

St. Susanna Catholic Church

a Community of Faith...
a Church in Action!

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Parish Office Hours

Monday - Friday:

8:30am - 4:30pm

(Closed daily from Noon-1:00pm)

Parish Membership

We joyfully welcome new members of our parish community. Please register by calling the Parish Office (513-398-3821), or online (www.stsusanna.org).

Bulletin Deadline

The deadline for all articles for the Sunday bulletin is Friday afternoon, (9) days before the article appears in the bulletin. Please send items, along with the dates they should run, to bulletin@stsusanna.org for submission.

www.stsusanna.org

NOVEMBER 17, 2019

THIRTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

GOD WILL JUDGE THE WORLD WITH JUSTICE.

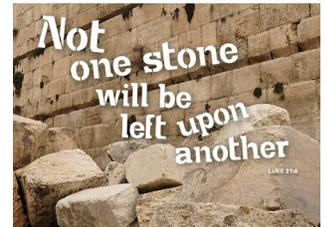
As we come to the end of the Church calendar, the word of God invites us to reflect on our lives as God's people, bearing in mind what awaits us in the life after. Like sections of our society today, many people in the days of Malachi found it difficult to distinguish right from wrong. The faithful people seemed to suffer, while the faithless prospered. Some wondered whether it was worthwhile serving God or living a life one deemed fit.

Malachi, however, assures us that God will administer justice and all of us will make an account of our actions before Him. The evildoers will "have their day," and the just shall forever be God's special possession. This means that, despite the challenges we face in this world, we should always hold on and persevere in our faith until the day of the Lord. Today, as a believer, *which side of the aisle do you find yourself?*



It is not yet too late for us to be on the right side of the aisle. St. Paul invites us to work very hard so that we can be role models to those that have surrendered their will to immoral acts of our time. Many people have embraced certain moral evils such as *abortion, euthanasia, corruption, same sex marriage, concubinage, drunkenness, etc.* as part of modern civilization.

Jesus predicts the destruction of the temple as a result of how the Jews refused to accept His teachings and embraced their own cultural trends. The temple building to be reduced to dust and rubble is a reminder that God does not dwell in structures, but in our bodies - which are the true temples. God wants us to be holy, and that is why Jesus predicts that the holiest of temples will last forever. It means that our hearts must be God's dwelling places, which calls for refocusing our attention to what is good for our souls rather than what is convenient to us.



In accepting certain vices in our society, we are slowly causing destruction to our communities - just as the Jews caused the destruction of their temple when they refused to accept the message of God, through His son Jesus.

Let us NOT wait for the day of judgement but start now to prepare ourselves to meet the Lord, because no one knows the hour when God will call you to make an account of your life.

Fr. Elias

MASS INTENTIONS & WEEKEND PRESIDERS

Monday, November 18

6:00pm Floyd Fehrenbach

Tuesday, November 19

8:15am Bobby Thompson

Wednesday, November 20

8:15am Donald Phillips

Thursday, November 21

8:15am Linda Wade
2:30pm (Mason Christian Village)
Intention of the Parishioners

Friday, November 22

8:15am Oliver J. Maier

Saturday, November 23

8:15am Galluppi Family
5:00pm (Fr. Mwesigye) Frank Lahrman

Sunday, November 24

7:30am (Fr. Farrell) Lou Pfriem
9:00am (Fr. Farrell) Trisha Verdin
11:15am (Fr. Mwesigye) Jack Gavin
4:00pm (Spanish) Mayra Nicacio Galindo
6:00pm (Fr. Mwesigye) Fred Contant

WEEKEND MASS TIMES

Saturday at 5:00pm
Sunday at 7:30am, 9:00am, 11:15am, 6:00pm

Spanish Mass: 4:00pm the 2nd & 4th Sundays of the month

DAILY MASS TIMES

Monday at 6:00pm
Tuesday through Saturday at 8:15am

HOLY DAY MASSES

8:15am, 12:00pm (Noon) & 7:00pm
(Unless otherwise noted.)

RECONCILIATION

Monday at 6:45pm and Saturday at 9:00am

EUCCHARISTIC EXPOSITION

Monday, 6:45 - 9:00pm

FIRST FRIDAY

After 8:15am Mass Friday to beginning
of 8:15am Mass Saturday

ROSARY/DEVOTIONS

Tuesday through Saturday at 7:30am

PRAY FOR THOSE SERVING OVERSEAS!

