

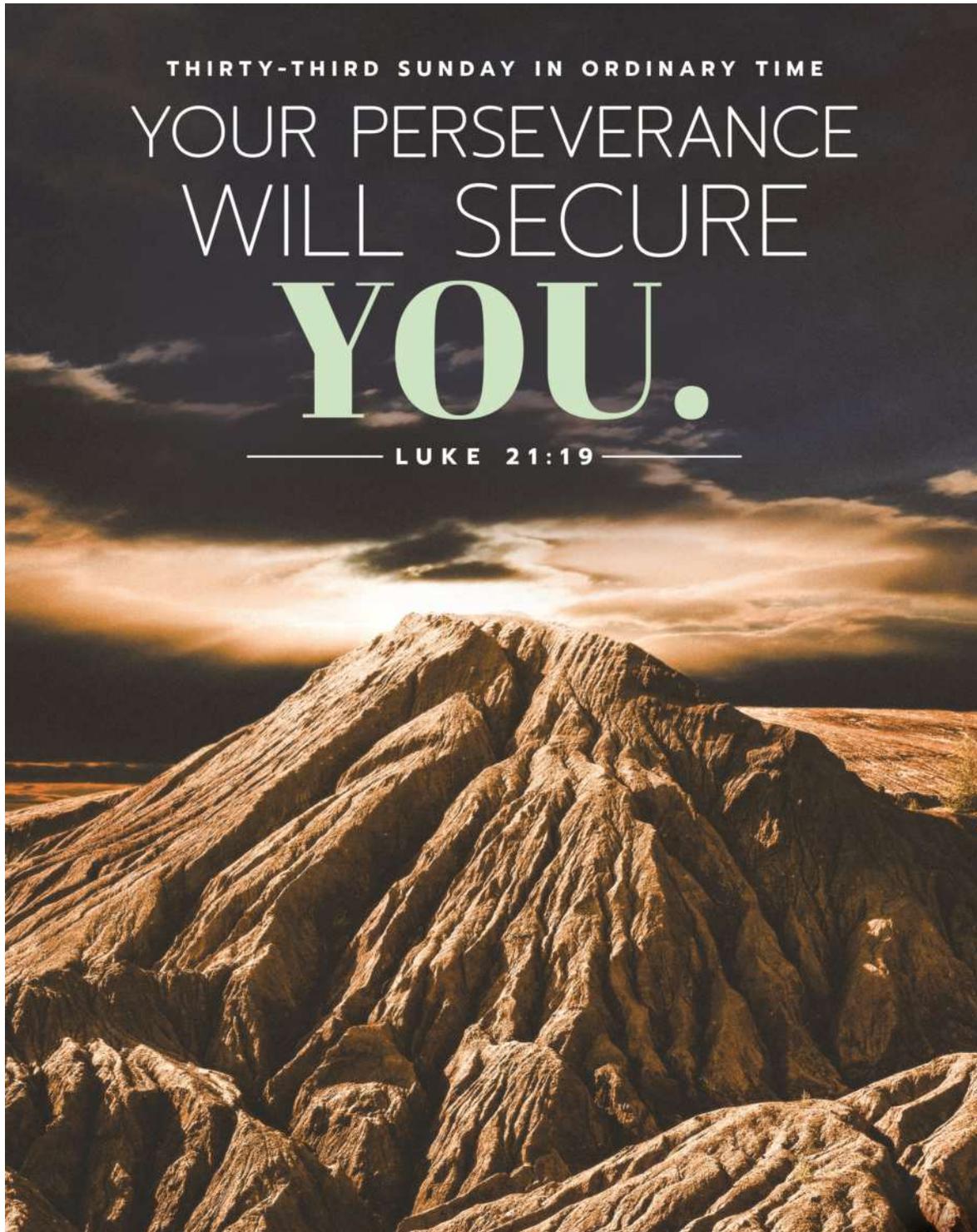


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NOVEMBER 16, 2025



THE LITURGY OF THE DAY

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Malachi 3:19-20a / 2 Thessalonians 3:7-12 / Luke 21:5-19

The disciples, as usual, ask Jesus the wrong question. You can hardly blame them, for they are worried about the future and want to make sure they are prepared. But Jesus warns them that they will easily be deceived by signs they may take as the end of the world. The lesson Jesus offers is that the best way to be ready is to stay ready. If you are ready for the end all the time, you can spend your time working to spread the gospel and put it into practice, as Jesus commanded his disciples to do, rather than minding other people's business and sponging off of others, as Paul warned the Thessalonians. The day of the Lord is near. Let us put our faith into practice every day so that if today is the day we are already all ready.

Question of the Week: What habits will I now adopt to make sure that I am ready always?

