

November
17
2019

Lo, the day
is coming,
blazing like
an oven,
when all the
proud and
all evildoers
will be stubble.

Malachi 3:19



THIRTY-THIRD
SUNDAY IN
ORDINARY TIME

SAINT SYMPHOROSA
PARISH

A Family Celebrating Faith

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THIRTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



Today, it is very clear, we must speak about the end of the world and about the meaning of these readings that have been given to us this Sunday. First of all, we should say, the end of the world, most likely, will not happen in my lifetime. For two thousand years, people have been waiting for the end of the world. In every age and time, there are people who expect the end of the world to happen this year, next year, or very soon. So far it has not happened.

Did early Christians believe in a physical end of the world? Surely, they did, and many of them thought it likely to end soon.

Is there a more spiritual teaching about the end of the world? Yes, and we must pay attention to it. The deepest teaching about the end of the world is not about its physical ending, but about how you and I should be living now.

The Prophet Malachi in the first reading reminds us that at some point we must all come before the Lord and answer for our lives. Lots of people today no longer believe this. Other people believe that we must answer for our lives in other ways, such as though reincarnation or being born again. We Christians believe that we have only one life and at the end of it, we shall have to account for this life and how we have used it.

Most of us have not used our lives very well. A lot of the time we want to use our lives well, but we get distracted. Sometimes we get caught up in desires of the flesh. Other times we get caught up in

desires for power. And on other occasions we are just concerned about what others think of us. The reasons for being distracted from the inner goal of a strong spiritual life in God are numerous.

Today, the readings want to remind us to trust in the Lord. If we trust in God, then the sun of justice will arise with its healing rays. With trust in God we will come to recognize that we cannot lead strong spiritual lives just by our own will power. We will recognize that we must ask God to change us and to help us.

What does it mean to be prepared? One of things that being prepared means is that you must be able to stand up for your faith. Chances are you shall never be called on to give your life for your beliefs, but you should be willing to do that. What kind of a person am I? This is a question that comes before all of us this Sunday. Do I believe in anything? Am I willing to stand up for anything? Do I believe in something strongly enough that I would be willing to die for it?

In the second part of today's Gospel, Jesus warns that his followers will face persecution for their beliefs. Luke presents persecution as an opportunity for the followers of Jesus for "It will lead to your giving testimony" (Luke 21:13). In persecution God's wisdom and power will be shown in the example of followers of Jesus. Perseverance in the face of persecution will lead to their

salvation.

Here Jesus is assuring his followers that God is present to all believers, even in times of trouble. Ultimately, Jesus will witness to this with his own death. As disciples of Jesus, we try to follow his example, trusting in God's mercy and protection, even when we are facing difficulties.

In the Christian understanding of these passages of Scriptures, the final days of the world are always right in front of us. That means that we must be ready to die now, at this very moment. There is never any time to waste. If we need to repent from some sin, now is the time. If we want to thank God for something, now is the time. If we need to forgive someone, now is the time. The Scriptures tell us that now is the day of salvation. Now is the time when the Lord is with us, bringing compassion and love. Let us celebrate this Sunday as if it is our final Sunday.

Taken from: Monastery of Christ in the Desert



The faithful all around the world are invited to join with Pope Francis for his special intention. Won't you join in?
The intention for the month of November is for Dialogue and Reconciliation in the Near East.

**That a spirit of dialogue, encounter, and reconciliation emerge in the Near East,
where diverse religious communities share their lives together.**

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Parish Office Hours

Monday through Friday
9:00 am—7:00 pm

Saturday
9:00 am—12:00 pm

Schedule of Masses

Sunday
7:30, 9:30, 11:30 am

Saturday Evening Mass
5:00 pm

Weekdays: 8:00 am
Monday through Saturday

Holy Days:
7:30am, 9:30 am and
7:00 pm

Sacrament of Penance

Monday - Saturday
after the 8am Mass

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Renew My Church Prayer

Lord Jesus, you speak
to us today, as you
spoke to holy men and
women who have gone
before us. In every age
and in our own time,
you call to us and say:

Renew My Church.

Pour out the gift of your Holy Spirit
upon us, and so enable us
to hear you clearly
to listen to each other attentively
to imagine our future boldly
to discern your direction wisely
to persevere in your holy will
courageously

to stay together in charity
to surrender our own plans readily
to embrace the greater good
to hand on your gifts to future
generations.

May we remain in the holy company of
the Blessed Virgin Mary, the apostles,
and all the saints. May their example
and presence inspire us with patient
confidence in the work of your grace.
We ask this of you who live and reign
with the Father in the unity of the Holy
Spirit, one God, forever and ever.
Amen.



Liturgical Ministers Meeting

All Liturgical Ministers are invited and
welcome to attend.

On Saturday, November 23, 2019, immediately following
the 5pm Mass we would like to have a meeting with all
those who are Extraordinary Ministers of Communion,
Lectors and Minister of Care here at St. Symphorosa
Church. This is an important meeting for all who are
currently acting in any of these ministries within our Church. This is also an
opportunity for those who have completed training and have their certificate to attend
so that they may be added to our Eucharistic Minister schedule.

