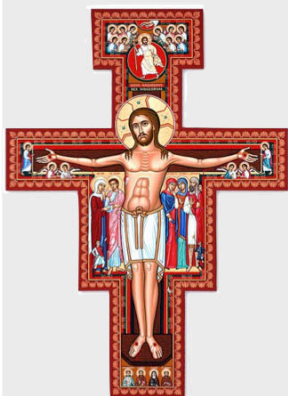


NOVEMBER 13TH, 2022 | 33RD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



St. Thomas Aquinas

CATHOLIC CHURCH & STUDENT CENTER

The Diocese of Shreveport

MISSION STATEMENT

We, as members of the St. Thomas Aquinas Catholic Community of faith in the Diocese of Shreveport, affirm our mission to spread the Gospel of Jesus Christ to both the local and Catholic college community in the Ruston, Louisiana area. We commit ourselves to God and to this community through a spirit of welcoming and service in the spirit of Christ.

SUNDAY MASSES

Saturday: 5:00PM Vigil
Sunday: 9:30AM
1:30PM (Spanish)
7:00PM (Sept. - May)

DAILY MASSES

Tuesday: 8:15AM
Wednesday: 8:15AM
Thursday: 8:15AM
Friday: 12:00PM

BAPTISM

Please call the Church Office to schedule

MARRIAGE

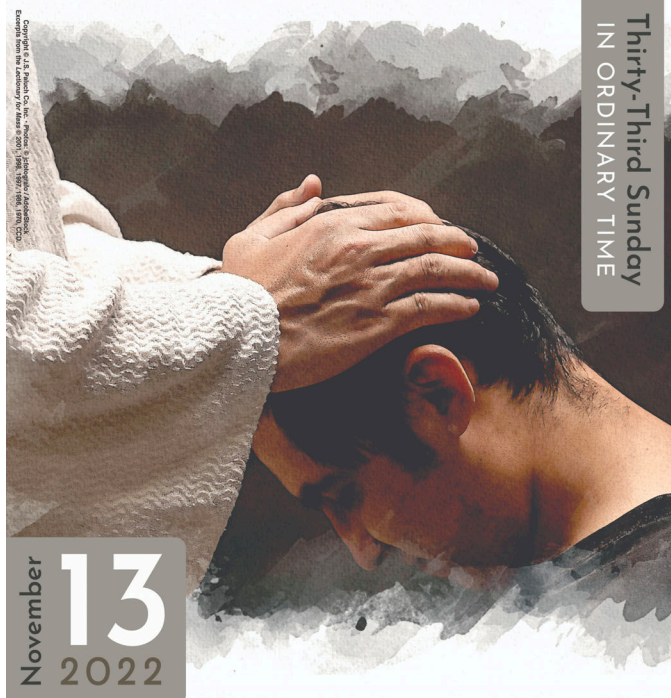
Please call Church Office SIX MONTHS in advance to schedule

PENANCE & RECONCILIATION

Tuesday-Thursday 7:30AM-8:00AM
Friday 11:15 AM - 11:45 AM
Saturday: 3:30PM to 4:45PM

STAFF/TELEPHONE EXT.

Fr. Kevin Mues (318) 310-4007 **Pastor**
Deacon John Serio
Deacon Robert Ransom
Marcie Tucker (318) 255-2870 **Business Manager**
Elise Reis (318) 310-4009 **Religious Education Director**
Elaine Johnson **President of Pastoral Council**
Thurston Allen **Chairman of Finance Council**
St. Vincent de Paul Society (318)255-8090



“YOU WILL BE HATED BY ALL BECAUSE OF MY NAME, BUT NOT A HAIR ON YOUR HEAD WILL BE DESTROYED.”

Luke 21:17-18

NEW PARISHIONERS

“May the Church be a place of God’s mercy and hope, where all feel welcomed, loved, forgiven and encouraged to live according to the good life of the Gospel. And to make others feel welcomed, loved, forgiven and encouraged, the Church must be with doors wide open so that all may enter. And we must go out through these doors and proclaim the Gospel.” - Pope Francis

Please contact the office to register your membership if you are new in our community.

