

In the context of Luke, today's Gospel appears near the end of Jesus' teaching in Jerusalem, just prior to the events that will lead to his crucifixion. His warnings and predictions are ominous but can be read in many ways.

To those who first heard Luke's Gospel, those may have been words of encouragement. The destruction of the Temple in Jerusalem by the Romans was history (70 A.D.); Luke's Gospel, Catholic scholars propose, was written between 80 and 90 A.D. His audience was probably Gentile Christians. Luke here tries to interpret the fall of Jerusalem for them and to locate it in God's plans for humankind (salvation history). At the same time, Luke is suggesting to his audience that there will be a considerable elapse of time before Jesus' final coming. Luke's listeners have likely seen much upheaval and are



anxious to know if these are the signs of Jesus' coming. Luke is urging greater patience.

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 trust in God's mercy and protection, even when we are facing difficulties.

### **Holy Mass Readings for the Thirty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time**

**Malachi 3:19-20; Psalm 98:5-6, 7-8, 9; 2 Thessalonians 3:7-12; Luke 21:5-19.**



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**Holy Rosary:** Thurs. 11:40 AM

**CONFESSIONS @ St. Patrick Mission:** 3:30 PM

**"You will be hated by all because of my name . . .  
By your perseverance you will secure your lives."** *Luke 21:5-19*

### Masses and Intentions for the Week

#### SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 15, 2025

4:00 PM: **Mass @ St. Patrick Mission**  
†Juan Jose Guerra and †Johnny Guerra, Jr. by the Garcia Family  
5:30 PM: **Collective Mass @ St. Thomas the Apostle**  
Ava Peña (Birthday) by Yolanda Peña  
Gabriel Peña (Birthday) by Yolanda Peña  
Georgia Smith (Birthday) by Karen Vaughan  
†David Lee Martini (AOB) by Jim & Theresa Martini  
†Cardoza Wells (AOB) by David & Susie Tajchman  
†Robert Keys by Danny & Roberta Kurtz

#### SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 16, 2025 - Masses @ St. Thomas the Apostle

8:30 AM: Parishioners  
11:00 AM: †Caitlynn Prukop (AOD) by Karen Vaughan

#### MONDAY, NOVEMBER 17, 2025

12:00 PM: No Mass

#### TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 18, 2025 - Mass @ St. Thomas the Apostle

12:00 PM: Pat Landreth (Birthday) by the Landreth Family

#### WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 19, 2025 - Mass @ St. Thomas the Apostle

12:00 PM: †David Lee Martini by Evelyn Martini

#### THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 20, 2025 - @ St. Thomas the Apostle

12:00 PM: †David Tajchman, Jr. by David & Susie Tajchman

#### FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 21, 2025 - @ St. Thomas the Apostle

12:00 PM: Maverick Yeats (Birthday) by Pat Landreth

#### SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 22, 2025

4:00 PM: **Mass @ St. Patrick Mission**  
†Irma Clark (AOB) by Celestia Bluntzer  
5:30 PM: **Collective Mass @ St. Thomas the Apostle**  
†Damien Cantu (AOB) by Michael Cantu  
†Esilla Lawley (AOB) by Patrick & Moria Cain  
†Harlew Conally (AOD) by Betty Conally  
†Maria Cecilia Bosquez (AOB) by Rosario Gonzalez  
†Santos Bosquez by Rosario Gonzalez

#### SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 23, 2025 - Masses @ St. Thomas the Apostle

8:30 AM: Parishioners  
11:00 AM: J. Preston Smith (Birthday) by Karen Vaughan

### Please Pray for ...

**All the homebound, sick and suffering of our parish,  
especially all those who have asked us to pray for them.**

Cathy Sikes, Larry Bryant, Mary Elva Estrada, Cambri Calaway, Stephanie Landreth, Josie Blevins, Patrick Landreth, Fred Nemec, Mari Beth, Mable Ginn, Alva Rosas, Blaine Ainsworth, Noe Ramos, Gayla Schaefer, Ruthie Weathersby, Debra Wood, Valerie Rich, Yolanda Peña, Tommy Pritchard, Kathryn White, Wallace Prukop, Juan Rodriguez, Solomon Abdo II, Frank Cain, Estefana Munoz, Charlie & Jean Chapman, Stasha Landreth, Eileen Champine, Todd Crawford, Rose Pfeiler, Tyler Skidmore, Yolanda Galvan, Elaine Cain, Ted & Jeanette Respondek, Rita Conroy, Joe Garza, Simon Bucknall, Arnold Guerra, Joanna Guerra, Ramiro Trevino, Tom Crawford, Evelyn Castillo, Frances Hicks, Graciela Garza, T. J. Williams, Ravyn Brown, Dalia Gutierrez, Susan Chavarry, Fred Guerra, Nicole Ginn, Jaime Garza, Arnold Dill, Wilma Grupe, Miles Elliott Martinez, Pat Landreth, Susie Tajchman, Cindy West, Jim Landreth, Jr., Elmyra Casner, and Harold Prejean.