Alex Back
Jake Denman
Joseph Patrick Fusco
Matthew Kyler Saurine
Justin Schuh
Christian Sorfnsen
Brandon Wesley
Michael Zeller



PRAYERS FOR THOSE IN NEED

Sue Back
Molly Baker
Cyndy Brady
Dan Breniser
Denise Brown
Steve Bruce
BettyLu Bryan
Deborah Burkardt
James Burke
Carolyn Capizzi
Richard Carroll
Jody Charlton
Robert Chiricosta
James Edmonds
Marcela Farrell
Joann Fath
Nan-c Feiertag
Jim Gibson
Edna Gilb
Diana Gravitt
Deanna Hamm
David Hicks
Bill Horstmann
Laura Johns
Lyle Jones
Joe Koenig
Janice Koncius
Toni Kuhlman
Susan Marsh
Matt Martin
Gail Matre
Michael McCarty
John McNally
Lisa Mitchell
Jeanne Mullett
Gabriel Orick
Jeanie Pence
Connie Rave
Bill Reynolds
Dorothy Rice
Doreen Schowalter
Wayne Schowalter
Matt Shawhan
Millie Smeltzer
Terry Sojda
Connie Sparkowski
Jack Stubenrauch
Teresita Gloria Lim Sy
Stephanie Tobiaf
Scott Trapp
Jenny Weibel
Gary Wilkinson
Jennifer Williamson
Ken Wood

Nursery

The nursery is available for 9:00 and 11:15am Masses. It is located in the Undercroft. Call ext. 3126 or email nursery@stsusanna.org for details.

Children's Liturgy of the Word

For children in grades K-2,
September through May,
9:00 and 11:15am Masses.

Spanish Mass

A Mass in Spanish will be held at 4:00pm on the 2nd & 4th Sundays of every month. For details, contact Karla Eysoldt, (513) 448-8994 or keysoldt@catholiccincinnati.org.

Misa en español es el segundo y cuarto domingo del mes a las 4:00pm.

Prayer Requests

If you have people to be prayed for and would like to have them in the bulletin, please email bulletin@stsusanna.org and we will begin publishing them weekly.



The flowers gracing the
Altar are in honor of
Tessa Lynn Benhase
Celebrating her Baptism
into the Family of Christ

CELEBRATION OF BAPTISM

Tessa Lynn Benhase
Daughter of Jeffrey and Melissa Benhase

Jack Edward Downey
Son of Michael and Julie Downey

IN LOVING MEMORY

Kenneth Brill
Father of Kevin Brill, Karen Bakken,
Kathleen Brill and Kelly Mitchell

Zeta Deye
Mother of Doug Deye

Gene McEndree
Father of Lisa Welage

ADULT FAITH FORMATION

Our Catholic Faith

Are you interested in learning more about our beautiful Catholic Faith and perhaps becoming Catholic? Are you an Adult Catholic seeking Confirmation? Then please contact Susan Hack, ext. 3169 or hacks@stsusanna.org.

Baptism Preparation

All parents desiring Baptism for their children should go to the website and fill out the registration forms on the website at www.stsusanna.org/baptism.

Marriage Preparation

Please contact the Parish Office no later than six months prior to the date of intended marriage.



EXPLORE THEOLOGY OF THE BODY AT SUNDAY CAFÉ!

Dig deeper into Theology of the Body with friends, coffee, and food! All are welcome to join us on Sundays following the 9:00am Mass until 11:10am in the St. Susanna Room. No cost and no reservations are needed.

- This week (November 17th): *Inseparable Connection*
- Next week (November 24th): *Building the Gospel Culture*

SCHUH CENTER FOOD PANTRY NEEDS DONATIONS!



ST. SUSANNA
SCHUH CENTER FOOD PANTRY

The Schuh Center Food Pantry is finding that the food items are being disbursed as quickly as donations are coming in. Your donation will allow for us to replenish our shelves and hopefully obtain a surplus for those months when food demands are high. Through your donations, you are able to help the St. Susanna Community to reach out to the most vulnerable in our midst. Thank You for your support!

Items of Greatest Need: canned beef stew, canned peaches, canned pineapple, spaghetti, pasta (any kind, other than spaghetti), instant oatmeal packets, apple sauce, instant jello boxes, instant pudding boxes, Manwich, tomato sauce, microwave popcorn.