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PARISHIONERS BIRTHDAYS

<u>November 1st</u>	Carl Johnson Heidi Adams Collins Frost Diane Singletary Juan Kevin Garcia
<u>November 2nd</u>	Sheila Mariano
<u>November 4th</u>	Araceli Rodriguez
<u>November 5th</u>	Eugene Pangilinan Judith VanderSchaaf Eduardo Medina
<u>November 6th</u>	Roland Allen
<u>November 7th</u>	Juan Rodriguez Emery Morris Dalyza Ajanel Glenna Jach
<u>November 8th</u>	Josh Perot
<u>November 9th</u>	Emma Moore
<u>November 10th</u>	Demarco Nash Alexis Turrubiarres Larry Mullens
<u>November 11th</u>	JoAnn Allen
<u>November 12th</u>	Diane Taylor
<u>November 13th</u>	Ted Morris Valeria Ruiz
<u>November 15th</u>	Joanna Ward
<u>November 16th</u>	Patricia Carter Sophia Mariano Joseph Mutebi
<u>November 17th</u>	Olimpia Lopez John Atilano Craig Taylor Mary Russon Tom Kelly Ramiro Landaverde
<u>November 19th</u>	Jeanne Van Benthuyssen Mark Van Benthuyssen Brady Berg Yeni Juan
<u>November 20th</u>	Alexander Ulloa
<u>November 21st</u>	Mia Tapia
<u>November 24th</u>	Melissa Castilo Juan Gonzalez George Trevison
<u>November 25th</u>	William Abrahm
<u>November 26th</u>	Lee Smith Owen Watson Tiago Garcia
<u>November 27th</u>	Mary Hannibal Jacqueline Houston Christopher Corcia Abraham Ajanel Jr. Noe Lopez
<u>November 28th</u>	Isabella Tucker
<u>November 29th</u>	Angel Daniel Moya
<u>November 30th</u>	John Allen Carson Perot Edin Lopez

If I've missed your birthday, please email me at

stbulletin@suddenlinkmail.com so that I can add you to the master list.

THE CALENDAR AT A GLANCE**Sunday, November 13th**

9:30 AM - Sunday Mass
1:30 PM - Misa en Español
7:00 PM - Sunday Mass

Monday, November 14th

9:00 AM - 3:00PM - Church Office Open
5:30 PM - Chaplet of Divine Mercy

Tuesday, November 15th

7:30 AM - 8:00AM Penance & Reconciliation
8:15 AM - Daily Mass
9:00 AM - 3:00PM - Church Office Open
10:00 AM - Lectio Divina
6:30 PM - El Manto de Maria

Wednesday, November 16th

7:30 AM - 8:00AM Penance & Reconciliation
8:15 AM - Daily Mass
9:00 AM - 3:00PM - Church Office Open

Thursday, November 17th

7:30 AM - 8:00AM Penance & Reconciliation
8:15 AM - Daily Mass
9:00 AM - 3:00PM - Church Office Open

Friday, November 18th

9:00 AM - 1:00PM - Church Office Open
11:15 AM - 11:45AM Penance & Reconciliation
12:00 PM - Daily Mass

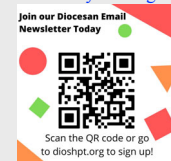
Saturday, November 19th

3:30PM - 4:45AM Penance & Reconciliation
5:00 PM - Vigil Mass



**Altar flowers donated by The Oakley Family
in loving memory of Liam R. Oakley**

The Diocese has created an electronic newsletter for news and events around the diocese, as well as educational content about our Catholic faith. Please subscribe to it by scanning the QR code in the bulletin or by visiting the diocesan website.



