

# Dear Padre,

## Is a homily necessary at every Mass?

The homily is “highly recommended” not only because it is an essential part of the liturgy but also because “it is necessary for the nurturing of the Christian life” (*General Instruction of the Roman Missal*, 65). “On Sundays and holy days of obligation there is to be a homily at every Mass that is celebrated with the people attending and it may not be omitted without a grave reason. On other days it is recommended, especially on the weekdays of Advent, Lent and Easter time, as well as on other festive days and occasions when the people come to church in greater numbers” (*GIRM* 66). In practice, brief homilies are usually offered on nonfestive weekday Masses during Ordinary Time, too—especially in church parishes and religious communities—even for a minimal number of people in the congregation.

“Whoever preaches, let it be with the words of God” (1 Peter 4:11). To the office of an ordained minister belongs the tremendous sacred duty to preach a homily rooted in prayer, and with an understanding of the Scriptures and the needs of the particular faith community in mind. “If the words of Scripture are divinely inspired, as we believe them to be, then divine inspiration must be at work when those words are made alive and contemporary to the believing community in and through” the ministry of preaching (*Fulfilled in Your Hearing*, U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops, 1982).

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### A WORD FROM *Pope Francis*

Please, make the homily brief, but prepare it well. And how do we prepare a homily, dear priests, deacons, bishops? How should it be prepared? With prayer, by studying the word of God and by making a clear and brief summary; it should not last more than ten minutes, please.

GENERAL AUDIENCE, FEBRUARY 7, 2018

### Calendar

**Monday**  
NOVEMBER 15  
Weekday  
1 Mc 1:10–15, 41–43,  
54–57, 62–63  
Lk 18:35–43

**Tuesday**  
NOVEMBER 16  
Weekday  
2 Mc 6:18–31  
Lk 19:1–10

**Wednesday**  
NOVEMBER 17  
St. Elizabeth of  
Hungary, Religious  
2 Mc 7:1, 20–31  
Lk 19:11–28

**Thursday**  
NOVEMBER 18  
Weekday  
1 Mc 2:15–29  
Lk 19:41–44

**Friday**  
NOVEMBER 19  
Weekday  
1 Mc 4:36–37, 52–59  
Lk 19:45–48

**Saturday**  
NOVEMBER 20  
Weekday  
1 Mc 6:1–13  
Lk 20:27–40

**Sunday**  
NOVEMBER 21  
Our Lord Jesus Christ,  
King of the Universe  
Dn 7:13–14  
Rv 1:5–8  
Jn 18:33b–37

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a question for  
the Padre?

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# Our Parish COMMUNITY

November 14, 2021

Thirty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time (B)

Dn 12:1–3

Heb 10:11–14, 18

Mk 13:24–32

## In Those Days...

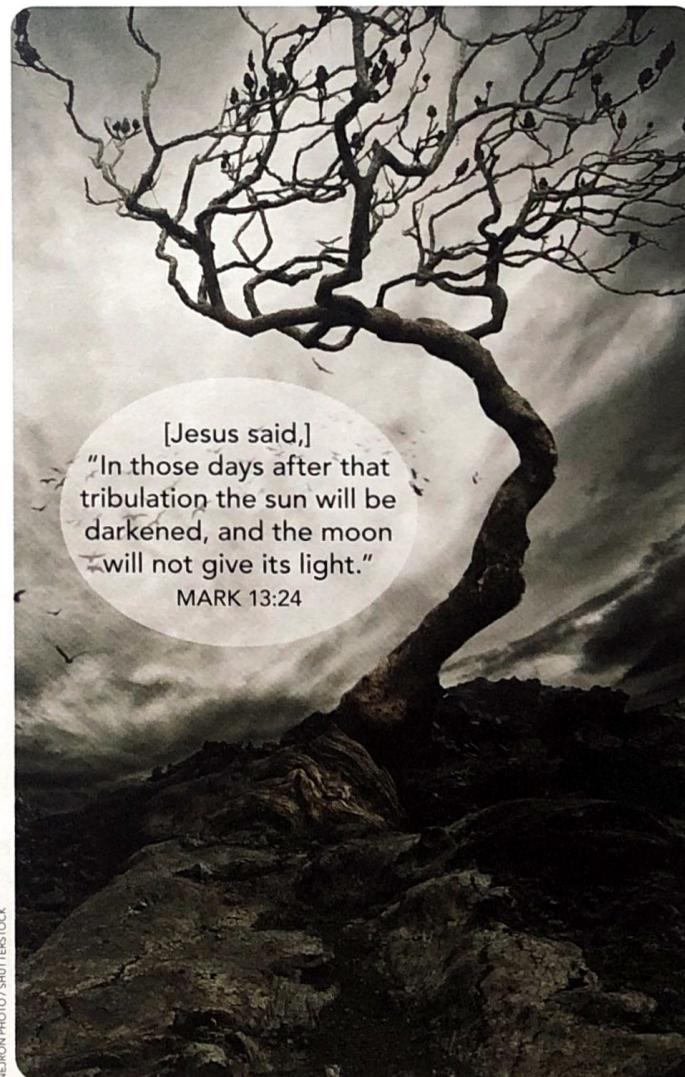
This phrase is frequently found in the writings of the prophets. While it sometimes points to a future time of peace and happiness, it often portends imminent fear and trembling, as it does in today's readings. Both Daniel and Jesus speak of the suffering that will precede the end of the world. This suffering is often called the

