



## When Worlds Collapse

FR. JOSEPH JUKNIALIS

**W**hen personal worlds collapse, we can lose our way. The stars that marked our path through life disappear. When everything in life on which we had depended is shaken, we can feel life is not worth living. It happens when someone we love dies, when life-threatening illness lays us low, when a relationship disintegrates without warning. Then the world we once knew is no more. This week's Gospel suggests "when you see these things happening, know that he is near, at the gates" (Mark 13:29). But how can that be?

I met Marguerite and Ken when I came to the parish. A short time later, I received a phone call that Ken had suffered a massive heart attack. He had gone down to the basement for something, and that was where he died. I spent some time with Marguerite, and as you

can imagine, she was wrapped in grief. They'd had a wonderful marriage, she told me, had done everything together. Whatever one did, the other went along. Two years later, Marguerite and I were talking and she began telling me how life had changed for her without Ken. She still missed him terribly. But lately she found herself involved in all sorts of parish activities and services she never would have gotten into, simply because they had always done things together. Without Ken, she found new worlds she never knew existed. For Marguerite, God had opened the gates to new life. ●

### Reflect

*Has a personal tragedy ever become  
a doorway to new life for you?*

[Jesus said,] "In those days  
after that tribulation the  
sun will be darkened, and  
the moon will not give its  
light."

MARK 13:24

# THE CATHOLIC COMMUNITY OF CYCLONE—MARAK

*St. Joseph, Cyclone & Sts. Cyril & Methodius, Marak*

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**Masses: Cyclone:** Saturday 5:30PM & Sunday 8:15AM; Weekdays: Tues., Thurs & Friday: 7AM

**Marak:** Sundays: 10:15AM and Wednesday 5:30PM(unless otherwise stated)

## **The Sacraments:**

**Baptism:** On Sundays after Mass. Please contact the pastor to schedule a meeting with him; a preparation program may be needed. Parents must be registered parishioners of St. Joseph, Cyclone or Sts. Cyril & Methodius, Marak.

**Confessions:** Before Mass on the weekend and anytime by appointment.

**Marriage:** Couples planning to be married should contact the pastor at least six months in advance before you set the date of the wedding. Completion of required paperwork and a preparation program needed.

## **NOVEMBER 17, 2024 THIRTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

In this, the second-to-last week of the Church year, Jesus has finally made it to Jerusalem.

Near to His passion and death, He gives us a teaching of hope—telling us how it will be when He returns again in glory.

Today's Gospel is taken from the end of a long discourse in which He describes tribulations the likes of which haven't been seen "since the beginning of God's creation" (see [Mark 13:9](#)). He describes what amounts to a dissolution of God's creation, a "devolution" of the world to its original state of formlessness and void.

First, human community—nations and kingdoms—will break down (see [Mark 13:7-8](#)). Then the earth will stop yielding food and begin to shake apart (13:8). Next, the family will be torn apart from within and the last faithful individuals will be persecuted (13:9-13). Finally, the Temple will be desecrated, the earth emptied of God's presence (13:14).

In today's reading, God is described putting out the lights that He established in the sky in the very beginning—the sun, the moon and the stars (see also [Isaiah 13:10](#); [34:4](#)). Into this "uncreated" darkness, the Son of Man, in whom all things were made, will come.

Jesus has already told us that the Son of Man must be humiliated and killed (see [Mark 8:31](#)). Here He describes His ultimate victory, using royal-divine images drawn from the Old Testament—clouds, glory, and angels (see [Daniel 7:13](#)). He shows Himself to be the fulfillment of all God's promises to save "the elect," the faithful remnant (see [Isaiah 43:6](#); [Jeremiah 32:37](#)).

As today's First Reading tells us, this salvation will include the bodily resurrection of those who sleep in the dust.

We are to watch for this day, when His enemies are finally made His footstool, as today's Epistle envisions. We can wait in confidence knowing, as we pray in today's Psalm, that we will one day delight at His right hand forever.



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**Bulletin deadline:** Please call or e-mail info by Wednesday before the weekend!

MINISTRIES FOR NOVEMBER 24, 2024

Rosary: Liz Jungmann

Lector: Jeannine Dohnalik

Ushers: Josh Holy and Brian Kopriva

Lector: Rhonda Gelner

Ushers: Ronald Kaulfus and Andy Littlejohn

Eucharistic Minister: Judy Vaculin

Offertory: Carl Hubnik Family

Servers: Pat, Kate, Garrison, Annalee

MINISTRIES FOR NOVEMBER 27, 2024 Thanksgiving Eve

Eucharistic Minister: Debbie Vansa

Offertory: Louis and Mary Frances Vansa

Servers: Cade, Cutter

**Sanctuary Light: November 18th—24th: Henry Hubnik Sr. and Jonathan Hubnik by Katherine Hubnik**

**Prayer Chain...**Please pray for Anton Vrazel, Martha Hubnik, Brandon Lewis (Cousin to the Tomek Family), Dorothy Vansa, Kay and Ed Moraw, and Ethel Marak as well as those in need in the Book of Prayers. Prayers are powerful as we pray daily for those in need. To be added to the prayer chain:

