



THIRTY-SECOND WEEK IN ORDINARY TIME

On the **Thirty-second Sunday in Ordinary Time, Mark's Gospel** has us listen to Jesus contrast a scribe (the professional interpreters of the law in his day) who enjoys honours for himself, with a poor widow who donates to the temple poor box the little she has. The woman's generous heart must have moved him deeply.

Tuesday is the **Feast of the Dedication of the Lateran Basilica in Rome**. Wednesday is the **Memorial of Saint Leo the Great, Pope and Doctor of the Church** and Thursday is the **Memorial of Saint Martin of Tours, Bishop**. Friday is the **Memorial of Saint Josaphat, Bishop and Martyr**.

As we draw toward the end of the liturgical year, our first reading this week is taken from **Wisdom**, a book written to encourage a downtrodden Jewish community. The vivid imagery offers us a view of the glory and justice of the Lord. "The souls of the just are in the hand of God, and no torment shall touch them."

In **Luke's Gospel**, Jesus turns his focus away from the Pharisees and back to his followers. "If your brother sins, rebuke him; and if he repents, forgive him." He tells them the duties of discipleship, asking if a master should be grateful to a servant who does what is commanded. "So should it be with you." We read of the curing the ten lepers - yet only one returns to give thanks. "Stand up and go; your faith has saved you." He also tells us that we should not spend our lives looking for the coming of the Kingdom "for behold, the Kingdom of God is among you." The Kingdom of God is coming, when we least expect it and, "Whoever seeks to preserve his life will lose it, but whoever loses it will save it." We must "pray always without becoming weary."

As we near the end of the Liturgical Year, we have more "end time" readings. On the **Thirty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time**, we hear about being ready for the end of time. "In the same way, when you see these things happening, know that he is near, at the gates." It is the good news that we can stay alert and will be ready when it is our time to recognize the Lord's coming in our own life's challenges today.

DAILY PRAYER THIS WEEK

By finding intimacy with God in the background of our everyday busy lives, we are seeing increasingly that Prayer is not really "saying prayers" but is a relationship that needs to be nourished in an ongoing way. No matter how hectic our week is, it is easy to think about our daily relationship with Our Father, with Jesus, in the Holy Spirit.

As we look ahead to the landscape of our week - with a few important things coming up, a host of ordinary responsibilities, and perhaps several bruised or difficult relationships that trouble us - we can begin to locate and formulate into words, the desires in our hearts for our Lord's help along the way.

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LEST WE FORGET

No words can describe the loss. None can express the deep sense of grief. No thought can encapsulate the horror of wars, terrorist attacks, inhuman behaviour....and now the Pandemics by which many have died. We have no words to bind together our heart-felt feelings of revulsion or fear at what has taken place. So we open our hearts to God in prayer. He hears the cries of us all.

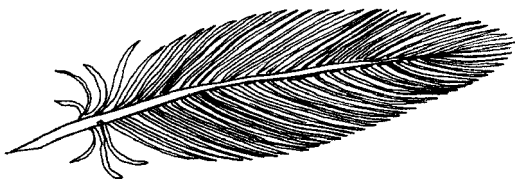
Next Sunday we stand as one; witnesses to the innocent crucified on the cross of tyranny. We pray that every soul touched by the events of years past, as well as this year gone, will be granted residence in the many rooms of our Father's house, and that those who are left behind may be given consolation in equal measure to their desolation.

We pray in constant hope, that the God of love will lead us to pursue truth, justice and peace for all, and that the people of all nations who have suffered loss will rise out of the ashes of their grief, to proclaim freedom and liberty for all.

*So take heart. His love will prevail, and all evil will be conquered. Out of this darkness love will grow and goodness will once again flourish, and in the words of Julian of Norwich – **all will be well, all will be well, all manner of thing will be well.***

A night prayer of Pope John XXIII –
"Look after the Church Lord. I'm going to bed".

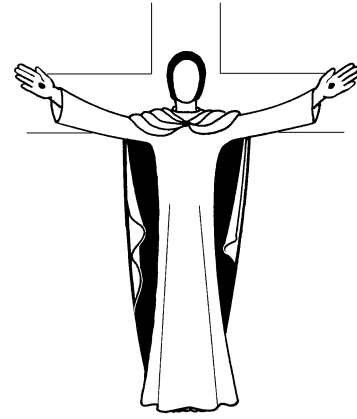
Nocna modlitwa Pope John XXIII
Opiekuj się Panem Kościoła. Idę do łóżka



A wind blew from a high mountain and, as it passed over ornamented castles and towers, it put into motion a small feather which had no ability of its own to fly but received its movement entirely from the wind. Surely the Almighty God arranged this to show what the Divine could achieve, through a creature that had no hope of achieving anything by itself.
[Hildegard of Bingen's letter to Abbot Philip]

*Draw near to God
and he will draw near to you.* James 4[8]

THE FOUR MINUTE PRAYER



Imagine the Cross, then:

1. Look up in adoration to God the Father, with the awe of a young child looking up at his or her father or mother.
2. Look down in sorrow for refusing his Love.
3. Look left along the crossbeam at your past life and thank him for all of it, downs as well as ups.
4. Look right along the crossbeam towards the future and whatever the Father's plan holds for you.

GODSEED

*Give me a candle of the Spirit, O God,
As I go down into the deep of my own being.
Show me the hidden things.*

*Take me down to the spring of my life,
and tell me my nature and my name.
Give me freedom to grow
so that I may become my true self –
The fulfilment of the seed
which You planted in me at my making.*

Out of the deep I cry unto thee, O God.

Amen

George Appleton