Ministry Schedule**November 12th 2022****Lectors:** Samantha Groce & Christie Weeks**Eucharistic Ministers:** John Ryan Serio & Mary Carol Vidrine**November 13th, 2022****Lectors:** Thomas Rogers & Stacey Denny**Eucharistic Ministers:** Paul Jackson, Mary Ghongkedze, Lily Skylar and Gary Kennedy**Altar Servers:** Brennan and Matthew Jackson, Kaejha Stewart**Lectores:** Ana Ambrosio y Dulce Aviles**November 19th 2022****Lectors:** Mary Carol Vidrine and John Allen**Eucharistic Ministers:** George Trevison and Diane Singletary**Altar servers:** Cedric, Kevin and Peter Serio**November 20th, 2022****Lectors:** Ryan and Lorelei Freling**Eucharistic Ministers:** Colby Piatt, Jim Martin, Elaine Johnson and Thomas Rogers**Altar Servers:** Josie & Ramona Bishop, Bailey Reger**Lectores:** Angel Ventura y Petra Salazar**Mass Intentions****Saturday November 12th**

Gecinta de Castro +

*(by Mr. & Mrs. Greg Viray)***Sunday November 13th**Bobby Ortego +
*(by Karen Ortego)*Por todos los feligreses de la
parroquia de Santo Tomas AquinoTrifonia Garcia
*(by Mr. & Mrs. Greg Viray)***Tuesday November 15th**Joseph Ghongkedze +
*(by Mary Ghongkedze)***Wednesday November 16th**Gwen Hartman +
*(by Diane Taylor)***Thursday November 17th**Feliz Calicdan +
*(by Mr. & Mrs. Greg Viray)***Friday November 18th**Joseph Ghongkedze +
(by Mary Ghongkedze)

You may have Masses offered for your intentions, or for the intentions of your loved ones, both living and deceased. Please call the parish office for more information and available dates.



Please contact the parish office to have names added to our prayer list.

Bernadette Bennett
Miriam Bishop
Charles Bourgeois
Bill Buske
John Buske
Frankie Career
Judy Darcey
Sean Dwyer
Becky Ferrell
Bobby French
Mary Lou French
Emmely Gay
Bernice Harrison
Harvey Hayes
Maureen Hinton
Magnolia Johnson
Jeffery Judice
Chris Letendre
Ken Martinez

Tobie McKown
Rueben Moreno
Cynthia Murry
Katherine Ned
Don Olivier
Pearline Robey
Lometa Rorie
Mary Russo
Gloria Saldana
Laura Leigh Saleese
Jennie Schutte-Patrick
Jo Mary Smith
Nicole Smith
Tyler Sorrels
Holly Hollis Star
Willie Tannerhill
Diane Theriot
Kathleen "Kathy"
Walter Janice Williams

STEWARDSHIP SUMMARY*Weekend of October 29/ October 30*

General Sunday Collection \$7,749.00

*Thank you for continued and generous support!***St. Vincent de Paul**

Thirty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time

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.**Ministry to the Homebound**

Please contact the church office or Dc. John Serio (318-278-3600) if you need communion brought to your home. If you are aware of someone that needs communion brought to them please contact us. We do have a team of parishioners ready to assist. If you are a Eucharistic Minister and would like to help with this ministry please contact Dc. John.



NEW! Family of Faith Meet and Share will begin on Wednesday, November 9th. This will be a time for families interested in completing some of the Family of Faith book material together at the church campus. Meet and Shares will be from 6:00 – 7:00 pm and will meet in the St. Thomas School Building. This will not be a drop-off format meeting. All are welcome!

Meet and Share Dates

November 9	December 7
November 16	December 14
November 30	

DAY FAITH FORMATION SCHEDULE –NOVEMBER

November 13 Community Gathering – Advent Activities 10:45 am – 11:45 am

Family of Faith Community Gathering	Luffey
First Communion Class (2nd grade) Building	St. Thomas School Building
SEEKERS Building	St. Thomas School Building
Confirmation A	Luffey Catholic
Life Center Youth Room	
Confirmation B	St. Thomas School
Building AV Room	

NOVEMBER 20 – 27 MODIFIED BREAKOUT SUNDAY SCHEDULE

Empowering God's Children Safety Program 10:45 am – 11:45 am

Christmas Play Practice at 11:45 am – 12:15 pm for PreK, K, and 1st (in the church)

No Children's Liturgy of the Word during Thanksgiving Break (Nov. 20 – 27)

Small Groups - Please contact your SMALL GROUP leaders directly for holiday scheduling. Some groups will continue to meet on Sundays Nov. 20 and Nov. 27 at the group members' discretion.

