

Knowing When Our Prayers Are Answered

By Mitch and Kathy Finley

When Zechariah and his wife, Elizabeth, were very old, the angel Gabriel appeared and announced that their prayers had finally been answered: they are going to have a baby. This elderly couple had yearned for a child all their married lives. This baby is the fulfillment of their hopes and dreams, the end of their lifelong unhappiness. But Zechariah questioned the angel.

Sometimes it is difficult to recognize when our prayers have been answered. In some instances, we can imagine one, and only one, solution to our problem. The lonely don't recognize the opportunities for companionship. The envious don't appreciate their many blessings. The bored don't perceive their prospects for meaningful work, or potential to learn something new, or the possibility of an adventure. With our eyes fixed on some "prize," we miss the blessing offered us, or worse, we turn that blessing into a burden.

Zechariah and Elizabeth's baby grows up to be John the Baptist, the one who announces that the long-awaited Messiah is here, and that it's his cousin, Jesus. But even John doubted. After he was arrested, John sent two of his disciples to ask Jesus, "Are you the one who is to come, or should we look for another?"



Imagine John in jail—mistreated, hungry, scared, and wondering if he could have made a mistake. If Jesus is the Messiah, why isn't he busting John out of prison? Why is he letting him suffer? Jesus knows exactly what John needs to hear. He reminds John of the prophecies and what kind of Messiah he is—one who will manifest his mission in humble acts of service.

The blind regain their sight. Not only those physically blind but the spiritually blind who had been unable to see the good.

The lame walk. Not just the weak or disabled but those who are emotionally stuck, unable to make a change, to leave behind what is holding them back from being the people they were meant to be.

Lepers are cleansed. Not only those who ache with physical ailments but those who are rejected by society, those thought to be unclean and therefore unwelcome.

The deaf hear. Not only those physically deaf but those unable to hear the truth of God's love.

The dead are raised. All who know Jesus are invited to emerge from tombs where they live a half-life and walk into the light of the gospel.

And the poor have the good news proclaimed to them. This as much as any miracle is what drew the masses to Jesus. To hear the Good News, to be given a reason to hope—this is the One they have been waiting for. They believed! +

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Faithful God, help us to believe in your promises and, when doubt assails us, be with us and show us the way. We pray in Jesus' name. Amen.

The Redemptorists

WEEKDAY READINGS

November 14–19

Monday, Weekday:
Rev 1:1–4; 2:1–5 / Lk 18:35–43
Tuesday, Weekday:
Rev 3:1–6, 14–22 / Lk 19:1–10
Wednesday, Weekday:
Rev 4:1–11 / Lk 19:11–28

Thursday, St. Elizabeth of Hungary:
Rev 5:1–10 / Lk 19:41–44
Friday, Weekday:
Rev 10:8–11 / Lk 19:45–48
Saturday, Weekday:
Rev 11:4–12 / Lk 20:27–40

Bringing Home
the Word

November 13, 2022

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Bringing Home the Word

Thirty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time (C)
November 13, 2022

Keeping the End in Mind

By Fr. Mark Haydu, LC

As we approach the end of the liturgical year, the readings prepare us for the conclusion of our earthly pilgrimage. Jesus describes the end times in today's Gospel. He warns us not to follow false prophets who will arise and claim to come in his name. He prophesies a time of war, natural disasters, famines, and plagues. Persecution will fall upon his followers, allowing them the chance to give testimony—*martyrion* in Greek.

Jesus' monitions for that time are simple: do not follow false prophets

or prepare a defense, but persevere instead. In the section "I Believe in Life Everlasting," the *Catechism of the Catholic Church* also speaks to us about the last times (1020–1029). We believe in heaven, hell, and a personal, universal judgment. These last things await us all, and Jesus doesn't keep us in the dark about these realities.

We don't know when the end times may come. But regardless, our call is to live prepared by fulfilling God's will and trusting in him. Jesus clearly wants us to be aware of the coming of the end of the world and the eventual end of our lives on this earth, but he doesn't want us to be overly anxious. If we are in Christ, we are already a new creation. The old has passed away. Behold the new has come. Be not afraid! +

Sunday Readings

Malachi 3:19–20a

For you who fear my name, the sun of justice will arise with healing in its wings.

2 Thessalonians 3:7–12

We wanted to present ourselves as a model for you, so that you might imitate us.

Luke 21:5–19

[Jesus] said, "All that you see here—the days will come when there will not be left a stone upon another stone...."

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A Word from Pope Francis

Here is the meaning of being wise and prudent: it is a matter of not waiting until the last minute of our lives to cooperate with the grace of God....It would be good to consider for a moment: one day will be the last. If it were today, how prepared am I?

ANGELUS, ROME,
NOVEMBER 12, 2017



REFLECTION QUESTIONS

- Do I live out each day aware that I will someday meet God face to face?
- Is there anything I should adjust in my life to be better prepared for that day?



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33rd Sunday Ordinary Time

Mass Nov. 13, 2022

Lector: Brandy Ferguson

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS:

Marv Grassl

Greeters & Presentation of Gift

James & Tiffany Freitag family

Altar Servers:

Mackenzie P. & Angie V.

Christ the King Sunday

Mass Nov. 20, 2022

Lector: Victoria Ocampo

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS:

Mike Reimers

Greeters & Presentation of Gift

Wally & Marla Goade

Alter Servers:

Josh B. & Emmett K.

Pope's Prayer intentions:

Children Who Suffer

We pray for children who are suffering, especially those who are homeless, orphans, and victims of war; may they be guaranteed access to education and the opportunity to experience family affection.