### LECTORS for NOVEMBER 22-23, 2025

Saturday, 5:30 PM: Les Hoelscher  
Sunday, 8:30 AM: Michele Hoelscher  
Sunday, 11:00 AM: Frank Wilson



### EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION - NOVEMBER 22-23, '25

Saturday, 5:30 PM: Tony Arredondo  
Sunday, 8:30 AM: Deacon Bill, Aaron Hoelscher, Fred Ramos  
Sunday, 11:00 AM: Jesse Garcia, Bill Kelly, Kera Steward

### ALTAR SERVERS for NOVEMBER 22-23, 2025

Saturday, 5:30 PM: Grace Landry, Matthew Cortino, Michael Cortino  
Sunday, 8:30 AM: Joseph Hess, Miles Shimek, Gabriel & Cyprian Kimmel  
Sunday, 11:00 AM: Morgan Boatright, Liam Sanchez, Eliana Garza

### USHERS for NOVEMBER 22-23, 2025

Saturday, 5:30 PM: D. Kurtz, W. Riebschleager, E. Flurry, J. Freeman  
Sunday, 8:30 AM: B. Gwynn, M. Rektorik, M. Reilly, T. Schumacher  
Sunday, 11:00 AM: B. Boatright, S. Woolf, E. Sanchez, R. Garcia

### SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

**Monday:** St. Elizabeth of Hungary, Religious; **Tuesday:** The Dedication of the Basilicas of Sts. Peter and Paul, Apostles; **Friday:** The Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary; **Saturday:** St. Cecilia, Virgin and Martyr.

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### INFORMATION CORNER

**Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament:** Wednesdays at 7:00 p.m.

**Altar Flowers:** Call the parish office to schedule flowers for the altar for a special occasion or "in honor of" or "in memory of" a person.

**Baptism:** Call the parish office to register for the Sacrament of Baptism. All paperwork must be completed before attending class or scheduling Baptism. See website for more information.

**Bulletin:** Bulletin announcements are due on Monday by 1:00 PM.

**Confession:** 30 minutes before Masses or by appointment.

**Religious Ed:** Schedule for Religious Ed can be found on our website www.christon624.com under the Religious Ed Tab. on the Home Page under Parish Statement.

**Scripture Study:** Sunday's after the 8:30 a.m. Mass in the KC Bldg.

**Catholic Daughters of America Court #2290:** Contact Cynthia Garcia, Regent at 361-537-4470.

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## **COLLABORATING WITH OUR NEW MISSIONARY POPE**

*By Monsignor Roger J. Landry, National Director*

*(Continued from last week)*

For the last 50 years, the Popes have tried to spur the faithful to commit themselves anew to the mission *ad gentes* (to those who have not yet heard the Gospel) as well as to the new evangelization of those given up the practice of the faith. Now, the Church's chief missionary begins his papacy with 34 years of experience putting that summons into action.

When Jesus first called St. Peter, he told him to put his boat out into deep water and lower his nets for a catch, and Peter, Andrew, James and John caught so many fish that their nets were at the breaking point. Jesus then called them to be "fishers of men."

Pope Leo, because of his vast experience of missionary work, is supremely capable of leading the Church's worldwide fishing expedition with great credibility, conviction, and confidence. The election of the first American pope is likely a sign that the Lord is asking even greater involvement, leadership and contributions from Catholics from America in the Church's overall saving mission. Together with Pope Leo, let's get ready to lower the nets!

In his first speech from the central balcony of St. Peter's Basilica, Pope Leo XV said, "Together, we must look for ways to be a missionary Church, a Church that builds bridges and encourages dialogue, a Church ever open to welcoming, like this Square with its open arms, all those who are in need of our charity, our presence, our readiness to dialogue and our love."

He continues saying, "We are followers of Christ. Christ goes before us. The world needs his light. Humanity needs him as the bridge that can lead us to God and his love. Help us, one and all, to build bridges through dialogue and encounter, joining together as one people, always at peace." "We want to be a small leaven of unity within the world."

In his address to Members of the Diplomatic Corps, Pope Leo said, "Peace is built in the heart and from the heart, by eliminating pride and vindictiveness and carefully choosing our words."

*(to be continued)*

*From the desk of the Pastor*

## **LITURGY OF THE DAY**

**Reflection on the Gospel Reading (Luke 21:5-19).**

**FAMILY CONNECTION:** Children, while innocently naïve about most world events, are also profoundly sensitive to the concerns felt by adults. We can help children interpret adult concerns by sharing information about current events in appropriate ways. We can also put these concerns in the light of God's kingdom and the assurance of God's care for us.

Discuss with your children one or more current events or a situation in your family which shows difficulties that may challenge our trust in a God who cares for us. Then read together today's Gospel, Luke 21:5-19. Notice how Jesus said that even when his disciples are persecuted, God would be with them.

Together with your children, talk about ways in which God might bring good out of the difficult events you discussed. Talk together about some actions you might take as a family to make better the situations you discussed. Conclude by praying for the needs of the people involved in the events you named. In prayer, place each of these difficult situations into God's hands.

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*From the Pastor's desk*



**JUBILEE 2025**

**PILGRIMS OF HOPE**

To obtain the plenary indulgence, along with the specified requirements for the Jubilee indulgences, the faithful are called to:

- ◆ Visit a Holy Site for the Jubilee Year designated by the Holy Father or the Local Ordinary within his diocese. (When you go to a Holy Site, you do not have to stay for Mass.)
- ◆ Have the interior disposition of complete detachment from sin, even venial sin.
- ◆ Have sacramentally confessed your sins 20 days before or after receiving the indulgence.
- ◆ Receive the Holy Eucharist within 7 days after visiting a Holy Site.
- ◆ Pray for the intentions of the pope. Recite the Apostles Creed and offer one Our Father, one Hail Mary, and one Glory Be.

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