 18** **Tony Raffaele** (In Thanksgiving)  
8:30 am *Requested by Christine Sapp*
- Tues. Nov 19** **+Jerry Raffa**  
8:30 am *Requested by Greg & Lucy Lambrecht*
- Weds. Nov 20** **Members of the Parish**  
8:30 am
- Thrs. Nov 21** **+ALL SOULS**  
8:30 am *Requested by Parishioners*
- Fri. Nov 22** **+Joseph Schodowski**  
8:30 am *Requested by Carolyn Anglin*
- Sat. Nov 23** **+Anna Anderson**  
4:30 pm *Requested by Ed & Barbara Anderson*
- Sun. Nov 24** **+James Lewellyn**  
8:30 am *Requested by Marylea Lewellyn*  
10:30 am **+John Falcone**  
*Requested by Greg & Lucy Lambrecht*

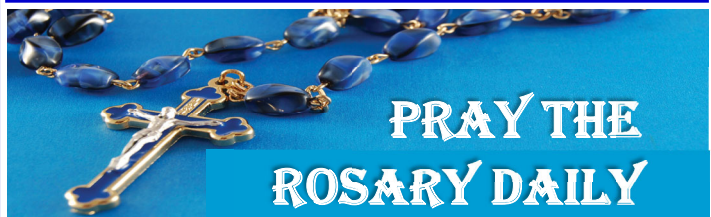
# Time, Talent & Treasure

**ALL SAINTS' DAY**  
**ATTENDANCE – 148**  
**OFFERTORY—\$891.00**

**WEEKEND OF NOV 2-3, 2019**  
**ATTENDANCE – 460**  
**OFFERTORY—\$5,130.00**

**SECOND COLLECTION—\$1,300.00**

*Our Lady of the Miraculous Medal Church is sustained by the generosity of our parishioners through their selfless offering of time, talent and treasure. Thank you and God Bless!*



## PRAY THE ROSARY DAILY

# This Week

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## Monday, Nov 18, 2019

- **The Dedication of the Basilicas of Sts. Peter and Paul, Apostles**
- **St. Rose Philippine Duchesne**

## Tuesday, Nov 19, 2019

- **Prayer & Scripture Group 6 pm**

## Wednesday, Nov 20, 2019

- **Choir Practice 5:00 pm**

## Thursday, Nov 21, 2019

- **The Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary**

## Friday, Nov 22, 2019

- **St. Cecilia**

## Saturday, Nov 23, 2019

- **Blessing of the Bikes-10 am**
- **St. Clement I**
- **St. Columban**
- **Bl. Miguel Agustin Pro**
- **Blessed Virgin Mary**
- **Vigil Mass at 4:30 pm**

## Sunday, Nov 24, 2019

- **Masses at 8:30 & 10:30 am and 5:00 pm (Spanish)**
- **Coffee Social—9:30 am**
- **Religious Education 9:30 am to 11:15 am**



## PLEASE PRAY FOR:

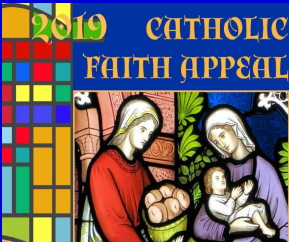
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## PARISH CALENDAR

- Nov 19-Prayer & Scripture Group Meeting  
Nov 28-**THANKSGIVING**-Mass at 9 am  
-Food Drive for PI Food Pantry  
Dec 1-Advent Begins  
Dec 3-Prayer & Scripture Group Meeting  
Dec 6-**Adoration 9 am—Noon**  
Dec 8-Immaculate Conception  
Dec 10-Advent Penance Service  
Dec 12-Our Lady of Guadalupe-Travelling Image  
Dec 15-Parish Christmas Brunch

## ???QUESTION OF THE WEEK???

Do I continue to meet my responsibilities even during difficult times? How can I bring myself to hope for healing justice in the midst of terrible events?

