

What do the Saints Say?

Luke 21: 25-37

An Excerpt from *The Catholic Commentary on Sacred Scripture*

[21:25–28] Turning the attention from Jerusalem to the world, Jesus announces the cosmic upheaval that will accompany the end times. There will be signs that cause people to be perplexed and even to die or faint of fright (the Greek verb can mean either). These events are described in a general way using imagery often found in the prophets concerning the heavens, the sun, and the moon—for example, the passage from Joel that Peter will later quote in his Pentecost sermon: “I will set signs in the heavens and on the earth . . . / The sun will darken, / the moon turn blood-red, / Before the day of the LORD arrives” (Joel 3:3–4; see Acts 2:19–20).⁴⁷ Jesus’ second coming will then follow, which he describes here by drawing from Daniel, as elsewhere in the Gospel (Luke 9:26; 22:69): the Son of Man will come in a cloud with power and great glory (Dan 7:13–14). In response, Jesus’ disciples should not cringe in fear (Luke 21:26) but rather raise their heads, knowing that the day of redemption is at hand (Eph 4:30). When he comes as “deliverer” from heaven (Rom 11:26), “the times of universal restoration” (Acts 3:21) and of the resurrection of the body (1 Cor 15:22–23, 51) will come to pass.

[21:29–33] Jesus illustrates his teaching with a lesson (literally, “parable”) about a fig tree. Earlier, a parable about a barren fig tree indicated that the time for producing fruit was running out for Jerusalem (Luke 13:6–9). This parable is also about all the other trees, recalling other sayings that likewise emphasize bearing good fruit (3:8–9; 6:43–44). When the trees begin to sprout leaves, it is a sign that summer and the time for fruit is near. Similarly, when these signs occur, the kingdom of God in its fullness is near, bringing either judgment or redemption, and answering the petitions of those who have prayed for its coming (11:2). Jesus adds two related sayings. The first emphasizes just how near the things are that he has prophesied—that is, regarding Jerusalem’s fall, which is the sign of the end times. They will take place within the lifetime of this generation, a phrase that as elsewhere in Luke (7:31; 11:29–32, 50–51; 17:25) must refer to Jesus’ contemporaries. A biblical generation is forty years (on account of the wilderness generation, Num 32:13). Indeed, Jesus preached these words around AD 30 (or 33), and Jerusalem fell in AD 70. The second saying emphasizes just how certain Jesus’ words are. More firm even than heaven and earth (Luke 21:25–26), they will not pass away and are thus worthy to be believed.

[21:34–36] Recalling what he has taught elsewhere in the Gospel, Jesus concludes with a call to be vigilant (12:37) so as not to become drowsy (9:32; 22:45–46), for reasons such as drunkenness (12:45) or the anxieties of daily life (8:14), and thus be caught by surprise by the day of the Lord’s coming. This can be applied to everyone—those of Jesus’ generation, those alive at his second coming, and all those in between. All must pray for the strength to escape (see 21:21) the judgment and to stand (v. 28) for the redemption that the Son of Man will bring.

[21:37–38] Following the conclusion of Jesus’ discourse, a brief summary serves to frame the Jerusalem ministry section (19:45–21:38). The mention of Jesus’ routine of teaching in the temple area by day and of the eagerness of the people to go to listen to him echoes the description back at the beginning of the Jerusalem ministry (19:47–48). However, there is also a new piece of information that looks forward in the narrative: Jesus goes at night to the Mount of Olives. Other Gospels specify further that he would go to Bethany (Matt 21:17; Mark 11:11–12), on the mount’s eastern slope (see Luke 19:29). Luke’s more general reference provides a hint of what is to come. On the night of his arrest, Jesus will go, as is “his custom, to the Mount of Olives” (22:39). These two verses are the calm before the storm. The very next verse (22:1) announces the feast of Passover, beginning the narrative of Jesus’ suffering and death (22:1–23:56).

Schedule of Events:

Monday, November 29

6:30 a.m. Confessions

7:00 a.m. Mass

Tuesday, November 30

6:30 a.m. Confessions

7:00 a.m. Mass

Wednesday, December 1

6:30 a.m. Confessions

7:00 a.m. Mass

7:00 p.m. KC Meeting

Thursday, December 2

6:30 a.m. Confessions

7:00 a.m. Mass

6:30 p.m. P27

6:00 p.m. Ladies Alter Society Social

Friday, December 3

6:30 a.m. Confessions

7:00 a.m. 1st Friday Mass

7:30 a.m. Parish Holy Hour

Saturday, December 4

6:30 a.m. Confessions

7:00 a.m. 1st Saturday Mass

3:00 p.m. Confessions

4:00 p.m. Vigil Mass

Sunday, December 5

7:30 a.m. Confessions

8:00 a.m. Mass

9:30 a.m. Confessions

10:00 a.m. Mass

6:00 p.m. Confessions

6:30 p.m. Mass



MASS INTENTIONS



For the Week of November 29th – December 5th

7:00 A.M.-Monday, November 29th

All Donors and Benefactors of St. Ann Church & in Memory of: Parishioners of St. Ann
Wilma Picou

7:00 A.M.-Tuesday, November 30th

All Donors and Benefactors of St. Ann Church & in Memory of: Parishioners of St. Ann
Neva Morris, Mia Bourg, Eric Rogers

7:00 A.M.-Wednesday, December 1st

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7:00 A.M.-Thursday, December 2nd