SUNDAY FAITH FORMATION SCHEDULE – NOVEMBER

November 13 Community Gathering – Advent Activities 10:45 am – 11:45 am

Family of Faith Community Gathering	Luffey
First Communion Class (2nd grade)	St. Thomas School Building
SEEKERS	St. Thomas School Building
Confirmation A	Luffey Catholic Life Center Youth Room
Confirmation B	St. Thomas School Building AV Room

CHRISTMAS PLAY PRACTICE DATES

November 20
November 27
November 30 (Wednesday, 5:30 pm)
December 4
December 7 (Wednesday, 5:30 pm)

Parents and catechists are needed to assist with the Christmas Play rehearsals. The play will be during the Family of Faith December Community Gathering on December 11 @ 10:45 am. The children will have the Christmas play; and then the church will host a festive pancake breakfast! No sacrament classes will meet that day so families can all be together for the parish breakfast.

Empowering God's Children Safety Program – November 20 @ 10:45 am – 11:45 am (Luffey gym)

Our parish will be presenting a child abuse prevention program, the **Empowering God's Children** program, to all parishioners who are minors this fall. The creators of the **Protecting God's Children™** program developed the **Empowering God's Children** program. This program is provided to us by the Diocese of Shreveport and is a part of our ongoing effort to help create and

maintain a safe environment for children and to protect all children from sexual abuse.

The scheduled lesson is being offered to all children. As a parent, you have the right to choose whether your child participates.

If you have questions about the program or the lesson, please contact your Director of Religious Education at 318-310-4009. If you determine that you DO NOT want your child to participate, please complete the "opt-out" form that was emailed to you and return it to the PSR office by November 20. You will in turn receive a copy of **Teaching Boundaries and Safety Guide – A Guide for Caring Adults, Parents and Guardians** so that you might take the opportunity to discuss with your child about what to do if they are touched and who to let know.

For more information on the Empowering God's Children program, visit the VIRTUS Online™ website at www.virtus.org.

Order of Christian Initiation of Adults (Thursdays, Luffey Youth Room)

The Rite (soon to be The Order) of Christian Initiation of Adults is a process for those interested in discovering the Catholic faith. The discussions take place on Thursday evenings. The initial stage goes into many of the teachings of the faith. Later, we delve deeper into our faith and the Holy Sacraments. If baptized adult Catholics are wishing to be confirmed, they are welcome to join this discussion group also. If any parishioner seeks to refresh knowledge of the faith, he or she is welcome to attend.

Meeting Times: Thursdays, 6:00 pm – 7:30 pm (September – May)

Please call Deacon John Serio at 318-255-3788 or call the PSR office at 318-310-4009 for more information.

SMALL GROUPS

High School Small Group: High school teens interested in high school small group will have the chance to meet the small group facilitators. After signing in at the Luffey, high school participants will go to the E. Donn Piatt Catholic Student Center Library for an introduction to small group sessions. Teens will hear about the Ignite topics and the current event topics for this year. Teens, all are welcome! Want to know more? Contact Slade Richard at 318-514-8060 for more information.

Small Groups and Prayer Groups

For more information for each group, please contact the listed leaders. All are welcome!