	<b>2019 CATHOLIC FAITH APPEAL</b>	<b>OLMM 2019 CFA STATUS</b>
		<b>Parish Goal</b> \$ 85,000.00
		<b>Pledged</b> \$ 81,517.95
		<b>Total Paid</b> \$ 77,975.15
		<b>Balance Due</b> \$ 7,024.85 a/o 10/31/19 Thank you for your generosity.

**†SAINTS/FEASTS OF THE WEEK†**

**Nov 18-The Dedication of the Basilicas of Sts. Peter and Paul, Apostles**-This feast celebrates the dedications of two of the four major basilicas of Rome. St. Peter's Basilica was originally built over St. Peter's tomb in 323 by the emperor Constantine and stood over a thousand years. Pope Julius II ordered the building to be torn down due to structural concerns. The new church construction spanned over 200 years and was dedicated on Nov. 18, 1626. St. Paul's Basilica is located outside the original walls of Rome. It was also originally built by the emperor Constantine but was destroyed by fire in 1823. Donations from around the world made the reconstruction possible. Before the completion of Saint Peter's Basilica, St Paul's was the largest church in Rome. The Basilica was built over St. Paul's grave. -catholicnewsagency.com

**-St. Rose Philippine Duchesne**-A French religious sister and missionary, St. Rose Philippine Duchesne founded the first convents of the Society of the Sacred Hearts in the United States

**Nov 21-Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary**-Although this feast has no basis in history, it stresses an important truth about Mary: From the beginning of her life, she was dedicated to God. She herself became a greater temple than any made by hands. God came to dwell in her in a marvelous manner and sanctified her for her unique role in God's saving work. -franciscan media

**Nov. 22-St. Cecilia**-The patron saint of music. St. Cecilia is perhaps one of the most famous and revered of the Roman martyrs. She was betrothed to a Roman she had converted. After he and his brother were martyred, she herself was struck in the neck three times with a sword and lived for three days, during which time she asked the Pope to turn her house into a church.

**Nov. 23-St. Clement**-The third Pope to succeed St. Peter, St. Clement is considered to be the first Apostolic Pope of the Catholic Church.

**-St. Columban**-An Irish missionary, St. Columban founded a number of monasteries in France and Italy. He had a great love of God's creatures, and legend has it that while walking in the woods, birds would land on his shoulders and squirrels would nestle in his cowl.

**-Bl. Miguel Agustin Pro**-A Mexican Jesuit Catholic Priest, Blessed Miguel Agustin Pro was executed for being a Catholic Priest. After the Mexican government banned public worship, Fr. Pro would wear disguises and ride his bicycle to distribute communion to the faithful. When facing the firing squad, he refused a blindfold and only asked for time to pray.

**"Arise, soldiers of Christ, throw away the works of darkness and put on the armor of light."**-St. Cecelia

**PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR DECEASED**

Alice Ambrose, Sal Anastasio, Ed Anderson, Joe Arcuri, Pat Auge, Mary Lou Beck, Wally Bermingham, Roger Bolduc, Colleen Curtis, Al Doerman, Jo Ann Grabenstetter, Gerry Green, Mary Hagan, Leo Hage, Beverly Henderson, Daniel Higgins, Helen Holfelner, Lil Honc, Dave Humme, Ed Hughes, Pat Jock, James Kennedy, Ken Kloiber, Betty Licari, Edward Lodema, Sandra Marcil, Kathryn McGuineas, Vincenzo Miceli, Sr., Leo Miller, Wes Morris, Maureen Murphy, Jim O'Neill, John "Jack" O'Neill, Volker Oelze, Richard Peterson, William "Joe" Porthouse, Mark Rodgers, Fred "Fritz" Schoenbaechler, Jeanette Smith, Jean Turner, Muriel Urrico, Gus Ventimiglia, Melanie Voris, Victor Zawadski  
*"Eternal rest grant unto them Oh Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them. May they Rest in Peace."*