“birth pangs of the Messiah” (Matthew 24:8; Mark 13:8; John 16:21). This apt metaphor includes both life-threatening distress and wondrous joy over new birth. Pain and subsequent happiness are both described in today's readings.

The author of Daniel may be referring to the end of the whole world but is probably also presenting that in terms of the end of his own world, which would have included the suffering and even death of Jews who remained faithful under persecution. Some interpreters suggest Jesus is speaking similarly. That is, he is using a familiar figure of speech that characterizes suffering as birth pangs. According to this metaphor, there might be terrible suffering, but at the end there is utter happiness.

Both Daniel and Jesus seek to encourage their hearers to remain faithful even in the face of torment, for new life can come out of such suffering. This is a message we all need to hear. Suffering is a reality in every life. How do we endure it? Does it sour us, break us down? Or do we come out of it new people, more sensitive and understanding? It is up to us.

Sr. Dianne Bergant, CSA



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### FOR *Reflection*

- ★ Pray for the strength to remain faithful, regardless of the difficulty.
- ★ How has suffering made you a better person?



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**MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK**

<b>Monday, Nov. 15</b>	<b>8:00 a.m.</b>	<b>Charles &amp; Eileen Hoff</b>
<b>Tuesday, Nov. 16</b>	<b>8:00 a.m.</b>	<b>Special Intention (Smith Family)</b>
<b>Thursday, Nov. 18</b>	<b>8:00 a.m.</b>	<b>Special Intention (Powers Family)</b>
<b>Friday, Nov. 19</b>	<b>8:00 a.m.</b>	<b>For Healing RG</b>
<b>Eucharistic Adoration follows 8:00 a.m. Mass</b>		
<b>Saturday, Nov. 20</b>	<b>4:00p.m.</b>	<b>For the People</b>
<b>Sunday, Nov. 21</b>	<b>9:00 a.m.</b>	<b>Special Intention (Bushek Family)</b>

Nov. 13, 4:00 p.m.	Tom Bachman
Nov. 14, 9:00 a.m.	K of C
Nov.20, 4:00 p.m.	Debbie Frederick
Nov. 21 9:00 a.m.	Mike Broekelman
Nov. 27, 4:00 p.m.	Gwen Waechter
Nov. 28, 9:00 a.m.	Alvin Bergkamp
Dec. 4, 4:00 p.m.	Karen Burden
Dec. 5, 9:00 a.m.	Julie Kaps
Dec. 11, 4:00 p.m.	Tom Bachman
Dec. 12, 9:00 a.m.	Fred Jones
Dec. 18, 4: 00 p.m.	Debbie Frederick
Dec. 19, 9: 00 a.m.	K of C

**Reconciliation:** Confessions will be heard every Saturday at 3:00 p.m. and every Sunday at 8:00 a.m. every Friday from 4:15—4:50 p.m. or by appointment.  
**Baptism:** Parents who have children to be baptized must be registered. Godparents must be 16 years of age or older and have received Confirmation and Eucharist. Please call the parish office for an appointment.  
**Marriage:** Please contact parish priest at least four to six months before the wedding.  
**Anointing of the Sick:** Celebrated anytime by calling a priest.  
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**33th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME— NOVEMBER 14, 2021**



Be vigilant at all times and pray that you have the strength to stand  
 before the Son of Man (Luke 21:36)

My friends, when Jesus says, “But of that day or hour, no one knows . . .,” in this Sunday’s gospel (Mark 13:32) he is certainly referring to his return at the end of time. The text makes that clear.

But in a certain sense, he’s also sort of saying that to us, in this time and place. Not one of us knows the length of our lives, nor are we meant to know.

And so the wisest thing to do, the prudent thing to do, the truly faithful thing to do is to make the changes in our lives that need to be made right now, start being the beautiful person God created us to be right now. And not simply to “get what we want” from God (that sounds completely ridiculous even saying that), but so that we can transform our lives and this world into the beautiful place God created it to be.

In a sense, we can take the “ending” we hope for --- life in, with, and for God --- and make it a part of everyday of our individual stories. Imagine that. And so, there is no reason to wait embracing the new life God offers each of us. Only reasons not to.