Mass Schedule

Sunday: 8:00 a.m. @ St. Paul's in Eltopia

10:30 a.m. @ St. Vincent's (English)

12:00 p.m. @ St. Vincent's (Spanish)

Saturday: 7:00 p.m. @ San Juan Diego (Spanish)

Wednesday: 8:00 a.m. Adoration @ St. Vincent's

8:30 a.m. Mass @ St. Vincent's

Confessions: Wednesdays 6:30 pm @ St. Vincent's

Saturday 4:30 pm @ San Juan Diego

Church Secretary: Elida Fernández - secSt.vincent2015@gmail.com

Tues, Weds, Thurs 12:00 pm – 3:30 pm

Elida can be reached at 509-318-0917 - 12 – 3:30 pm on Tues. Weds. Thurs.

Prayer Chain: Call Carolyn Nordhus @ 509-234-5972

Breezeway Calendar: If you have any parish events or meetings that you would like on the all parish calendar that is posted in the breezeway please contact Marla Goade @ 539-5354 wmgoade73@gmail.com

Weekly Bulletin: Please email Elida Fernández secSt.vincent2015@gmail.com by WEDNESDAY EVENINGS for information to be included in the upcoming Sunday bulletin.

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Website: To add or send information, pictures or news to the website please email Jaeniffer Kaiser @ jaeniffer2002@hotmail.com

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UPCOMING EVENTS MARK YOUR CALENDAR

Altar Flowers

Nov. – Altar Society

Dec. – Altar Society Guild 2

NO CONFESSIONS

This Wednesday the 16th, Nov.
@ St. Vincent Parish

HIGH SCHOOL RELIGIOUS ED

We meet every Wednesday

@ 5:30 pm. Dinner followed by
lesson of the day. Come and learn
about our Catholic faith.

Connell Food Bank

Banco de Comida

Seniors: Tuesdays

3rd Edad- Tues. / Martes

22 of Nov.

10:00 am – 11:30 am

General Public:

El público en general:

Wednesdays / Miércoles

23 of Nov.

9:00 am – 1:00 pm

5:00 pm – 6:30 pm

Request of Sacrament Certificates

Please be advised, there is a 10-day
minimum needed to search for
records. Please be timely in your
request of a new certificate.

THOUGHT OF THE WEEK FROM THE PASTORAL PATTERNS BY JS

PAULISH CO:

When bad things happen, how do you deal with them? Have you ever worried about something that might happen? What can help you worry less?

STEWARDSHIP

"...Rather, we wanted to present ourselves as a model for you, so that you might imitate us." 2 THESSALONIANS 3:9

Most people who live a grateful and generous lifestyle don't go around bragging about it. But through their words and actions, others do take notice. They notice because of the joy and peace that results and others desire this in their own life. Know that the way you live your life may be the only interaction others may have with our Catholic faith.

Thank you for your generous Weekly contributions

Oct. 23, 2022	Oct. 30, 2022
10:30 am - \$1032.85	10:30 am - \$1626.00
12:00 pm - \$552.00	12:00 pm - \$451.00
Basin City - \$792.00	Basin City - \$780.00

Annual Catholic Appeal

St. Vincent's Goal:

\$23,891.00

Donations as of Oct. 26th: \$9481.00

REMINDER

"De-construction" of the hall kitchen
is progressing.

Any group meeting that usually serves some kind of food should plan an extra few minutes for setting up - creativity is recommend for the next several weeks in setting out food for our meetings and the less space available for use in the hall. Thank you

St. Vincent Parish Office

Will be closed the week of Thanksgiving
Nov. 21 – Nov. 25
Happy Thanksgiving!

FR. GUS'S SCHEDULE FOR 2 WEEKS:

Nov. 13, 2022 – Nov. 27, 2022

Monday Nov. 14:

Fr. Gus' Day off

Tues. Nov. 15:

4:00 pm Confessions @ Eltopia

5:00 pm Mass @ Eltopia

6:30 pm Parish Council @ Basin City

Wed. Nov. 16:

8:00 am Adoration @ Connell

8:30 am Mass @ Connell

No Confessions @ Connell

5:30 pm Hi School Group @ Basin City

Thurs. Nov. 17:

No Adoration / Mass @ Eltopia

3:00 pm IHRC Meets

5:00 pm Guadalupanas @ Connell

Fri. Nov. 18:

8:00 am Prison Ministry @ Connell

4:30 pm Confessions @ Basin City

Sat Nov. 19:

9:00 am – 12 pm Wedding Prep @ Connell

No Confessions @ Basin City

7:00 pm Mass @ Basin City

Sun. Nov. 20: Mass

8:00 am Mass @ Eltopia

10:30 am Mass @ Connell

12:00 pm Mass @ Connell

Please keep Fr. Gus in your daily prayers.

Monday Nov. 21:

PARISH OFFICE CLOSED ALL WEEK

Fr. Gus' week off

Tues. Nov. 22:

Fr. Gus' week off

Wed. Nov. 23:

Fr. Gus' week off

Thurs. Nov. 24:

Fr. Gus' week off

Fri. Nov. 25:

Fr. Gus' week off

Sat Nov. 26:

11:00 am Baptisms @ Basin City

No Confessions @ Basin City

7:00 pm Mass @ Basin City

Sun. Nov. 27: Mass

8:00 am Mass @ Eltopia

10:30 am Mass @ Connell

12:00 pm Mass @ Connell