**Prayer for Safety In Hurricane Season**

O God, Master of this passing world,  
hear the humble voices of your children.  
The Sea of Galilee obeyed Your order  
and returned to its former quietude.  
You are still the Master of land and sea.  
We live in the shadow of a danger  
over which we have no control:  
the Gulf, like a provoked and angry giant,  
can awake from its seeming lethargy, overstep  
its conventional boundaries, invade our land,  
and spread chaos and disaster.  
During this hurricane season we turn to You,  
O loving Father.  
Spare us from past tragedies whose memories are still  
so vivid and whose wounds seem to refuse to heal  
with passing of time.  
O Virgin, Star of the Sea, Our beloved Mother,  
we ask you to plead with your Son on our behalf, so  
that spared from the calamities common to this area  
and animated with a true spirit of gratitude,  
we will walk in the footsteps of your Divine Son  
to reach the heavenly Jerusalem, where a stormless  
eternity awaits us. **Amen.**

*[Composed by Most Rev. Maurice Schexnayder (1895-1981), Second Bishop of Lafayette (1956-1973), following Hurricane Audrey in 1957]*

**OLMM'S FOURTH ANNUAL BLESSING OF THE BIKES**




Whether you ride a Harley or a Huffy, please join us on **Saturday, November 23, 2019 at 10:00 am** for our Fourth Annual Blessing of the Bikes. Please gather in front of the church and receive your blessing for safe rides during the coming year.  
**ALL ARE WELCOME**

**TELEVISED MASS TO THE HOMEBOUND**  
WFTX-TV FOX 4 – Sundays at 10:30 am  
The Mass is also available on the Diocese of Venice website,  
[www.dioceseofvenice.org/tvmass](http://www.dioceseofvenice.org/tvmass).

2020 **MEN'S CONFERENCE**  
Diocese of Venice

But as for you, man of God...

# Fight the Good Fight

of the faith!  
- 1 Timothy 6:11-12

Featuring:  
2nd annual  fest  
with a food truck rally!

**SPEAKERS:**

MARK HART      CHRIS PADGETT      FR. CALLOWAY





**TO REGISTER:**  
<https://dioceseofvenice.regfox.com/2020-mens-conference>

**WHERE:** Bishop Verot High School  
5598 Sunrise Dr. Fort Myers, FL 33919

**WHEN:** 9am-3pm  
Doors open at 8am

**DATE:** Feb. 8

**COST:** Adults: \$20  
Students: \$5  
At the Door: Adults: \$30  
Students: \$10

Pre-Registration  
Adults: \$20  
Students: \$5

More info: Call (941) 484-9543

2020 **WOMEN'S CONFERENCE**  
Diocese of Venice

Blessed is **SHE**  
who **BELIEVED**

...what was spoken to her from the Lord.  
- Luke 1:45

**SPEAKERS:**

JIMMY MITCHELL      SISTERS of LIFE      MARY BIELSKI






**TO REGISTER:**  
<https://dioceseofvenice.regfox.com/2020-womens-conference>

**WHERE:** Bishop Verot High School  
5598 Sunrise Dr. Fort Myers, FL 33919

**WHEN:** 9am-3pm  
Doors open at 8am

**DATE:** Feb. 22

**COST:** Adults: \$20  
Students: \$5  
At the Door: Adults: \$30  
Students: \$10

Pre-Registration  
Adults: \$20  
Students: \$5

More info: Call (941) 484-9543

**NOVEMBER 28, 2019** **THANKSGIVING FOOD DRIVE**




We will hold a special Thanksgiving Food Drive to benefit the Pine Island Food Pantry. Please bring a non-perishable food item to the 9:00 am Mass on Thanksgiving morning, and place it in the box by the Baptismal Font. **LET US SHARE OUR BOUNTY WITH THOSE WHO ARE LESS FORTUNATE**

**CHRISTMAS GIVING TREE**



Next weekend, our annual Christmas Giving Tree will be up in the rear of the Church. This year we will again be working with PI F.I.S.H. for local children as well as Catholic Charities in Immokalee. Please return all gifts unwrapped with the tag by Dec. 8th!

**BLESSING OF THE BREAD**



Mass and Blessing of the Bread will be held on Thanksgiving morning beginning at 9:00 am. Please bring your dinner bread for a special blessing

**Conozca Sus Derechos de Inmigración**

La Conferencia Estado Unidos de Obispos Católicos (USCCB) ha proporcionado un video en español y en inglés sobre los derechos de los inmigrantes. Por favor vaya a [www.dioceseofvenice.org](http://www.dioceseofvenice.org) y haga clic en el banner "Conozca Sus Derechos" para ver los videos.