Please contact Merlene Slavik—254-697-1247 or email—Slavik@farm-market.net

**MARAK MASSES—November 17–24, 2024**

Date	Time	Mass Intentions
Today—11/17	10:15am	†Georgie Ann Glaser by Louis and Mary Frances Vansa †Robert Glaser by Louis and Mary Frances Vansa †Trey Glaser by Louis and Mary Frances Vansa †Stanley Hubnik by Billy and Mary Ann Seaton
11/20—Wednesday	5:30 pm	†Stanley Hubnik by Robert and Vickie Plachy †Clement Tomek by Mary Karstadt, Debbie Wene, John Sims and Gail Sims †Marilyn Kemp by Rebecca Barton †Joseph Ribar
11/24—Sunday	10:15am	†Stefina Vansa by Alfred and Bernice Vrazel †Thomas Strmiska by Alfred and Bernice Vrazel †Special Intention by Ed and Kay Moraw †Stanley Hubnik by Sherry Mueck †Laddie Dohnalik by Chester and Margaret Hays

**UPCOMING EVENTS AND INFORMATION**

- **PARISH COUNCIL BALLOTS:** Parish Council Ballots are available and will be handed out today and November 24th. Final ballots are due November 24th.
- **KJZT JUNIORS:** The non-perishable food drive for the Cameron Area Thrift Store that the KJZT Juniors are sponsoring ends today. Food baskets are located at the church entry. Thank you in advance for your support.
- **CEMETERY BOARD MEETING:** The Cemetery Board meets today, following mass.
- **SECOND COLLECTION:** Catholic Campaign for Human Development—Second Collection—Sunday, November 24th.
- **PARISH CHRISTMAS LUNCHEON:** The parish Christmas Luncheon will follow mass on December 1st. Join us for fellowship and a special Christmas Program. Meat will be provided; please bring a side dish or dessert. A sign-up sheet is available at the entry of the Church.
- **KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS MEMBERS CHRISTMAS GATHERING:** The Knights of Columbus Members Christmas Gathering will be held December 7th at the Marak Parish Hall. Socializing begins at 5PM; Meal at 6PM. Widows of past members are welcome. A sign-up sheet will be located at the entry of the Church through December 1st.

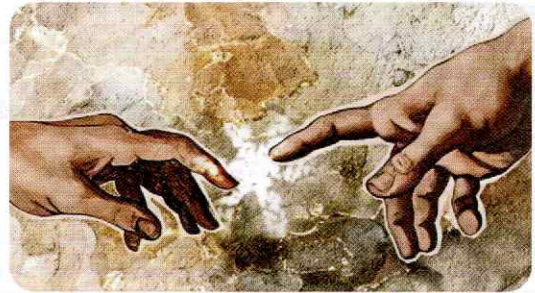
11-10: Sunday Offering: \$1,666.00

11-10 Children's Offering: \$4.00

THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY!

# Dear Padre,

***I am confused by Genesis 6:6: "The LORD regretted making human beings on the earth, and his heart was grieved." How can a perfect being regret something he created in his own image?***



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Sometimes reading an isolated line of Scripture can be confusing. Context is essential. The Second Vatican Council's Dogmatic Constitution on Divine Revelation (*Dei Verbum*), promulgated by Pope St. Paul VI on November 18, 1965, clearly teaches this Catholic understanding of sacred Scripture. A proper appreciation of context, in the example you provided, reminds us that the holy writers of Scripture were not reporting the words of the Lord like an announcer on the evening news. This is not a newspaper account of a witnessed event or a report commenting on the scene that has unfolded. Biblical authors were constrained by their own experience and perception, even as they were inspired by the Spirit of God. When they made a conclusion, they frequently revealed more about their humanity than they did about the divinity they witnessed. The divine is just too wonderful and mysterious for humans to fully comprehend.

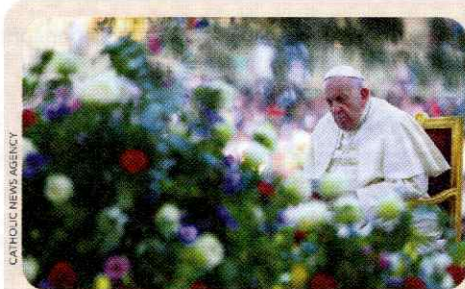
The author of Genesis provided a summary of how the experience of the creative activity of God was perceived. It is not the whole story and is perhaps best understood more as a contrast with Genesis 1:31, where we read that on the sixth day, "God looked at everything he had made, and found it very good." ●

**Fr. Thomas M. Santa, CSSR / DearPadre.org**

## **Do you have a question for the Padre?**

Go to [DearPadre.org](http://DearPadre.org) to send your question and to learn more about *Dear Padre*.

<b>Monday</b>	<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>Thursday</b>	<b>Friday</b>	<b>Saturday</b>	<b>Sunday</b>
November 18 <i>Weekday</i>	November 19 <i>Weekday</i>	November 20 <i>Weekday</i>	November 21 <i>Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary</i>	November 22 <i>St. Cecilia, Virgin and Martyr</i>	November 23 <i>Weekday</i>	November 24 <i>Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe</i>
Rv 1:1-4; 2:1-5 Lk 18:35-43	Rv 3:1-6, 14-22 Lk 19:1-10	Rv 4:1-11 Lk 19:11-28	Rv 5:1-10 Lk 19:41-44	Rv 10:8-11 Lk 19:45-48	Rv 11:4-12 Lk 20:27-40	Dn 7:13-14 Rv 1:5-8 Jn 18:33b-37



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## **A WORD FROM POPE FRANCIS**

***Those who do good, are investing in eternity. When we see a person who is generous and helpful, meek, patient, who is not envious, does not gossip, who is not boastful...who is not rude...this is a person who builds Heaven on earth.... What they do will not be lost because good is never lost, good lasts forever.***

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