Adult Education Small Group – E. Donn Piatt Catholic Student Center, BREAKOUT SUNDAYS. Contact Delena Ashworth delenaashworth@gmail.com

Divine Mercy Chaplet – chapel, meets Mondays 5:30 pm – 6:30 pm
Contact Gerry Brucia taedawood@yahoo.com

El Manto de Maria – Luffey gym, meets Tuesdays, 7:00 pm
Contact Luz Martinez 318-224-0980

High School Small Group – ACTS library, E. Donn Piatt Student Center,
Contact Slade Richard 318-514-8060, slade@slacoindustrial.com

*This small group has a unique meeting schedule. Please request a schedule from your small group leader.

Lectio Divina – Luffey Youth Room, meets Tuesdays 10:00 am – 11:00 am.
Contact Lee Smith 318-243-8307

Men's Small Group – E. Donn Piatt Catholic Student Center
Contact Joshua Perot 318-243-0361, josh.a.perot@gmail.com

Women's Small Group – SVDP Room, Luffey Building

Virtus Requirement for Adult Volunteers: Please stay up-to-date on your monthly Virtus bulletin requirements, even if you are not currently volunteering. Accounts will periodically get purged if lapsed or inactive. Volunteers who need help accessing the Virtus online accounts or help setting up an account should schedule an appointment with the PSR office. Laptops are available for parishioners to use to complete the online monthly bulletin requirements. Remember, Virtus is available in English and Spanish. Please call the PSR line to schedule a time to use the laptops or to ask for assistance: 318-310-4009.

COME ON OVER FOR A SLICE OF FUN!

ST THOMAS YOUTH SERVICE AND SUPPER

November 16, 2022 | 5:30-7:30pm | CCA
108 S Bonner St, Ruston, LA 71270
6th-12th grades

WE WILL BE SORTING DONATIONS!

Camp Little Flower

The Diocese of Shreveport will hold an overnight summer camp next year for youth ages 8-13. The dates for the camp will be Monday, July 24 - Friday, July 28, at Camp Bethany in Bethany, LA. Registration will start on Thursday, December 1. The camp is open to all parishes. Please join us for a week of faith and fun.

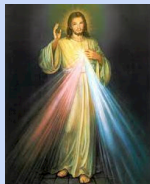
Please see the diocese of Shreveport's website for more information or email Fr. Raney Johnson at rjohnson@stmaryshreveport.org.

Soup for the Soul

Tuesday, November 15, 2022
11:00-1:00

Ruston Civic Center

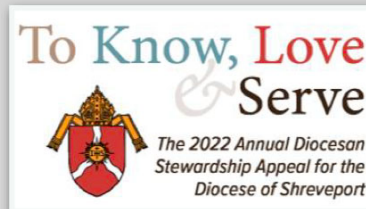
Purchase in advance or at the door
Samantha Groce and Lometa Rorie are selling tickets
Please come and support CCA!!



The Devotion to the Divine Mercy is based on the private revelations of Jesus to Polish Saint Faustina in the 1930's. It recognizes God as infinite mercy and involves a decision to accept God's mercy with thanksgiving, to trust in Him, and to be merciful as He is merciful. One element of the devotion is the Divine Mercy Chaplet, a form of prayer using Rosary beads. The Recitation of the Chaplet is prayed each Monday evening from 5:30 to 6:00 PM in the small chapel. All are welcome!



The Catholic faith, rich with traditions and devotions, will embark on a three year Eucharistic Revival in the United States. The Diocese of Shreveport will offer events throughout 2022-2023 that will encourage growth in understanding and devotion to Christ in the Eucharist, complemented by online formation and resources that will raise up Eucharistic Missionaries at all levels of the Church. The first step is to increase our adoration of the Blessed Sacrament. It is through Eucharistic Adoration that we give thanksgiving to God for Christ's True Presence in our lives. Christ, in the Eucharist, is our very sustenance that we are reminded of in John 6:53 (NABRE): "unless you eat the flesh of the Son of Man and drink his blood, you do not have life within you." To learn more about the Eucharist and the Eucharistic Revival, go to <https://www.dioshpt.org/eucharistic-revival> or scan the QR code below. Let's reenergize our faith and approach the throne of grace with clearer understanding of the Real Presence of Christ in the Eucharist. Jesus, the Source and Summit of the faith, is calling each Catholic to come, adore, and experience his Real Presence in the Holy Eucharist.