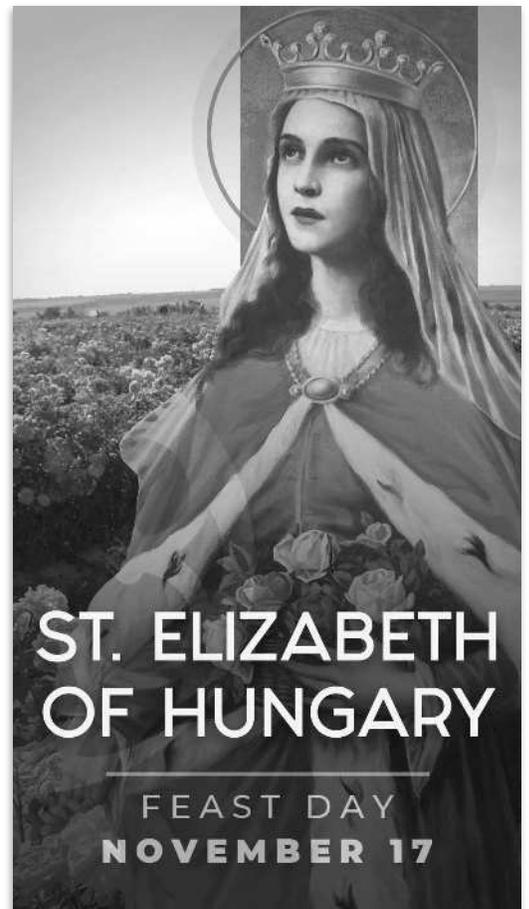
Gospel Meditation

When I was a kid growing up in New England, I'd occasionally go on a whale watch. Once we went out with calm waters and clear skies. But on the way back in, the sea got rough. I was just a kid, and I remember thinking we should turn left or right toward the shoreline I could see. But the pilot of the boat kept going straight – right into the waves – focused on a small, discouragingly distant lighthouse. Even when it flickered in and out of sight, he stayed the course. He knew where he was going.

That image comes to mind when I hear Jesus' words in today's Gospel regarding false messiahs: "Do not follow them" (Luke 21:8). In times of chaos or uncertainty, there are always voices offering easier routes, promising false safety, claiming to speak for God. But Jesus isn't found in the loudest voice or the nearest shoreline. He is steady, like a lighthouse in the storm.

The tribulation of which Jesus speaks – it's real. It happened to the Temple, it happened to him, it happens in the Church, and it will come to each of us. But the command is not to panic. It's to endure. To keep steering toward him. Faith isn't about having all the answers or dodging every wave. It's about knowing where the lighthouse is – and trusting it enough to keep going, especially when false safety beckons us to stop.

– *Father John Muir*
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Prayer in Seasons of Trust

O Lord,
Be with me now, I feel so alone. Bring
Your blessings to me, like the light of a
candle in darkness.
Wrap me in Your mercy, give me
strength to face every hardship.
Amen.

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MASS INTENTIONS

NOV 15	4:00 PM	WAYNE DUFOUR
NOV 22	4:00 PM	DON FEATHERSTONE
NOV 22	4:00 PM	LOUIS & ANGELNA ARRUDA
NOV 23	10:00 AM	ANNE RIVARD
DEC 20	4:00 PM	WAYNE DUFOUR
DEC 20	4:00 PM	ANGELINA ARRUDA
DEC 27	4:00 PM	DON FEATHERSTONE
DEC 28	8:00 AM	PETER JANCAITIS
JAN 11	8:00 AM	THOMAS COTTER
JAN 25	8:00 AM	WESLEY LAFORD

Prayer of the Rosary

Every Saturday at 3:30 pm in the church, led by members of the Saint Boniface Knights of Columbus.

Food Donations for the months of November and December will go to Catholic Charities. Food pantries are having a difficult time due to the high cost of groceries and low donations. If everyone in our parish could help by bringing 2-3 items each month during the Holiday season it will help a lot of people to have food on their tables for the Holidays. Donations can be placed in the rear of the church. Thank you for your continued generosity.

Grief Share Ministry

The new Grief Share Ministry here at St. Boniface, now has an e-mail. Any interested participants should submit their contact information. The team will reach out with information about the upcoming classes in January. stbonifacegriefgroup@gmail.com

Musical Instruments

We are still in need of any musical instruments for the children music program you can donate. They would be greatly appreciated and can be placed in the back of the church. Thanks so much!

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Parish Office Hours

Monday / Wednesday 9:00 am – 2:00 pm

The Celebration of the Eucharist

Sunday: 8:00 am, 10:00 am | Saturday Vigil: 4:00 pm
Memorial Day through Labor Day — Sunday: 9:00 am | Saturday Vigil: 4:00 pm
Holy Hour of Adoration: last Wednesday of the month 5:30-6:30 pm
Weekday Masses: 6:30 pm Wednesday | 8:00 am Thursday & Friday

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION (Confession) Saturday 5:00-5:30 p.m. or by appointment.