To create your FREE personal login, go to stsusanna.formed.org.

PTO 365 DAY RAFFLE WINNERS



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| 11/3 | Fouad & Vangie Hawa | \$100 |
| 11/4 | Callender Family | \$40 |
| 11/5 | Kevin Kinross | \$40 |
| 11/6 | Barb Nicholls | \$40 |
| 11/7 | Peter McLinden | \$40 |
| 11/8 | Andy Schuh | \$40 |
| 11/9 | Jeff Gibson | \$40 |

ALTAR FLOWER DEDICATION

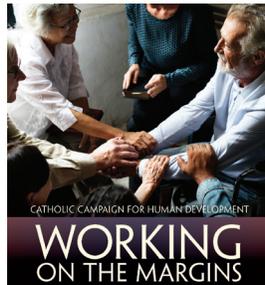


You can dedicate the placing of flowers at the altar in memory of a loved one or to honor a special occasion. The amount is \$50 to defray the cost of the flowers.

To reserve, please contact the Parish Office, 398-3821, ext. 3100, or visit www.stsusanna.org/altarflowers.

STEWARDSHIP

SPECIAL COLLECTION NEXT WEEKEND - NOVEMBER 23/24



Next week, our special collection will support the *Catholic Campaign for Human Development*. More than 46 million people in the United States live in poverty today. This collection supports programs that empower people to identify and address obstacles as they work to make permanent and positive changes for their communities. *Please give to the Catholic Campaign for Human Development by using your designated envelope from your packet.* Learn more about the Catholic Campaign for Human Development at www.usccb.org/cchd/collection.

November 10, 2019 BUDGET	November 10, 2019 ACTUAL	Over / (Under) Budget
\$38,000	\$29,910	(\$8,090)
Year to Date BUDGET	Year to Date ACTUAL	Over / (Under) Budget
\$797,000	\$758,821	(\$38,179)

THIS WEEK, FROM THE ST. SUSANNA VICENTIAN...

The Gospel predicts end times; our challenge though is to live faithfully now. St. Vincent often asked this simple question: "What would Jesus Christ do, if he were in my place now?"

Ask yourself, "What would Jesus Christ do?" and then put your gift in the collection for the Parish Peace & Justice Ministries so that those who are suffering will be able to celebrate Thanksgiving.

DISCIPLES IN ACTION

PLEASE COME TO HELP ASSEMBLE ORNAMENTS FOR THE GIVING TREE

CAN YOU HELP?

This Sunday (November 17th) from 12:15pm until we are finished in the St. Susanna Room of the Undercroft. Come and join fellow parishioners to kick off this season of sharing and to stand in solidarity with the poor and vulnerable. Please bring scissors for yourself and/or family. Participants will be cutting out paper ornaments, punching holes and assembling the ornaments to get ready to place them on the Giving Tree the weekend of November 23rd/24th. ***No registration is required!***

GIVING TREE MINISTRY IN NEED OF A BOX TRUCK

The box truck is needed the weekend of December 7th/8th for collecting the gifts for Adams County families. On December 9th, the truck would be used to transport the gifts to Adams County. If you have access to a box truck or know someone who does please contact Mary Jo Burns at burnsmj@stsusanna.org.



BOX OF JOY OUTREACH WAS A SUCCESS!



FOR CHILDREN WHO WISH FOR JUST ONE GIFT.

Once again, the parish, school, preschool and CFP students helped to make our Box of Joy Outreach a success! *We were able to donate*

approximately 710 Box of Joy boxes to be delivered to children living in some of the most impoverished areas of the world – Haiti, Guatemala, The Dominican Republic, Nicaragua and El Salvador. What a beautiful way to share the love of Christ with our fellow brothers and sisters! Thanks so much to all of those who volunteered to help with this ministry and to all those who donated boxes filled with school supplies, toiletry items and fun toys. Such a simple gesture can have life-changing results.



CAREGIVERS SUPPORT GROUP

If you are a caregiver, attending support groups can help you feel less alone and more in control of your life. By talking to others who share their experiences, you can learn useful information and tips to help you with the problems and decisions you may face. The next meeting of the Caregivers Support Group will be held in the St. Juliet Billiard Room on November 20th at 7:00pm. If you have questions, or would like to attend, please call Sharon Kipfer at 513-509-3278.