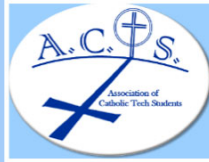


Our Parish Progress With the 2022 Annual Diocesan Stewardship Appeal

We have just completed another week of the Annual Diocesan Stewardship Appeal: To Know, Love and Serve. As of this last week, 14.3 % of our families have participated in this year's appeal. We are grateful for everyone who has pledged or made a one-time gift thus far. Thank you.

Our goal is to improve our family participation over last year which was 13.2%. I am asking everyone who hasn't made a pledge or gift to pick up a pledge card and return envelope and make your gift as soon as you can and send it in. The ministries the appeal supports need our help. No matter the size of your pledge or one-time gift, let's make it the goal of the parish that each and every family pledge to the appeal.

Please, do not delay. Respond as generously as you can as God has been generous toward you and your family. Thank you.



BEING CATHOLIC

at Louisiana Tech University

Come and Have Breakfast with the Outreach Committee



Students enjoying the November Hospitality Sunday meal. First Sunday of every month, Hospitality serves a meal after the 7pm student mass.

The new-founded ACTS Outreach team has started a Bible study at 6:30 AM on Wednesday mornings. John 21 (the name of the weekly Bible

study) focuses on Sunday readings, community, and coffee.

The Outreach committee is also in need of new members. The ACTS Outreach team focuses on reaching out to those in Greek Life, Athletics, and other clubs. If you are interested, come to the 6:30 AM breakfast and talk to Daniel or Matt.

Weekly ACTStivities

Tuesday

- * Pancake Dinner 6pm

Wednesday:

- * Bible Study 6:30am
- * College Mass 9pm

Thursday:

- * Last Day of Finals
- * Novena

Word of Life – November 2022

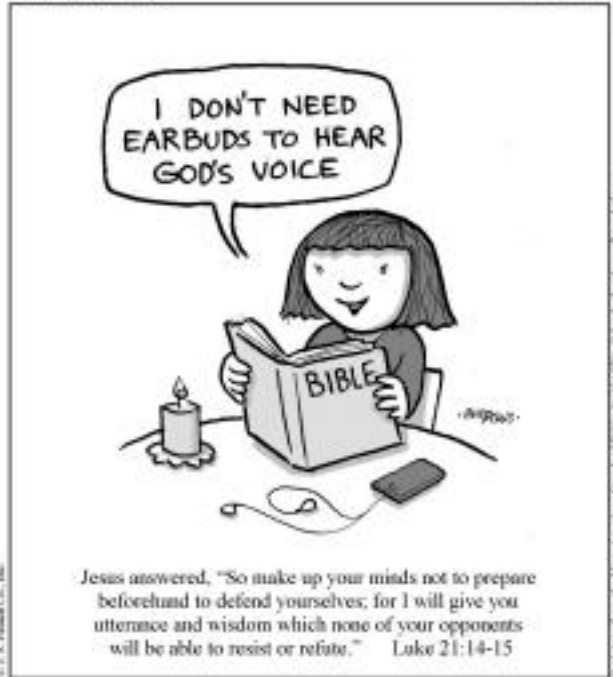
November 13th

“...the Supreme Court in *Dobbs* cleared the way for a paradigm shift in American law, allowing it to enlarge its boundaries to again welcome a segment of the human family that had been outside of its protections for close to half a century. *Dobbs*, then, is a victory for justice, the rule of law, and self-governance. But for those of us who have prayed for this moment to arrive, it is the time for a renewal and rededication of our efforts to build a culture of life and civilization of love.”
Archbishop William E. Lori, Chair of the USCCB Committee on Pro-Life Activities
“Building a Culture of Life in a Post-Roe World”



The Little Ones

Jim Burrow



November 13, 2022**Thirty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time****THE END OF DAYS**