If you have any questions or concerns please contact Maggie Barry in the parish
office by phone (773.767.1523 ext. 221) or via email ([sympborosa@comcast.net](mailto:symphorosa@comcast.net)).

St. Symphorosa Parish is seeking Vendors/Crafters for our
6th Annual

Holiday Extravaganza

Luncheon, Craft and Vendor Fair

Sunday, November 24, 2019

10:30am – 2:30pm

Sharp Center

5940 West 62nd Street

Chicago, IL 60638

For more information, contact our

Parish Office at 773.767.1523

or via email at

holidayext2019@gmail.com.

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OCTOBER

SCHOOL NEWS

The Preschool and Kindergarten classes went to Siegel's Cottonwood Farm where they learned about the life cycle of a pumpkin and got to do many fun activities on the farm! It was a wonderful day!

Third graders exploring magnets and their properties.

Going for a hayride, feeding goats, and learning that pumpkins have belly buttons were just a few of the ways Kindergarten spent the day at Siegel's Cottonwood Farm. As they left the farm, everyone wore a smile and carried home a kid sized pumpkin!

First grade helps out for October's virtue assembly on respect.

The fourth graders are learning to respect each other during Literature Circles.

Fifth graders with the mini-lawns they grew as part of the Plant Unit in Science.



The 8th graders started their stock class. It is sponsored by the Big Shoulders Foundation. The students will be choosing stocks for their class portfolio.

Second graders reenacting the sacrament of Baptism.

Seventh grade getting ready for the walk-a-thon.

Sixth graders sharing spooky stories for Halloween.

Our Parish Community "Thankful" Tree

As the Thanksgiving holiday rapidly approaches in just a few short weeks, we reflect on the many wonderful blessings that Almighty God has bestowed on us.

This year, we invite all members of our Faith Community to participate in our Parish "Thankful" Tree by taking a moment to visit the table in the gathering space on the weekends of November 9/10 or November 16/17 to write one thing you are grateful for this Thanksgiving. Members of our Transformation and Liturgy Teams will have colorful paper autumn leaves where your word of thanks may be recorded.

This Thanksgiving, all of our words of thanks will be incorporated in our church's Art & Environment on a special Thankful Tree for Thanksgiving morning mass. What a beautiful sight it will be to see such a colorful representation and remembrance of all the wonderful gifts our loving God has given us. This special symbol will incorporate words of thanks from our parish family as well as our parish school and religious education children.

May this visible symbol be a reminder that our St. Symphorosa Parish Faith Community is truly a Family Celebrating Faith!

May God continue to bless each of us this holiday season!

THANKSGIVING FOOD DRIVE

As is our tradition here at St. Symphorosa, we will once again host a Thanksgiving Food Drive. Food donations received this year will benefit the St. Blase Food Pantry in Summit, IL.

Donations of non-perishable food items may be placed in the designated boxes in the gathering space of our church from Saturday, November 16, 2019 – Sunday, December 1, 2019.

Thank you for your generosity and have a Blessed Thanksgiving!



Split the Pot

November 10, 2019

Received this week:

\$256

Winning envelope: #3308

Reminder: A minimum of \$5.00 is required to participate.



Dates: October 7, 2019 to

October 27, 2019

Transactions: 109

Amount: \$2,561.00



Offerings for the weekend of November 10, 2019

Weekly Budget (Est.):

\$9,000.00

Contributions: \$5,067.48

Envelopes: 254

Thank you for your support & generosity!



Super Club Raffle Winners for November are:

Rose Labno.....\$25
Matt & Kathy Kouba.....\$25
Milledge Blair\$50
Maureen Kurtovich\$100

Congratulations to you all!!



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Altar and Rosary Society Christmas Banquet

When: Tuesday, December 3, 2019

Where: New Warsaw Restaurant
6250 W 63rd St.

Time: 11am-2pm

Donation: \$20 per ticket

Cash or checks may be dropped in the collection basket, brought to the rectory, or you can contact Pat Soltis (773.350.6929) or Arlene Scaletta (773.230.6059) for more information.



Our Sanctuary Candle burning before the Blessed Sacrament for the month of November is offered for the following intentions:

For the repose of the soul of Tom Bogumil given by Dorothy Bogumil & Family

For the repose of the soul of Marie Novak given by the Novak Family

For all members of the Valdepenas & Svastisalee Families, Living and deceased, prayers for health and all the Lord's blessings for Chalida Svastisalee, and birthday blessings for all family members celebrating a November birthday. given by Svastisalee Family

May this light which reminds us of Jesus' presence in the Tabernacle help welcome our prayers into His eternal presence.