**V Encuentro, Sesiones del Decanato Norte**

La Oficina del Apostolado Hispano de la Diócesis de Venice organiza una serie de sesiones por decanatos para continuar el proceso del V Encuentro. Los fieles del Decanato Centro están invitados a participar a la siguiente reunión que se realizará en: Epiphany Cathedral, 350 Tampa Avenue West, Venice, Martes 25 de Julio, 6:30 p.m., La alegría de ser discípulos misioneros. Información: [pastoralhispana@dioceseofvenice.org](mailto:pastoralhispana@dioceseofvenice.org).

**DIocese OF Venice IN Florida**  
OFFICE OF THE BISHOP

**SECOND COLLECTION WEEKEND OF NOVEMBER 23-24, 2019**

November 2019


Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

The Catholic Campaign for Human Development (CCHD), the national, anti-poverty campaign of the U.S. Bishops, has been an immeasurable blessing for thousands over the years. CCHD can point to hundreds of organizations which have grown to extend great influence in their communities for the common good, and are committed to supporting organizations led by low-income individuals to break the cycle of poverty.

By helping the poor to participate in the decisions and actions that affect their lives, CCHD empowers them to move beyond their everyday struggles. This ministry for justice is rooted in our baptism and faith commitment. Just this past year, the agencies funded by CCHD have taught construction skills to underprivileged men, developed life plans for self-sufficient futures, educated the youth, secured housing and trained citizens to become grassroots leaders in their own communities. What an accomplishment!

The Diocese of Venice will take up the collection for the Catholic Campaign for Human Development the weekend of November 23 and 24, 2019. Your support can bring change to people across the country and empower those living in poverty to transform their communities into reflections of the Kingdom of God. Thank you for your generosity!

I take this opportunity to extend to each of you the assurances of my continued consideration as well as my prayers.

Sincerely yours in Christ,  
  
 + Frank J. Dewane  
 Bishop of the Diocese of Venice in Florida

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# Se levantará una nación contra otra

17 de noviembre de 2019 • Trigésimo Tercer Domingo del Tiempo Ordinario

Hay una tendencia natural en la naturaleza humana de preguntarse acerca del futuro. Buscamos seguridad por parte de los psíquicos de que todo estará bien, al mismo tiempo que deambulamos de la cuna a la tumba (aunque en realidad no queremos saber acerca de la última parte). Pero ¿y si las predicciones no son arcóris y querubines? Las palabras del profeta Malaquías (posiblemente no es su nombre) parecen encarnar el antiguo concepto del predicador de “fuego y azufre” en sus advertencias a los israelitas del post exilio, quienes estaban viviendo como si hubieran olvidado la Alianza o que no les importaba más. Podríamos saber cómo se siente, cuando la vida se ha vuelto tan dolorosa que nos dirigimos a los “dioses menores” del hedonismo y la automedicación.

## EL APOCALIPSIS AHORA Y DESPUÉS

Si pensamos que las imágenes del profeta Malaquías eran perturbadoras, las palabras de Jesús en el Evangelio de hoy son verdaderamente aterradoras. Él está intentando de equipar a sus seguidores para la vida en este valle de lágrimas, especialmente la vida de la justicia. Sus seguidores quieren saber cuándo, cómo y dónde. Pero Jesús describe

un estado general de caos y problemas, sin dar ningún dato verdadero acerca de su futuro. Ese es el punto ¿cierto? Aun el observador más despreocupado de la historia en esos días podría probablemente recordar muchos ejemplos de la tierra en el desorden descrito por Jesús. Hay guerras, terremotos y persecuciones en todos los tiempos. La vida de un discípulo de Jesús está en un estado constante estado de llevar luz a un mundo oscurecido. Aunque san Pablo regaña a los tesalonicenses porque le parecía que se habían dado por vencidos en la espera del apocalipsis. Jesús advierte a sus seguidores que el discipulado requiere siempre estar listos y ser fieles a la verdadera misión.