YAH TO ATTEND LA COMEDIA THEATRE

The Young at Heart senior group will attend the *Nunsense* program/dinner at La Comedia Theatre on **Thursday, January 23, 2020, at 10:30am.** The cost is \$39 per ticket. If interested, please send your check, with "La Comedia" in the memo line to the St. Susanna Parish Office. Seating is limited, don't delay. Questions? Call Jim Valento at 513-379-3823.



Meal preparation is fast approaching! SUPPLIES ARE NEEDED BY NEXT WEEKEND (November 23rd/24th)!

THE TURKEY DINNER MINISTRY NEEDS YOUR SUPPORT!



"Turkeys" are now in the Gathering Space for you to "pluck a feather" to provide financial support and/or supplies for the dinners. The number of meals is directly tied to the generosity of each of us, with each meal costing about \$40. In addition to the Thanksgiving Meal, a Kid-Friendly Food Bag will be given to the families for the children to enjoy during the Thanksgiving Weekend. Items for these bags are also listed on the feathers. Without your generosity through these feathers, these bags would each cost \$30 to provide. *If you would like to participate in the actual preparation of the meals* or for more information, please contact Karen and Ricky Mathews at rkanj2005@yahoo.com or 755-7645.

GIVING TREE OUTREACH KICKS OFF NEXT WEEKEND!



The trees for the annual parish Giving Tree Ministry will be displayed in the Gathering Space and by the elevator next weekend. This year, three organizations will benefit from the donations: the **Schuh Center (red ornaments)**, **St. George Food Pantry in Clifton (green ornaments)** and **St. Vincent DePaul St. Joseph Conference in Adams County (yellow ornaments)**. **If you would like to get an early start, gifts for the families of SVDP St. Joseph Conference can be found at www.stsusanna.org/givingtree.**

Please stop by the trees next weekend, or visit the website, to take an ornament... or 2 or 3. Purchase the item listed on the ornament. Pay close attention to the ornament regarding if the gift needs to be wrapped or not. **Attach the ornament and return the package to the church by the weekend of December 7th/8th.** If you have questions, please contact Mary Jo Burns at burnsmj@stsusanna.org or 398-3821, ext. 3120.

Volunteers are still needed on the weekend of December 7th/8th to collect the gifts. Volunteers are also needed on December 9th to deliver the gifts to St. George Food Pantry and SVDP St. Joseph Conference in Adams County. **To volunteer for any of the above opportunities, please visit www.stsusanna.org/givingtree.**

WOMEN'S ASSOCIATION CHRISTMAS PARTY



All women of St. Susanna are invited to celebrate the season at the **Annual Women's Association Christmas Party on December 4th, at 6:00pm in the St. Susanna Room.** This is a great time to meet others, and be part of an active parish group of women. Entrée and beverages will be provided and attendees are asked to bring a dish to share: (last names A-L bring an appetizer or dessert, M-Z bring a side dish or salad.) Add to the fun by bringing a small (under \$10.00) wrapped gift for an exchange. This year, in the spirit of the season, we are also asking for donations of nonperishable items for the Schuh Center. Please contact Margie Berold, 513-706-8491, mberold2@gmail.com to **make a reservation and tell her what dish you're bringing by December 1st.** Come, bring a friend and have fun!

CHILDREN'S FAITH FORMATION

Early Childhood (2019-2020)

Faith Formation for 3, 4, pre-K 5-year-olds and Kindergartners meets on Sunday mornings at 9:00am. For more information, contact Jill Berning, ext. 3128 or berningj@stsusanna.org.

Preschool

Weekday Preschool is available for ages 2-5 in the Undercroft of church. For more information, contact Joette Ewing, ext. 3131 or ewingj@stsusanna.org.

CFP: Grades 1-8 (2019-2020)

Faith Formation for elementary students with classes available Sunday 10:30-11:45am, and Monday 6:00-7:15pm. For more information, contact Jill Berning, ext. 3128 or berningj@stsusanna.org.

SPRED (2019-2020)

Faith Formation for children with special needs in grades 3-8. Every other Monday 6:00-7:00pm. For more information, contact Lauren Zinnecker, ext. 3400 or zinneckerl@stsusanna.org.

Saint Susanna School

The parish school provides a Catholic education for Grades K-8. For more information, contact the School Office, ext. 3108.

