

The Work of the People
The Thirty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time

Our national mid-term elections have finished and, perhaps we can move from the noise and the unfortunate vituperative language into the peace, quiet, and anticipation of the Advent season. We celebrate this week and next (at the great Solemnity of Christ as King of the Universe) the reality that God has all of creation in God's gentle and compassionate hands.

On this Thirty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time, the prophet Malachi issues a dire warning about the end time. It will be a day of justice; the evildoers will be reduced to stubble by fire; but those who fear the name of the Lord will be saved. The words of the prophet would have been addressed to the people of Israel, calling them out of their infidelity to the covenant with God.

In his letter to the Church in Thessalonica Paul reminds the brothers and sisters of how he worked among them without expecting pay for his labors. He holds this up to them as an example that they are called to imitate. Apparently, Paul did not want to be a burden on their resources, though it is likely that they showed him some form of hospitality. He takes issue with those who have been busybodies, acting in a disorderly fashion. This is not acceptable among those who should be doing the Lord's work.

The Gospel passage in Luke is often referred to as an eschatological text; it points to the end times and includes cosmic signs and natural disasters that speak of the end of things known and familiar. The positive message is that only God has a hand in the matters of life and death and those who persevere in faith will not be saved by the events or the world but by God.

The reflection for this Sunday is from *Love Unknown* by Sr. Ruth Burrows who is a Carmelite nun at Quidenham Monastery in Norfolk, England.

[All] the Lord's prophets represent a band of faithful ones who, baffled though they were by events and the seeming absence of the Lord, struggled faithfully on in bitter suffering, carrying forward for us the torch of divine revelation, men and women "of whom the world was not worthy . . . And all these, though well attested by their faith, did not receive what was promised, since God had seen something better for us, that apart from us they should not be made perfect" (Heb 11:38-40).

With our Christian insight, we discern a truth that is a continual challenge to each one of us. Israel was, indeed, God's chosen people with a particular vocation, but it was for God, not for them, to decide on how that vocation should be realized. They could not see into the future and see how truly, how mysteriously, the great promises to Israel would be fulfilled. . . .

Are we not struggling ourselves, every day, to assimilate what the Lord was trying to teach his people long ago? Our only real need is God. We are made for God. Our destiny is in God and he created us in order to bring us to it. We persist in wanting to be god to ourselves, thinking that we know the shape of our destiny and how to reach it. Like our religious ancestors we are unable to believe that God will be God to us in every way if only we will let him. The more highly developed a people, the wider their knowledge and ability to control worldly factors, the greater the danger of illusion. . . . Seen through the eyes of faith this is a desolate landscape but it remains God's world for which Jesus died and over which the Spirit broods. As disciples of Christ in this historical age, our lives must proclaim: "The Lord is God!"

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Rv. 1:1-4; 2:1-5/Lk. 18:35-43
Tuesday: Rv. 3:1-6, 14-22/Lk. 19:1-10
Wednesday: Rv. 4:1-11/Lk. 19:11-28
Thursday: Rv. 5:1-10/Lk. 19:41-44
Friday: Rv. 10:8-11/Lk. 19:45-48
Saturday: Rv. 11:4-12/Lk. 20:27-40
Sunday: 2 Sm. 5:1-3/Col. 1:12-20/Lk. 23:35-43

*"Lord,
help me to hear your invitation
to love the people around me."*

**ST. ANTHONY/ST. BERNADETTE
CALENDAR LOTTERY FUNDRAISER**

Tickets have been mailed to all parishioners for the St. Anthony/St. Bernadette Calendar Lottery Fundraiser for December 2022. On the back of the letter from Fr. Mark, the prizes for each day are listed. Prizes are based on the Pick 3 evening PA lottery number. \$250.00 will be awarded on Christmas Day, December 25.

Please return sold and unsold tickets before the deadline of November 21, 2022. Additional tickets will be available to purchase after all week-end Masses.

WORSHIP

Monday, November 14
 8:00 am + Charles Metzler (Cynthia Patalita)
 Tuesday, November 15
 8:00 am + Jim Rasavage (Carol & Family)
 Wednesday, November 16
 8:00 am + NO MASS
 Thursday, November 17
 8:00 am + NO MASS
 Friday, November 18
 8:00 am + NO MASS
 Saturday, November 19
 4:30 pm + Living & Deceased Parishioners
 Sunday, November 20
 8:00 am + AT ST. BERNADETTE MISSION
 Lottie Woika (John & Kay Weagraff)
 9:30 am + AT ST. ANTHONY OF PADUA
 Stephanie Ann Metzler (Judy Metzler)

PARISH EVENTS CALENDAR

Tuesday, November 15
 After Mass - St. Anthony Novena
 Saturday, November 19
 3:30 - 4:15 pm - Confession
 After Mass - Pumpkin Roll pick-up
 Sunday, November 20
 AT ST. BERNADETTE MISSION
 Before Mass - Confession
 AT ST. ANTHONY OF PADUA
 After Mass - Confession
 After Mass - Faith Formation Class
 After Mass - Pumpkin Roll Pick-up
 Monday, November 21
 5:00 pm doors open for BINGO

ST. ANTHONY OF PADUA ALTAR SERVERS
 Saturday, Nov. 19 - 4:30 pm
 Payton Leandro
 Sunday, Nov. 20 - 9:30 am
 Max Marteeny

ST. BERNADETTE MISSION STEWARDSHIP

Offertory	\$625.00
Maintenance	50.00
All Saints	85.00
All Souls	60.00
Campaign for Human Dev.	40.00
Candles	37.00
TOTAL	\$897.00

CATHOLIC CAMPAIGN FOR HUMAN DEVELOPMENT

Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ:
 On the weekend of November 19-20, a second collection will be taken up in our parishes for the Catholic Campaign for Human Development (CCHD).
 This annual collection supports the national anti-poverty program of the US. Catholic Bishops working to break the cycle of poverty by helping people with low incomes participate in decisions that affect their lives, families, and communities.
 Half of the funds from this collection remain in the Diocese of Erie to fight poverty in our local communities. CCHD is a manifestation of our call to a discipleship that fosters a "solidarity which 'would allow all peoples to become the artisans of their destiny' "(Evangelii Gaudium, no. 190). The Gospel message compels us to assist others in finding creative solutions to poverty, so that we are able to break the cycle of dependence and powerlessness in society.
 This work is not possible without the support of dedicated Catholics like you. Your contributions are helping to build more merciful and just communities in the Diocese of Erie and throughout the country. Please consider helping us to uphold human dignity and alleviate the effects of poverty by giving generously to the second collection for the Catholic Campaign for Human Development.

Sincerely yours in Christ,
 The Most Reverend Lawrence T. Persico, JCL
 Bishop of Erie

A FAMILY PERSPECTIVE

So many conflicting voices and influences make parenting difficult. In today's gospel Jesus encourages parents to bravely "give testimony" and trust He will give us the "wisdom" to be good parents. You are not alone in parenting; a loving Father is standing with you.

*"Lord Jesus,
 come into m heart.
 Purify me and set me free!"*

ST. ANTHONY OF PADUA STEWARDSHIP

Offertory	\$1,074.00
Maintenance	417.00
Lottery tickets	790.00
All Saints	206.00
All Souls	135.00
World Mission	25.00
Campaign For Human Dev.	5.00
Candles	46.00
CSA	431.00
Energy	30.00
TOTAL	\$3,159.00

Catholic Services Appeal
 Pledged: \$34,673 Paid: \$32,864

CHURCH NAME: ST. ANTONY OF PADUA

CHURCH NO.:

SPECIAL INSTRUCTIONS:
