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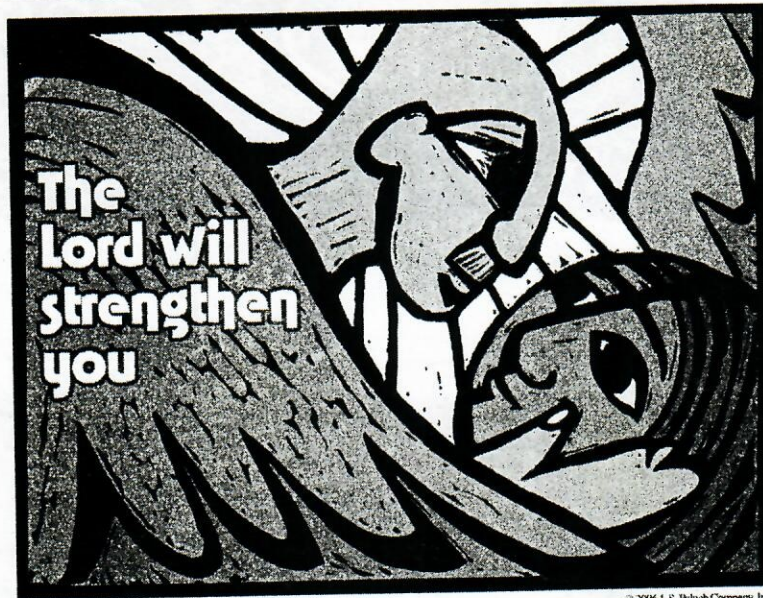
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Thirty-second Sunday in Ordinary Time ✠ November 10, 2019

THIRTY-SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



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CHILDREN OF THE RESURRECTION

The possibility or certitude of life after the death of our earthly bodies has fascinated religions throughout the world and across the centuries. It certainly is the topic uppermost on the minds of the Sadducees today. They did not believe in a life after this life or a world where angels or other bodiless spirits dwelled. This constricted their ability, then, to imagine such a world or such a life, and made them imagine or construct it according to the life they knew as mortal creatures. Indeed, such a tendency can be seen—even among Christians—today, when we speak of being rejoined or reunited with the faithful departed in a continued, if improved, version of the relationship we had with them. But God is a living God, Jesus points out, and those who believe in this God are made children of the resurrection to life everlasting. This is important, as today's Gospel dispute concludes Jesus' journey to Jerusalem to face his ultimate confrontation, culminating in his resurrection. His forthrightness foretells what the apostle Paul will write to the Thessalonians: "[T]he Lord is faithful; he will strengthen you and guard you from the evil one" (2 Thessalonians 3:3).

EQUAL IN DIGNITY TO THE ANGELS

Television, greeting cards, and some church ornamentation have done a disservice to the biblical notion of angels. Popular imagination perceives them as gentle, safe, and fluffy. Their job description is cast mostly in human, egocentric terms: to keep danger from us, to console us, to restore a sense of wonder or the miraculous to our narrow-mindedness. Some of this has its basis in the biblical traditions. But, above all else, the biblical angels were direct messengers of God. Their voice was God's voice, their presence was the presence of the celestial throne of the Almighty. People were often startled or outright scared at their arrival, and had to be told not to fear; their messages were often difficult to hear, leading mortals into thorny situations. The children of the Resurrection—all of us, born of the living God—are equal in dignity to these angels. But in Christ we already have the power of resurrected life to be strong herald messengers of God. This is the call of all Christian disciples. For this, Paul tells us, we are made strong in God who is not only a living God, but a faithful and loving God as well. Through God we will be given the endurance in Christ necessary to live out the vocation of our baptism.

Today's Readings: 2 Maccabees 7:1-2, 9-14; Psalm 17:1, 5-6, 8, 15; 2 Thessalonians 2:16 — 3:5; Luke 20:27-38 [27, 34-38]

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Good News!

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2 Mc 7:1-2, 9-14; 2 Thes 2:16-3:5

Lk 20:27-38 or Lk 20:27, 34-38

The Sadducees didn't believe in the resurrection of the dead or immortality of the soul. In fact, in Judaism, the belief that the soul lives forever in heaven developed in the centuries before Christ's birth. In Maccabees, one of the last books written in the Old Testament, you can see how the Jewish sons find strength to resist their torturers in the belief that they will live forever. They firmly believe that God will raise them up if they remain faithful to him.

Jesus makes it even clearer that our souls will live forever and that our bodies will rise up one day with him after death. The faith of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob was faith in a living God; even if they had died hundreds of years before, they were alive in God.

We pray together in the Nicene Creed that we "look forward to the resurrection of the dead." Thus, belief in reincarnation is against Christianity, and Jesus taught a different doctrine. We live life on this earth once, die once, and are judged once.

Jesus is the "resurrection and the life" (John 11:25). We hope that one day we will raise with him, even if on earth our lives are "hidden with Christ in God" (Colossians 3:3). To be a witness to Jesus is to be like the first apostles, a witness to his resurrection.

The living God who called Abraham, Moses, and Isaac is the same God who sent his Son, raised him from the dead, and who calls us to follow him and rise up to be with him forever.

—Fr. Mark Haydu, LC

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EM: Ennis Pepin, Matthew Foltz

Ushers: Joseph Pepin, Gregory Wright

9AM Lector: Kim Winder

EM: William O'Regan, Patricia Ventress

Ushers: Galen Smith, Elphage Keys

11AM Lector: Paul Rosefeldt

EM: Vivien Michals, Ed Michals

Ushers: Gordon Newman, Bruce Roussell

Mass Intentions for November 16 & November 17

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+Martin dePorres James, +Mark S. Harry,
+Wendell Eugene, +Robert Collins,
+Leonard Fine, +Halvan Lieteau,
Patricia Woodfox

9AM +Lloyd Dupre', +Grant Winand,
+Edward Jones

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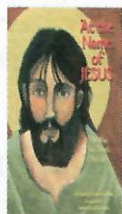


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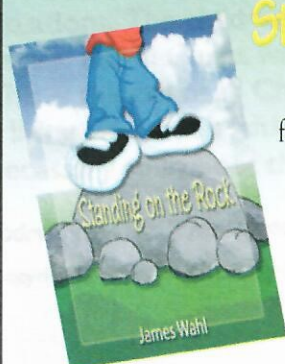
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