Faith Alive

Grades 6-8 (2019-2020)

Sundays at 4:00pm to 5:45pm in the St. John Bosco Youth Room. For more information, contact Gabbi Montavon, ext. 3195 or montavong@stsusanna.org.

If you would like to have updates texted to you, please text [@stsusuefa](https://www.instagram.com/stsusuefa) to 81010.

LIFE

Grades 9-12 (2019-2020)

Sundays at 7:00pm in the St. John Bosco Youth Room. For more information, contact Gabbi Montavon, ext. 3195 or montavong@stsusanna.org.

If you would like to have updates texted to you, please text [@godislife](https://www.instagram.com/godislife) to 81010.

FAITH ALIVE (GRADES 6-8)

November 17th, 4:00-5:45pm: *Faith Alive Family Feud: Thanksgiving Edition!* - You are invited to come and play Family Feud with us! There will be plenty of food, fun and family!! All are encouraged to bring a friend!

November 24th: *NO Faith Alive* - Happy Thanksgiving!



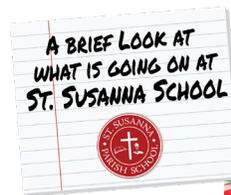
LIFE (GRADES 9-12)

November 17th, 7:00-9:00pm: *Give Thanks to the Lord* - Join us as we help prepare for St. Susanna's big Turkey Dinner event! Let's spread Christ's light!

November 24th: *NO Life* - Happy Thanksgiving!



Thank you to the generous hearts of our school families for all of the items donated for the Box of Joy Service Project. We came together as a community of faith to pack the boxes and pray for the children who will receive them. We were able to pack 334 boxes to send.



To wrap up the month of the Rosary, the 4th and 7th graders worked hard to create a unique prayer experience for families and parishioners. The 4th graders led the prayer and reflections for a decade of the Rosary.



During our preschool Thanksgiving Theme, we weave in a lot of fun & learning inspired by good old pumpkin pie! These Pumpkin Pie Math Mats are a great hands-on way to help the children recognize different ways to represent numbers and extend their math skills. This fun activity using mini-marshmallows as a manipulative helps them with number recognition, counting, and even addition!



Cooking experiences are a great way to expand on literacy, hand-eye coordination & small motor skills in the preschool classroom! After reading *Go Away Big Green Monster* by Ed Emberley, the Pre-K Class made edible artwork, "Monster Toast" with milk & food coloring!



At the Science Center, the Pre-K Class are learning the basics of engineering with marshmallows and toothpicks as they build shapes & towers (and a few birds as well with borrowed feathers from another classroom center!)



Throughout the month of November, the Thanksgiving Theme has been integrated throughout the classrooms through a variety of materials and activities. They are focusing on families, friends and being grateful to God as they learn more about how this special day came to be a very long time ago. In the Dramatic Play Center, the little ones are "experiencing" what it was like back then as they dress as Pilgrims & Native American Indians to gather & prepare food, do chores and live in a teepee together as friends.

ESTE MES EN PARROQUIA ST. SUSANNA • NOVIEMBRE 2019

MISA EN ESPAÑOL

Segundo y cuarto Domingo del Mes 4:00pm

NECESITAMOS SU AYUDA!!

Con dos Misas al mes en Español, necesitamos ayuda. Ministros de Eucaristía, Ujieres, Lectores, Monaguillos. Se provee entrenamiento. Para el Coro contactar a: Nicolas Ortiz smtjedi@yahoo.com

CAMPAÑA CATÓLICA PARA EL DESARROLLO HUMANO



Nuestra colecta especial la próxima semana apoyará a la Campaña Católica para el Desarrollo Humano. Más de 46 millones de personas en los Estados Unidos hoy viven en pobreza. Esta colecta financia programas que empoderan a las personas para identificar y tratar con los obstáculos mientras que trabajan para hacer cambios positivos y permanentes en sus comunidades. Aprenda más acerca de la Campaña Católica para el Desarrollo Humano en www.usccb.org/cchd/collection.



EL MINISTERIO ÁRBOL GENEROSO NECESITA VOLUNTARIOS

El comité Árbol Generoso ha estado planeando y organizando el Ministerio de este año. El arranque para la selección de adornos será el fin de semana del 23/24 de Noviembre. Los regalos recolectados serán distribuidos al Centro Schuh, a la despensa de comida de St. George en Clifton y a St. Vincent de Paul St. Joseph Conference en Adams County.