Fr. Peter Tran

**COLLECTION** for November 7, 2021: Envelopes: \$605.00; Loose: \$259.50; Online Giving: \$1200.30  
Total \$2064.80; Average Weekly Expense: \$1,761.17. Income over/under + 303.63

*Thank you so much to your faithful stewards for supporting our parish, diocese, and worldwide Church.*

**BOOK OF REMEMBRANCE** During the month of November we hold in prayer all who have passed away in our parish in the past years. Located in our church vestibule is a Book of Reembrance to which parishioners may add lists of names of deceased friends and loved ones. All names will be remembered at our upcoming Masses in November.

**ALTER SERVERS TRAINING** There will be two server trainings for all servers. Wednesday December 1 (6:30 p.m.) and Sunday December 5 (after 9:00 a.m. Mass). Please make an effort to have your child attend one of them.

**NOVEMBER CCD CLASSES** Every Sunday for Confirmation and Every Wednesday for other classes except November 24.

**5 PILLARS OF STEWARDSHIP** **HOSPITALITY**— We welcome and honor each person as a child of God. “Do not neglect hospitality, for through it some have unknowingly entertained angels” (Hebrews 13:2). **PRAYER**—We worship, speak with, and listen to our Loving Lord. “As they prayed, the place where they were gathered shook, and they were all filled with the Holy Spirit” (Acts 4:31). **EVANGELIZATION**— We spread the Good News of Jesus by our words and actions to all our siblings in Christ. “God, therefore, and make disciples of all the nations (Matthew 28:19). **SERVICE**—We provide Christ-like assistance to individuals, families, and communities. “Serve one another through love” (Galatians 5: 13). **FORMATION**— We teach and learn about God’s plan for our lives. Christians “devoted themselves to the teaching of the apostles, and to the communal life” (Acts 2:42).

**VOCATION VIEW** As Christians, our sole inheritance is Christ; everything else is temporal and fleeting. Let us rejoice in His calling, that we might have His strength in order to respond to the invitation to “Come! Follow me.” (Psalm 16)

**STEWARDSHIP THOUGHT** The readings today speak of the end of the world and the coming of the Kingdom. The bishops’ pastoral on stewardship says clearly that “that ‘life to come’ is in continuity with this present life through the human goods, the worthy human purposes, which people foster now.” May our good stewardship cause us to be numbered among the chosen on the last day!

**PRAYER OF THE WEEK** (adapted from a prayer by James Martineau) Eternal God, who commits to us the swift and solemn trust of life: since we know not what a day may bring, but only that the hour for serving you is always present, may we wake to your instant claims, not waiting for tomorrow, but yielding today. Consecrate the way our feet may go. Lift us above unrighteous anger and mistrust into faith and hope and love, through steady reliance on you. May we be patient under disappointment, ready for danger, serene in death. In all things, draw us to yourself, that we may be at one with you. Amen.

**UNDERSTANDING THE GOSPEL OF THE WEEK - (Mark 13: 24-32)**

**Statements about the end** This reading is part of a larger block of material in which Jesus speaks of wars, natural disasters, and the destruction of the Jerusalem temple. Mark probably combined statements that Jesus made on different occasions into a single passage. Scholars can’t explain all the imagery and references.

**Tribulation** Most Jews expected violence and chaos to increase right before God definitively destroyed evil and established his kingdom. The violent, unstable times are the result of the forces of evil desperately trying to stop God from completing his work.

**The return of the Son of Man** The quotations in verses 24-25 tell how God’s kingdom will eventually encompass the heavens as well as the earth. In their original context, these Old Testament passages warn of punishment, but here they lead into the promise that God will gather all who remain faithful to Christ. Jesus repeatedly referred to himself as the Son of Man who would suffer. Here the title refers to his exaltation. In Daniel 7:13 one like a son of man receives power to bring about God’s kingdom.

**The lesson of the fig tree** The budding fig tree points to summer just as these things in verse 29 point toward the arrival of God’s kingdom. Since this passage was stitched together, it’s not clear what these things are. They could refer to the crucifixion and resurrection of Jesus.

**When will this happen?** Jesus doesn’t specify when God’s kingdom will come in its fullness (v.32). Instead he warns his disciples to persevere in following him, no matter how difficult discipleship becomes. They must be ready for God’s kingdom without presuming to know exactly when and how it will come upon them. ([www.oursundayreadings](http://www.oursundayreadings))

**UNDERSTANDING THE FIRST READING** (Daniel 12:1-3)

**Terrible times** This passage was written during the reign of the pagan king Antiochus IV who tried to wipe out the Jewish religion. The author of this work used the apocalyptic genre to urge Jews to oppose Antiochus and uphold their religious heritage.