All Donors and Benefactors of St. Ann Church & in Memory of: Parishioners of St. Ann
Kevin Ward

7:00 A.M.-Friday, December 3rd

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7:00 A.M.-Saturday, December 4rd

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4:00 P.M.- Saturday, December 4th

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Peter W. Hebert, Wayne G. Cancienne, Michael L. McGee, Faith B. LeBoeuf, Edward & Bertha Boudreaux
Cynthia Charpentier, Jerry & Mat Arceneaux, Keri Lynn Niette, Wilbert Dupre Sr. Eric, Joel & Frank Rogers,
Neva Morris, Mia Bourg, Lucille Naquin, Clarice, Allen, & John Bascle, Peter & Daisy Babin Family,
Lester & Alicia Babin Family, Gordon & Merlin Seuzeneau, Herbert & Marion Porche Family, Steve Porche,
Clara & Lawlis Barrios, Walter & Anna Belle Duplantis, Herman & Ellen Walker, Leslie & Carley Walker,
Herman Walker Jr., Louise Walker, Lawrence Dugas, Wallace & Dolly Callahan, Bonabel Naquin, Ollie Courteaux,
Leeward & Christian Boquet

8:00 A.M.-Sunday, December 5th

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Cindy Rodrigue Broussard, Paul, Eula Mae, & Roland Rodrigue, Loyd Savin, Brad M. Falgout
Hannah Authement, Sterling Sr. & Mary E. Authement, Randy & Mark Naquin, Sterling Authement Jr.,
Eugene & Leona Theriot Sr., Israel & Mae Authement, Marion & Irma Bascle, Norman & Eunice Falgout,
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Dawn Lirette, Mary Eve & Vayne Bascle, Gail Fabre, Lionel Bascle Family, Arthe Breaux Family, Aubrey Lee Boquet,
Arthur Fabre, M/M Ivby Petit, M/M Remey Bonnette, Eric & Nicole Authement, Judy Bascle, Arnold Authement
Vin & Joyce LeBlanc & Family, Gilbert & Rita Bergeron & family, Cecile Fabre, Roland & Jeanette Belanger,
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Terry Lirette, Ella Mae Guidry, Jesse Fanguy Sr., A.J. Theriot, Ann & Clyde Hebert, Carol Bascle Sr.,
Floyd Trosclair

10:00 A.M.- Sunday, December 5th

All Donors and Benefactors of St. Ann Church & in Memory of: Parishioners of St. Ann

Keri Lynn Niette, Herbert, Celina, Joyce, Deborah & Ronald Belanger, Rosie & Richard Lafont
Wallace Ellender Jr., Davis Dardar, Edith Bergeron Plaisance,
Living & Deceased members of the Naquin, Lajaunie, LeBoeuf and Lapeyrouse families
Timothy Pellegrin, Steven & Bertha Mae Pellegrin, Reynold Luke, Pamela Danos LeBoeuf

6:30 P.M.- Sunday, December 5th

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Picou & Rogers family

Memorials for the week of November 28, 2021

The Sanctuary Light this week in memory of: Jody Schouest by Stacy Lapeyrouse

Stewardship of Treasure

November 20th & 21st, 2021: Envelopes: \$2,709.00 + Loose: \$462.00 + \$1,652.09 (online giving)

Thank you for your generosity!

Announcements

St. Ann Mission Nights will be held on Tuesday, December 7th and Tuesday, December 14th at 6:30 p.m.
Father Cody Chatagnier will discuss the Infancy Narratives. All are welcome to attend.



St. Ann Advent penance service "The Light is on for You" will be held on
Wednesday, December 15th from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.

The Ladies Alter Society Social will be held on Thursday, December 2, 2021 at 6:00 p.m. in the parish center.



The St. Ann Parish Social will be held on Saturday, December 11, 2021 at 5:00 p.m. in the parish center. It will be a potluck dinner with the Ladies Auxiliary providing the turkey and ham. Santa will also make an appearance!



It is time for the Jessie Tree. Applications for families needing help will start 11/29/21.
Please contact Mrs. Johnnie @ 790-2801. The tree will be available in church on 12/4/21 with gifts due by 12/18.

Church Cleaning:

Week of November 29th – Irma Authement

Week of December 6th - Charlene Aucoin, Lyndell Guedry, Shirley Melancon,
Janet Tolleson, Una Hungate, Jeannie Usie

MASSES COMMENTATOR / LECTOR EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS

	Commentator/Lector	Eucharistic Ministers
Saturday, November 27th		
Saturday 4:00 p.m.	Brian M., Randolph B.	Randolph B., Alton N.
Sunday, November 28th		
Sunday 8:00 a.m.	Doug B., Jessie N.	Christine R., Doug B.
Sunday 10:00 a.m.	Johnnie O., Lisa L.	Jarrod S., Debbie L.
Sunday 6:30 p.m.	Hayes B., Alaina L.	Brett G., Maria T.
Saturday, December 4th		
Saturday 4:00 p.m.	Cindy S., Brian M.	Yvonne W., Randolph B.
Sunday, December 5th		
Sunday 8:00 a.m.	David B., Nick P.	Carol B., Patsy E.
Sunday 10:00 a.m.	David L., Connie D.	Paula W., Lisa L.
Sunday 6:30 p.m.	Amanda R., Lisa R.	Ashley D., Hayes B.