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM Adults are baptized at the Easter Vigil as part of the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA). Infant and child Baptisms are by arrangement.

FIRST EUCHARIST Preparation begins in grade one and includes classes, retreats, and home instruction. Children receive First Eucharist in grade two.

CONFIRMATION Our Confirmation program begins in the 9th grade; students are confirmed in the spring of the 10th grade. For young adults who have been baptized but not yet confirmed, contact the parish office.

SACRAMENT OF MATRIMONY It is the policy of the Diocese of Worcester that a couple should contact the parish at least one year prior to the anticipated date of their wedding to allow sufficient time to carry out the various steps of the marriage preparation process. It is important that arrangements be made with the church before plans are made with reception halls, caterers, etc.

ANNOINTING OF THE SICK Please call the parish office 978-582-4008, or email Fr. Omolo at stbonifaceparish@verizon.net or Louise Nadeau at dinalou1@comcast.net to arrange these visits.

PRAYER LINE MINISTRY If you or someone you know needs prayers or if you would like to be a part of this ministry of those who pray for the needs of neighbors, please contact the parish office at 978-582-4008, email stbonifaceparish@verizon.net or contact Louise Nadeau at dinalou1@comcast.net.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS COUNCIL #16480 In Service to One. In Service to all. Members meet in the Parish Hall on the first Wednesday of each month at 7 pm. Any Catholic men over 18 who are interested in joining the Knights should contact Deputy Grand Knight, Thomas Bodkin at tbodkin@bodkinmason.com or (508-363-3422), or email kofc16480@gmail.com.

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Newcomers to St. Boniface are invited and encouraged to formally register as members of the parish so that we may stay in touch with you with faith formation news, notices of special events, volunteer opportunities, and more.

Registration forms are available at the doors of the church, the parish office, or on our website.

Please note that you must be registered for at least six months before we can issue any verification of your status as a parishioner for godparent or sponsor letters.

How did the Saints rest? And how can rest help us on our own journey to Heaven?

This season, with its shorter days and longer nights, provides a hidden holiness you may not expect: rest. Rest really can be holy. This is something the saints understood well. Rest is not idleness; it is participation in God's rhythm of creation.

From the beginning, rest has been sacred. "On the seventh day, God finished His work which He had done, and He rested" (Genesis 2:2). If the Creator Himself rested, then rest must be part of how we reflect His image.

But what does that look like in a world that never stops moving?

Rest didn't mean inaction for the saints. Rather, it meant renewal. St. John Paul II, who spent his life in motion, carved out quiet afternoons for hiking and prayer. For him, physical rest was an invitation into contemplation, a deeply important aspect of the spiritual life. He once said, "Take time to look around you, to listen to the wind, to feel the earth. In those moments, you'll find God."

Even the busiest saints knew the need to step away. St. Teresa of Calcutta instructed her sisters to spend an hour in Eucharistic adoration every day, no matter how many poor people needed them. "If we pray," she said, "we will have time for everything."

And St. Francis de Sales, whose words still echo today, advised, "Half an hour's meditation each day is essential, except when you are busy. Then a full hour is needed."

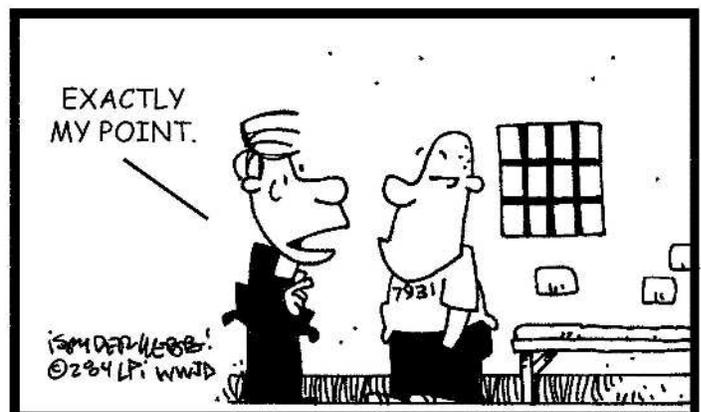
Their example reminds us that rest should not be seen as a reward after holiness but as an essential part of holiness.

Rest may look different for each of us. But as the days become darker and shorter, spend some time considering what deeper rest God may be inviting you into. For some, it may mean making the most of the shorter day, not through increased productivity, but through a walk while the sun is still up, appreciating the beauty of the day, or through an evening Rosary prayed while the sun is setting.

For others, it may be an invitation to slow down and take on less. Prayerfully consider saying "no" to a few more afternoon and evening activities, making an intentional effort to get home as the evening darkness comes in, settling down into prayer or family time earlier than usual.

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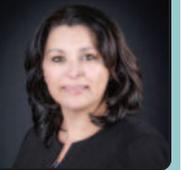
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