**Compelling imagery** The struggle the Jews face on earth is paralleled in the heavens: the great angel Michael fights the forces of evil that oppose God. Faithful Jews should see their struggle against Antiochus as part of this larger, all-encompassing battle. The book represents God’s promise to protect and raise up those who remain faithful during difficult times. At this time many Jews did not yet believe in resurrection. This passage promises that God will bring to eternal life those who are faithful but will severely punish others. The wise are those who strengthened the faith and resolve of their fellow Jews. God gives them the highest reward: they become like the stars and dwell among the angels. ([www.oursundayreadings](http://www.oursundayreadings))

## **Lakin Knights line for November**

Happy November!

I trust that everyone survived Halloween without breaking the bank buying candy. We, personally, went through a full case of 300 Tootsie Rolls, in just over an hour and a half...that's a LOT of little spooks and goblins walking in our neighborhood.

Speaking of Tootsie Rolls, our annual Tootsie Roll program last month was very successful. If you didn't get any, you'll have to wait until next year as we sold out very quickly this year. The recipients of this year's proceeds will benefit the Lakin Early Childhood program, Lakin Elementary, Lakin Middle and Lakin High School Special Education classes. When the checks arrive they will be distributed.

We have discussed, at length, how to get existing members excited and involved as well as new members in our ranks. Bob Beymer has said he would set up a Facebook page for local Council where announcement and notifications can be posted and members can interact in a more current method of communication. We hope to get some brochures about the KofC in the back of the church soon, as well. If anyone knows of a Catholic man, 18 years (or older), interested in joining our council, PLEASE notify me. We will be hosting an initiation in February.

In early October, we hosted a prayer service, called the "Silver Rose" prayer service. It was aimed at our Pro-life activities. Unfortunately, it was not well attended, only 7 members of our parish were in attendance. The Knights also hosted a benefit breakfast for the Parish. It was well attended and we are planning another sometime after the first of the year. Oh, we also raised \$456 for Itzy Herrerra.

The Parish will be hosting a Christmas Party, Wednesday, December 15 in the hall. The knights will be there with some fun and games after the dinner...and, hopefully, Santa Claus will show up with some 'goodies' for the children.

A few repairs/maintenance items for the church hall were discussed. We will try to get those addressed in the next couple of months.

It was brought up that the knights try to help entice more people to come to church, and help families to make it through the holidays, so in our attempt, Bob Beymer, offered to donate a \$50 gift certificate to Bob's Grocery, at each of the next 6 weekends. Each FAMILY, as they enter church, will receive a "ticket" for a drawing to be conducted after church at each Mass. You must be present to win, so don't take off early from Mass. We will have one winner at each Mass (one Saturday and one Sunday) up to Christmas.

November is the month where we remember our deceased relatives and Friends. Father has the book in the back of the church where you can list the names of those you would like to be remembered in Masses. The deceased member of our council will be remembered at the Memorial Mass, Sunday, November 14<sup>th</sup>.

Finally, mark your calendars for some tasty Beirocks. We will be taking orders (sign up sheets will be in the back at church). Because of all the costs, we, unfortunately, must raise the price this year to \$30/dozen. If you think about how much a burger costs at any burger place, \$2.50 each isn't all that high of a price.

Because of his generosity, Bob Beymer, was chosen as our Knight of the Month. No one is more deserving of this honor. Our Family of the month was the Dale Gannett Family. Dale, Lisa and their children are constantly doing things in the hall. Congratulations to our winners.

Thank you for reading my 'novel'. I hope and pray that everyone here has the best Thanksgiving you can possibly have.

### **THIRTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

#### **The poor have a gift for you**

Charity presupposes a giver and a receiver, Pope Francis reminds us this fifth annual World Day of the Poor. This division poses a spiritual danger: tempting the giver to view the poor as a "category" outside our community, to which we may choose to offer our generosity. This perception gratifies the giver and demeans the receiver. Francis observes that "the poor, always and everywhere, evangelize us"—revealing the suffering Christ to us. Charity is occasional and voluntary; mutual sharing, however, is enduring. The real invitation of the poor is this: to share the burden of Christ until we can alleviate it. (Prepare the Word)

### **TRIGÉSIMO TERCER DOMINGO DEL TIEMPO ORDINARIO**

#### **Los pobres tienen un regalo para ti**

La caridad presupone un dador y un receptor, nos recuerda el Papa Francisco en esta quinta Jornada Mundial de los Pobres. Esta división plantea un peligro espiritual: tentar al dador para ver a los pobres como una "categoría" fuera de nuestra comunidad, a la que podemos elegir ofrecer nuestra generosidad. Esta percepción gratifica al dador y denigra al receptor. Francisco observa que "los pobres, siempre y en todas partes, nos evangelizan," revelándonos al Cristo que sufre. La caridad es ocasional y voluntaria; compartir mutuamente, en cambio, es duradero. La verdadera invitación de los pobres es ésta: compartir la carga de Cristo hasta que podamos aliviarla.