As we prepare for next Sunday's feast of Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe, we hear descriptions of dire and catastrophic events. Sometimes it seems as though we ourselves are living in the end times, when life as we currently know it will cease for everyone. In answer to what must have been a fearful question, Jesus does not sugarcoat his foretelling of future days. Nor does the Old Testament prophet Malachi flinch from his pronouncements upon an evil world. Saint Paul, still writing to the Thessalonians, warns them prophetically against succumbing to "The End Is Near" syndrome—indolence in the face of the final days. However, both Jesus and Malachi speak of the recompense for living a just life—healing and vindication. Our Psalm 98, typically associated with Christmastime, helps us to rejoice for the King who is coming to rule with justice.

TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading — There will arise the sun of justice with its healing rays (Malachi 3:19-20a).

Psalm — The Lord comes to rule the earth with justice (Psalm 98).

Second Reading — Paul speaks of his **hard work** among the Thessalonians (2 Thessalonians 3:7-12).

Gospel — Jesus foretells the destruction of Jerusalem, the persecution of his followers. But their perseverance will be their salvation (Luke 21:5-19).

PRAYER OF THE WEEK**Thirty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time**

Grant us, we pray, O Lord our God,
the constant gladness of being devoted to you,
for it is full and lasting happiness
to serve with constancy
the author of all that is good.
Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,
who lives and reigns with you
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
God, for ever and ever.

Reflection question:

How can I increase my devotion to serving God?

Thirty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time**November 13, 2022**

Sing praise to the Lord with the harp,
with the harp and melodious song.
— *Psalm 98:5*

13 de noviembre de 2022**Trigésimo Tercer Domingo del Tiempo Ordinario****EL FIN DE LOS DÍAS**

Mientras nos preparamos para el próximo domingo para la fiesta de Nuestro Señor Jesucristo, Rey del Universo, escuchamos descripciones de acontecimientos funestos y catastróficos. A veces parece que nosotros mismos estamos viviendo el final de los tiempos, cuando la vida, así como actualmente la conocemos terminará para todos. En respuesta a lo que debe haber sido una pregunta temerosa, Jesús no endulza su predicción para los días futuros. Ni el profeta Malaquías del Antiguo Testamento flaquea de sus declaraciones sobre un mundo malvado. San Pablo, todavía escribiendo a los tesalonicenses, les advierte proféticamente en contra de caer en el síndrome de "El final se acerca", es decir, a la pereza ante los últimos días. Sin embargo, tanto Jesús como Malaquías hablan de la recompensa por llevar una vida justa, curación y reivindicación. Nuestro salmo 98, típicamente asociado con la Navidad, nos ayuda a alegrarnos por el Rey que ya viene a gobernar con justicia.

LECTURAS DE HOY

Primera lectura — Para ellos que temen al Señor, brillará el sol de justicia con sus rayos de salud (Malaquías 3:19-20a).

Salmo — El Señor llega para regir la tierra con rectitud (Salmo 98 [97]).

Segunda Lectura — Pablo habla de su trabajo duro entre los tesalonicenses (2 Tesalonicenses 3:7-12).

Evangelio — Pero su perseverancia será su salvación (Lucas 21:5-19).

ORACIÓN DE LA SEMANA**Trigésimo Tercer Domingo del Tiempo Ordinario**

Concédenos, Señor, Dios nuestro,
alegrarnos siempre en tu servicio,
porque la profunda y verdadera alegría
está en servirte siempre a ti,
autor de todo bien.

Por nuestro Señor Jesucristo, tu Hijo,
que vive y reina contigo en la unidad del Espíritu Santo
y es Dios por los siglos de los siglos.

Pregunta de reflexión:

¿Cómo puedo entregarme más fielmente al servicio de Dios?

Trigésimo Tercer Domingo**del Tiempo Ordinario****13 de noviembre de 2022**

Toquen la cítara para el Señor,
suenen los instrumentos.

— *Salmo 98 (97):5*

200 for this week

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RUSTON, LA 71270