Así que, a la luz de estas advertencias, ¿cómo cantamos nuestro salmo 98 de alabanza en una tierra de miedo y estremecimiento acerca del futuro? Nuestra alegría es la confianza de que el Señor “viene” a gobernar con justicia y equidad, no solo en el futuro, sino siempre.

Lecturas de hoy: Mal 3:19-20a; Sal 98 (97):5-6, 7-8, 9; 2 Tes 3:7-12; Lc 21:5-19

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### A PRAYER FOR PRIESTS

Lord Jesus, you have chosen your priests from among us and sent them out to proclaim your word and act in your name. For so great a gift to your Church, we give you praise and thanksgiving. We ask you to fill them with the fire of your love, that their ministry may reveal your presence in the Church. Since they are earthen vessels, we pray that your power shines out through their weakness. In their afflictions let them never be crushed, in their doubts never despair, in temptation never be destroyed, and in persecution never abandoned. Inspire them through prayer to live each day the mystery of your dying and rising. In times of weakness send them your Spirit and help them to praise your Heavenly Father and pray for poor sinners. By your same Holy Spirit put your word on their lips and your love in their hearts, to bring good news to the poor and healing to the brokenhearted. And may the gift of Mary, your Mother, to the disciple whom you loved, be your gift to every priest. Grant that she who formed you in her human image, may form them in your divine image, by the power of your spirit, to the glory of God the Father, **Amen.**

Saint Teresa of Calcutta Vocation Society

### OLMM PRAYER & SCRIPTURE GROUP

Our next meeting is scheduled for **Tuesday, November 19th** at 6 pm in the Religious Education Building. Our topic will be “Our Thanksgiving.”

## FORMED

PICK OF THE WEEK

### St. Giuseppe Moscati



St. GIUSEPPE MOSCATI  
DOCTOR TO THE POOR

“You’ll fall in love with St. Giuseppe Moscati. Very beautiful and touching.”

—Blessy T., Fort Pierce, FL

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Giuseppe Moscati, “the holy physician of Naples,” was a medical doctor and layman who came from an aristocratic family and devoted his medical career to serving the poor.

# NOVEMBER 17, 2019 THIRTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Sing praise to the  
LORD with the harp,  
with the harp and  
melodious song.  
— Psalm 98:5

Cantad alabanzas al  
Señor con el arpa,  
con el arpa y la me-  
lodiosa canción  
—Salmo 98:5

## LIFE IS HARD, BUT HAVE NO FEAR

Today's readings take a fearless look at reality and reach a conclusion that we all know: life is hard. The prophet Malachi preaches fire and brimstone, warning us that evildoers will perish in flames. Saint Paul offers his own warning to the Thessalonians: keep busy, but never become a busybody. He reminds Christians that the apostles themselves worked in "toil and drudgery" as a model for how we ought to contribute to our community. The Gospel returns to the apocalyptic tone of Malachi, describing the utter chaos of the end-times. We will know the end is near when violence, catastrophe, and hatred dominate the earth. But we must not fear! God's saving plan brings peace to our hearts. Malachi speaks of the sun's "healing rays," and Jesus himself promises to protect every hair on our heads. Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co.

## TODAY'S READINGS

**First Reading** — For those who fear the name of the Lord, the sun of justice will arise (Malachi 3:19-20a).

**Psalms** — The Lord comes to rule the earth with justice (Psalm 98).

**Second Reading** — Those who are living in idleness are urged to earn their own living (2 Thessalonians 3:7-12).

**Gospel** — Jesus foretells the destruction of Jerusalem, the persecution of his followers (Luke 21:5-19).

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## READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: 1 Mc 1:10-15, 41-43, 54-57, 62-63; Ps 19:53, 61, 134, 150, 155, 158; Lk 18:35-43 or (for the memorial of the Dedication) Acts 28:11-16, 30-31; Ps 98:1-6; Mt 14:22-33

