



From the Desk of the Pastor

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THIRTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

It might be interesting to note, that the Pharisees, with whom Jesus clashed on many occasions, were sincere and very religious people. However, what was strange was, they lived in a world of their own.

They constructed what we may call today, a “bubble world” of their own. They were raised with utmost reverence to the Law of Moses. They followed and abided by the letter of the “law”; They regarded themselves as God’s favorites, God’s chosen few. They did not expect to be pitied in their isolation. They expected to be admired. They put themselves on display to make it easier for this to happen.

According to them it was those who lived in a ‘contaminated world’ outside who were to be pitied. They considered themselves privileged and special. They did not realize that without God’s help it was impossible to give up sin.

Jesus aware of the nature of sin and its consequences knew the price of redemption that sin would demand. He foretold his disciples of the persecution: trials and tribulations, betrayals even by members of their own families, imprisonment, trial and death, they would encounter.

The ‘powers of darkness’ would single them out for special treatment, and they would be ‘hated by all on account of his name.’

He foretold how the temple, the very center of their worship, their pride and heritage would be utterly destroyed. The old order of things makes way for the ‘New’. In all probability, some of the people listening to Jesus among the Jewish audience must have felt this utterance outrageous. This must have been a terrible blow to the Jewish psyche.

However, he urged them not be afraid. Not to be taken in. He promised how the power of God will reign triumphant. What a tremendous source of inspiration and consolation.

Perhaps you could spend some minutes in quiet prayer, and ask God to show you one (or more) ways that you may be called to respond to this week’s scriptures:

- In your relationship with God
- With family and friends
- At work, school, or church
- In the broader community....



TRIGÉSIMO TERCER DOMINGO
DEL TIEMPO ORDINARIO

Sería interesante tomar nota, que los Fariseos, con quien se enfrentaba Jesús en muchas ocasiones, eran personas sinceras y muy religiosas. Sin embargo, lo extraño era que, vivían en un mundo propio.

Construyeron lo que podemos llamar hoy, un mundo "burbuja" propio. Fueron criados con sumo respeto a la Ley de Moisés. Siguieron y respetaron la letra de la "ley"; Se consideraban a ellos mismos como los favoritos de Dios, los pocos elegidos por Dios. No esperaban ser compadecidos en su aislamiento. Esperaban ser admirados. Se exponían para que esto fuera más fácil de suceder.

Según ellos eran los que vivían en un 'mundo contaminado' afuera a quien se debía compadecer. Se consideraban privilegiados y especiales. No se daban cuenta que era imposible renunciar al pecado sin la ayuda de Dios.

Jesús consciente de la naturaleza del pecado y sus consecuencias sabía el precio de la redención que el pecado demandaría. Él le predijo a sus discípulos de la persecución: pruebas y tribulaciones, traiciones incluso por miembros de sus propias familias, encarcelamiento, juicio y muerte, que se encontrarían.

Los 'poderes de las tinieblas' los singularizaría para un trato especial, y serían 'aborrecidos por todos a causa de Su nombre.'

Él predijo cómo el templo, el centro de su culto, su orgullo y patrimonio sería completamente destruido. El viejo orden de cosas deja paso para lo 'Nuevo'. Con toda probabilidad, algunas de las personas escuchando a Jesús entre el público Judío deben de haber sentido esta elocución indignante. Esto debe haber sido un golpe terrible al espíritu Judío.

Sin embargo, les instó no tener miedo. No ser tomados. Prometió cómo el poder de Dios reinaría triunfante. Qué enorme fuente de inspiración y consuelo.

Tal vez podría pasar algunos minutos en oración silenciosa y pedirle a Dios que le muestre una (o más) maneras en que usted sea llamado a responder a las Escrituras de esta semana:

- En su relación con Dios
- Con familia y amigos
- En el trabajo, la escuela o Iglesia
- En la comunidad ...

LAST WEEK'S COLLECTIONS
COLECTA DE LA SEMANA PASADA

November 8 – 9, 2025

Weekday Masses Offerings.....\$ 444.26
Weekend Mass Offerings.....\$2,037.25
Archdiocesan Annual Appeal.....\$ 894.00

UPCOMING 2nd COLLECTIONS

November 16: Campaign for Human Development
November 23: St. Patrick’s Seminary
November 30: St Vincent de Paul
December 7: Reserve Fund

A A A 2025
Archdiocesan Annual Appeal

We urge you to help us meet our goal:

Parish Assessment:	\$31,021.00
YTD we paid:	\$22,657.04
Balance we owe:	\$ 8,363.96
Pledges Balance	\$ 225.00

Thank you for your generosity!

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK OF NOVEMBER 15 TO NOVEMBER 22

SATURDAY	SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY
November 15, 2025	November 16, 2025	November 17, 2025	November 18, 2025	November 19, 2025
9:00am Parish of St. John	8:00m Parish of St. John	9:00am † Liborio Pacia	9:00am † Liborio Pacia Iyrheen Olazo	9:00am † Felicidad Q. Sandro † Corazon Macaspac
4:30pm † Benny Falcon	10:00am † Dr. Cesar Santos † Deceased Members of The Ventura Family Virginia Quiba Kayla, Travis, Joaquin, & Aziza De La Torre	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
	12:00pm † Anna Caceres—Maria Gil † Jenny Dubon	November 20, 2025	November 21, 2025	November 22, 2025
		9:00am † Medina & Eufracio Ermitaño † Felisa M. Anderson † Mary Redublado	9:00am † Ramon Berry	9:00am Young Men’s Institute
				4:30pm † Cecilio G. Sandro

