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“Holiness does not consist in never having erred or sinned. Holiness increases the capacity for conversion, for repentance, for willingness to start again and, especially, for reconciliation and forgiveness.” **Pope Benedict XVI**

READINGS

1st Reading: 2 Malachi 3:19-20,

2nd Reading: 2 Thessalonians 3:7-12

Gospel: Luke 21:5-19

Scripture Reflection

Malachi in the **first reading** foretells this Day, which will bring healing and reward for the just and punishment in fire, for the “*proud and all evil doers.*” Although St. Paul expected that Jesus would return during his lifetime, he cautions the Thessalonians, in the **second reading**, against idleness, anticipating the end of the world. Paul advises the Thessalonians that the best preparation for welcoming Jesus in his “Second Coming” is to keep working and doing one’s duties faithfully, as he did. **Today’s Gospel passage** clarifies that the date of the end of the world is uncertain. Signs and portents will precede the end, and the Christians will be called upon to testify before kings and governors. The Good News is that those who persevere in faithfulness to the Lord will save their souls and enter God’s eternal kingdom. Christ’s Second Coming is something to celebrate because he is going to present all creation to his heavenly Father. That is why we say at Mass, “*We proclaim Your death, O*

Lord, and profess Your Resurrection, until You come again." Since Luke's community had experienced much persecution, today's Gospel gives them the message: don't give up because God is always with us. Jesus' promise of the protective power of a providing God was meant to encourage His disciples to persevere in Faith and its practice. Jesus also includes the signs of the destruction of Jerusalem and the end of the world, to prepare His disciples and to remind them to rely upon Him for Salvation, not their own power.

ADVICE OF TOBIT TO SON TOBIAS (Tobit 4:5-19)

“Be mindful of the Lord all your days, my son, and refuse to sin or to transgress his commandments. Do what is right all the days of your life, and do not walk in the ways of wrongdoing, for those who act honestly will prosper in all their activities. To all those who practice righteousness, give alms according to your circumstances, my son, and do not turn your face away from anyone who is poor. Then the face of God will not be turned away from you. Act according to what you have, my son. If you have much, give alms from it; if you have little, give alms in accordance with what you have. Do not be afraid, my son, to give alms. You will be laying up a good treasure for yourself against a day of need. For almsgiving delivers from death and keeps you from going into the darkness. Indeed, almsgiving, for all who practice it, is an excellent offering in the presence of the Most High.

“Beware, my son, of every kind of sexual immorality. First of all, marry a woman from among the descendants of your ancestors; do not marry a foreign woman, who is not of your father's tribe, for we are the descendants of prophets and true-born sons of prophets. The first prophet was Abraham, then Isaac and Jacob, our ancestors of old. Remember, my son, that these all took wives from among their kindred. They were blessed in their children, and their posterity will

inherit the land. So now, my son, love your kindred, and in your heart do not be so arrogant against the daughters of the members of your people as to refuse to take one of them as a wife. For in arrogance there is ruin and great confusion, and in idleness there is loss and dire poverty, because idleness is the mother of famine.

“Do not keep over until the next day the wages of those who work for you, but pay them their wages the same day, and let not the pay of those among you be delayed overnight. Your pay will not be kept over if you serve God faithfully. Watch yourself, my son, in everything you do, and discipline yourself in all your conduct. And what you hate, do not do to anyone. May no evil go with you on any of your way. Give some of your food to the hungry and some of your clothing to the naked. Give all your surplus as alms, my son, and do not let your eye begrudge your giving of alms. Pour out your food and your wine on the grave of the righteous. Seek advice from every wise person, and do not be disdainful, since any counsel is useful. At all times bless God and ask him that your ways may be made straight and that all your paths and plans may prosper. For no nation has good counsel, but the Lord himself gives it. Whom he wants to, he exalts, and whom he wants to, he casts down to Hades below. So now, my son, remember these commandments of mine, and do not let them be erased from your heart.

SUNDAY COLLECTIONS

October 23, 2022

Gift Aid collection	133.03
Loose cash	117.61
Total	270.14

MASS INTENTIONS

Date	By	Intentions
November 12		Noel Brian Thomas+ for the Parish
November 13	Norman Benson	Clare Tyson, Norman Tyson
November 14		Margret Swarbran
November 15		For all departed Souls
November 16		Jane Heighton
November 17	Anne Davies	Fiona Dehghani RIP
November 18	Anne Davies	Walter Smith

SACRAMENT OF CONFESSION

Sacrament of Confession at 11.30 am on Saturday

Please Pray for our Sick

Eliza Brizzi, Mary Toumaine, Patrick Nagle,
Phillip Mc Greavy, Toni Whalley,

“Behold, I will bring to it health and healing, and I will heal them; and I will reveal to them an abundance of peace and truth. (Jeremiah 33:6)

ANNIVERSARIES

Elizabeth Hill, Joseph Fleming, Janet Jones, Br. Crispin Jones, Sr. Immaculata Coullaut, Arthur Husion, Catheriine Bellma, Paul Logue, Thomas Desmond Neale, Trevor Shackleton, Pat Taylor Margaret Ann Slattery.

“Let His face shine up on them and may they rest in Peace”

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