Mass Intentions for the Week

Saturday, November 16, 2019

**Saint Margaret of Scotland
Saint Gertrude**

5:00pm †Rose Karpinski-25th Anniversary of her passing (*Mary Trendle*)
†Loretta Pozniak (*Art & Katie Carpenter*)
†Charles DeLauriea (*Art & Katie Carpenter*)
†Janet & Steve Molnar (*Hohm Family*)

Sunday, November 17, 2019

7:30am †Ann Kopszka (*Soltis Family*)
†Daniel O'Keefe (*Nancy Markham & Joanne Tishka*)
†Frances Dolan (*Arlene Scaletta*)
†Janet & Steve Molnar (*Hohm Family*)
9:30am †John Dragosetti, George, Maria, & Dominic Velcich
(*Rosario Dragosetti*)
†James Thorpe (*Family*)
†James Koch (*Nancy Markham*)
†George "Al" Heinz (*Paul & Chris Lauricella*)
†Lawrence J. Stec (*Silva Family*)
11:30am For all parishioners, Living & Deceased (43)

Monday, November 18, 2019

**The Dedication of the Basilicas of Saints Peter and Paul
Saint Rose Philippine Duchesne**

8:00am †Alberta Kwiatkowski (*Lorraine DeLauriea*)

Tuesday, November 19, 2019

8:00am †Anna Rendak (*Barbara Rendak*)
†Bob Kolimas (*Mary Kolimas*)

Wednesday, November 20, 2019

8:00am †Ray Oracki (*Arlene Scaletta*)

Thursday, November 21, 2019

The Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary

8:00am †Tom Markham (*Wife*)

Friday, November 22, 2019

Saint Cecilia

8:00am †Nancy Webb (*Karen & Bob Mrozek*)

Saturday, November 23, 2019

8:00am For all Parishioners, Living & Deceased (44)
11:00am First Reconciliation
5:00pm For all members of the Moran, Hradek & Argus Families,
Living & Deceased (*Family*)
†Walter Labno (*Wife & Family*)
†Lucille Cantu (*Sister & Nephews*)
†Greg Golab (*Mom & Dad*)
†Janet & Steve Molnar (*Hohm Family*)
†Beatrice Lucio (*Family*)
†Walter Pastorek (*Eleanor*)

Sunday, November 24, 2019

Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe

7:30am †Claude Wiatrak (*Soltis Family*)
†Janet & Steve Molnar (*Hohm Family*)
9:30am †Andrew Hojdik (*Hojdik Family*)
†James Thorpe (*Family*)
†George "Al" Heinz (*Family*)
†Helen Hermanowicz (*Nancy & George Groszek*)
†Margaret Pratl (*Sears Family*)
11:30am †Carmen Ramirez (*Joanne & Michael Tishka*)
†Lawrence J. Stec (*Karen Walsh*)



*There are in the end three things that last:
Faith, Hope, and Love, and the greatest of
these is LOVE.*

Ignatius Battiato
Mary Bieser
Dorothy Bogumil
Fr. Ted Bojczuk
Pat Carmody
Michael Clifford
Florence Comiso
Norma De Stefano
Chris Doherty
Juan Figueroa
Carol Golab
Carol Gress
Suzann Gunter
Kathy Haars
Megan High
Dawn Hoyt
Heather Hradek
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Joan Juris
Lee Karpinski
Dennis Kline
Walter Kokoszka, Sr.
Claudia Kwilosz
Norman Kwilosz
James Lapsansky
Donna Lauritzen

Domenico Lepore
Debbie Lipien
John Martini
Lou Mackey
Kathleen McAuliffe
Thomas Minnich
Christine Mosqueda
Genevieve Nagle
Florence Panzarella
Baby Alexander J Pentz
Gi Gi Picciolini
Marie Pratt
Ann Robertson
Edward Robertson
Fr. John Rudnik
Joseph Rudnik
Gloria Schillings
Coltyn Schmidt
Kristyn Schmidt
Joseph Serpico
Chalida Svatisalee
Terry Styka
Mary Thorpe
George Trendle
Barb Ziegler
Michelle

Due to privacy laws, names may only be added to our prayer list by immediate family.
Please let us know when to remove a name.

SUPPORT OUR TROOPS

Sgt. Jaime A. Acosta, USMC
Sgt. Ted Bartelmey
CS-1 Joel Battung
1st Sgt. Chas. Berglund, USMC
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Sgt. Arthur A. Boruch, National Guard
Hospitalman Blythe A. Cisneros, USN
Airman Carlos Cisneros, USAF
Sgt. Frank Cisneros, USMC
Corpsman Nicholas J. Cundari-USN
Captain Kevin Dobbyn, US Army
Sgt. John Flores, IL National Guard
Staff Sgt. Andrew Gaca, USAF
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Staff Sgt. Abel Sandoval, USMC
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Sgt. 1st Class Kristina Stuhlmacher
1LT Zachary White, IL Army NG

Join us for Bible Study every Thursday
evening beginning at 7pm in the Parish
Office meeting room. For more information
please call the office at 773.767.1523.

HOLY BIBLE



The Gospel predicts end times; our challenge though is to live faithfully now.
St. Vincent often asked this simple question: "What would Jesus Christ do, if he
were in my place now?"

**Ask yourself "What would Jesus Christ do?" and then put your gift in
the Society of St. Vincent de Paul poor box so that those who are suffering will be
able to celebrate Thanksgiving.**

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Let us pray...

*Eternal Rest grant unto them, O Lord, and let perpetual light
shine upon them. May the souls of the faithful departed,
through the mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen.*

Mary Czworniak