

Getting Ready for Sunday!



Thirty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time

Luke 21:5-19

The Destruction of the Temple Foretold

There are two more weeks left in the church year.

The readings focus on the end of time – through the eyes of Jesus when He knew that His time on earth was coming to an end.

**The readings, these weeks, tell us what is most important
for us to do in life!**

We are told what we must do if we are really followers of Jesus!

When some were speaking about the temple, how it was adorned with beautiful stones and gifts dedicated to God, he said:

As for these things that you see, the days will come when not one stone will be left upon another; all will be thrown down.



Beware that you are not led astray; for many will come in my name and say, "I am he!" and, "The time is near!"

Teacher, when will this be, and what will be the sign that this is about to take place?'



**Lots of difficult things will happen to each of us in life!
We can use these times to become better or bitter!
Which do you do?**

We sometimes blame others for all that goes wrong, but what will make the difference is how we try to make things right again!

Do not go after them. When you hear of wars and insurrections, do not be terrified; for these things must take place first, but the end will not follow immediately.



Then he said to them, '***Nation will rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom; there will be great earthquakes, and in various places famines and plagues; and there will be dreadful portents and great signs from heaven.***



**When people suffer because of war, we can learn to make peace!
When people starve in famine, we need to learn to be fair and share!
When people die in earthquakes we can learn that it is wrong that those who are poor are forced to live in dangerous places!**

But before all this occurs, they will arrest you and persecute you; they will hand you over to synagogues and prisons, and you will be brought before kings and governors because of my name.

**Jesus challenged the powerful people, so they killed Him!
Jesus did what was right no matter what it cost Him – it cost Him His life! He suffered!
We will sometimes have to suffer when we choose to do what is right!**



This will give you an opportunity to testify. So make up your minds not to prepare your defence in advance; for I will give you words and a wisdom that none of your opponents will be able to withstand or contradict.



Jesus was let down by His friends: Peter denied Him; Judas betrayed Him! They were afraid to do what was right! They didn't try to stop those who were hurting Jesus!

Those who are hungry in the world today are let down by us when we don't share what we have!

Those who are lonely, bullied, frightened...are betrayed by us when we don't stand by them!

You will be betrayed even by parents and brothers, by relatives and friends; and they will put some of you to death. You will be hated by all because of my name.



But not a hair of your head will perish. By your endurance you will gain your souls.



Be truly the
great person
that God made!

When it seems like nobody cares, God cares. When it seems like nobody is there for you, God is ready to listen.



Children's Activity

Jesus warns His disciples that if they choose to follow Jesus' way of living that it will not be easy!

People sometimes got angry with Him when He asked them not to hurt others, to share what they had or to be fair with people. Imagine people treating Jesus badly!

Draw a picture of what it might have been like for Jesus when people laughed at Him or treated Him badly or you might like to draw a picture of a time when you stood up for someone who was being hurt. Bring this picture to Mass on the weekend of November 16/17 and leave in front of the ambo- the place from which the Gospel is read.

Bible Search

Read **Luke 21:5-19** in your family Bible-this is the Gospel reading at Mass this Sunday.



Activity

- Write down what you feel and think as you read or hear the story.



- Draw a picture to show the message that you got from today's Gospel!



Consider



**How you could help someone this week?
Who are the people who look after you when you need it
most?**

Praying to Jesus



Pray for the grace to know that God always looks after you...sometimes through the people He puts in our lives!