Tuesday: 2 Mc 6:18-31; Ps 3:2-7; Lk 19:1-10

Weds: 2 Mc 7:1, 20-31; Ps 17:1bcd, 5-6, 8b, 15; Lk 19:11-28

Thursday: 1 Mc 2:15-29; Ps 50:1b-2, 5-6, 14-15; Lk 19:41-44

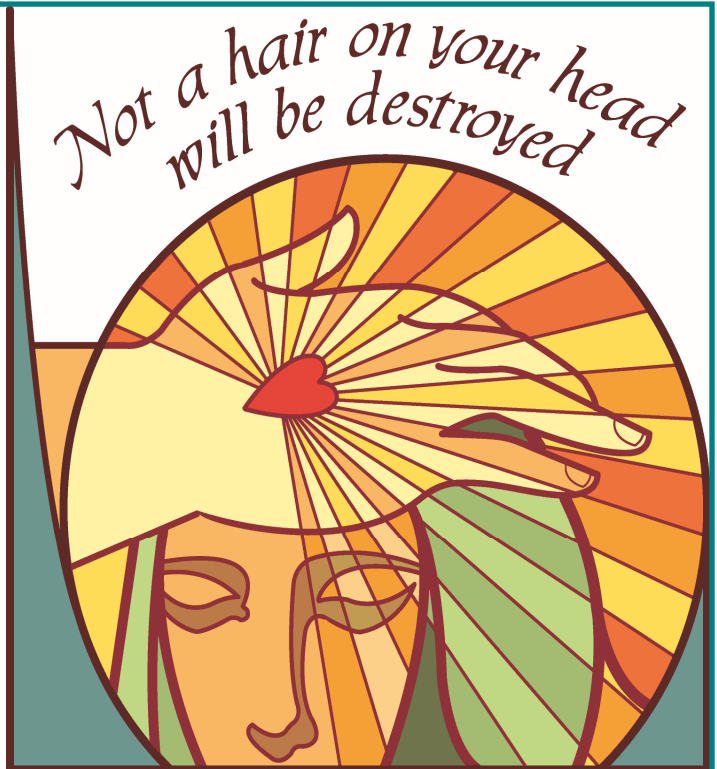
Friday: 1 Mc 4:36-37, 52-59; 1 Chr 29:10bcd, 11-12; Lk 19:45-48

Saturday: 1 Mc 6:1-13; Ps 9:2-4, 6, 16, 19; Lk 20:27-40

Sunday: 2 Sm 5:1-3; Ps 122:1-5; Col 1:12-20; Lk 23:35-43

## PEACE

First keep the peace within yourself, then you can also bring peace to others.—Thomas à Kempis



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## TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

We are faced with strong and disturbing readings today that hold a certain fascination, since they seem at first glance to be blueprints for future inevitable wars and hardship. A fundamentalist interpretation focuses on this aspect. Yet we hear them at our Sunday celebration of the Eucharist, which infuses them with hope and optimism. Rather than dreading the future, today's liturgy assures us that God is with us in all of life's inevitable trials, and that we have a role in shaping the outcome of human history. Occasionally, some Christians have attempted to decode these readings for an exact measure of the world's end, but they have thus far been disappointed.

"Nothing lasts forever" is a lyric from a Broadway show. Stars fall from the sky, leaves wither and fall, mountains wash into the sea, human projects and governments totter and collapse with great regularity. Today's liturgy opposes this idea as incomplete, reminding us that Christ has made a permanent change in human history, and that life in him is life forever. Rather than inviting us to throw in the towel, today's liturgy strengthens us for acts of goodness and grace in our families, communities, and world.

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## RESEMBLANCE

The dignity of resembling the Almighty is common to all people; we should then love them all as ourselves, as living images of the Deity. It is in this that we belong to God.—St. Francis de Sales

## RUMMAGE SALE DONATIONS

If you have items you would like to donate for our annual Rummage Sale, you may now drop them off at the Parish Life Center during regular parish office hours. However, we will not be picking up any large items until after the first of the year! **PLEASE: NO electronics - TVs, VCRs, DVD players, computers, printers; NO mattresses or china cabinets.**

**THANK YOU!!!!**

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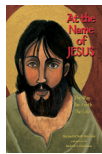


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