Muchos voluntarios son necesarios para hacer de este proyecto todo un éxito. Oportunidades de voluntariado incluyen:

- Día de ensamblado de adornos (Noviembre 17 después de la misa de las 11:15am) – no se necesita registrar
- Instalación de los árboles de Navidad en el área de reunión de la iglesia (Noviembre 23 después de la misa de la mañana)
- Recolección de los regalos (Diciembre 7/8 después de cada misa)
- Entrega de regalos a St. George en Clifton y St. Joseph Conference en Adams County (Diciembre 9)

Para ser voluntario en cualquiera de las oportunidades anteriores, vaya a la página web de la parroquia: www.stsusanna.org/givingtree. Si tienes preguntas por favor comunícate con Mary Jo Burns en burnsmj@stsusanna.org o llama al 398-3821 ext. 3120.



NOTICIAS

- Grupo de Oración para adultos en Español todos los Martes a las 7:30pm en el cuarto de St. Jerónimo abajo de la Iglesia.
- No se les olvide registrarse a la parroquia! Cualquier programa que quieran participar, cartas de la Iglesia, hacer algún sacramento, tienen que estar registrados.
- Para más información o si tiene alguna pregunta por favor comuníquese con la Iglesia. **El número de teléfono en Español de St. Susanna es:** (513) 398-3821 Ext. 3202 por favor deje mensaje.

Asegúrese de consultar el Boletín cerca de los elevadores para oportunidades de ayudar y servir a nuestra comunidad.

SPRED - FORMACION DE FE PARA NIÑOS CON NECESIDADES ESPECIALES



¿Conoce a algún estudiante en grados escolares 3ro-8vo que pudiera estar interesado en unirse a nuestro programa SPRED? Las clases ya empezaron y son los Lunes, dos veces por mes solamente. Para más información mande un correo electrónico a Virginia Rodríguez a rodriguezv@stsusanna.org.

SU CASA SE HA MUDADO

La nueva dirección es: Mid Pointe Tower
7162 Reading Rd, Cincinnati, Ohio 45237.
Tel 513-761-1588.

Para Servicios Legales de Inmigración: (513) 672-3746



MUJERES AYUDANDO A MUJERES



Todos los Viernes de 9:00am –12:00pm no tiene que hacer cita. Se habla Español. 6 South 2nd St, Hamilton.
513-207-0263 para cualquier emergencia, deje mensaje si no contestan.
Servicios: Línea de Crisis de 24 horas, intervención de Crisis Individual, acompañamiento a la corte, el Hospital, Policía, Grupos de Apoyo, etc.

¿CONOCE A ALGUIEN A QUIEN EL ALCOHOL Y LAS DROGAS REPRESENTAN PROBLEMAS EN SU VIDA?

GRUPO AMOR Y SERVICIO tiene sesiones: Todos los días de 8-10pm. Para más información por favor llame a: 513-551-3103, 513-390-3825. Trabajamos con las debilidades humanas, alcoholismo, drogadicción, neurosis, depresión y pensamientos obsesivos compulsivos.

GRUPO DE APOYO PARA SOBREVIVIENTES DE VIOLENCIA DOMÉSTICA.

Todos los Martes de 5:30-7:00pm. Llame al (513) 381-5610 para más información y lugares. Hay cuidado de niños.

CLASES GRATIS DE INGLÉS



Hamilton: Los que quieran registrarse pueden comunicarse con la oficina de ABLE de Butler Tech al 513-894-0301 para más información de lugares y donde recibir las clases.

Lebanon: 9:30am para la clase de mañanas y 5:30pm para clases en la tarde. OhioMeansJobs 300 E. Silver St Lebanon Ohio 45036.

Mason: 9:30am-12:30pm Martes y Jueves Sinclair Community College 5386 Courseview Dr. Mason OH 45040.

Keeping the End in Mind

As we approach the end of the liturgical year, the readings prepare us for the conclusion of our earthly pilgrimage. In this Sistine Chapel fresco, Moses is punishing the rebellious Israelites who were acting as priests without being authorized by him or called by God.

This chaotic scene seems similar to what Jesus describes of 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. 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 end of the world, but he doesn’t want us to be overly anxious about it. If we are in Christ, we are already a new creation. The old has passed away. Behold the new has come. Be not afraid!

—Fr. Mark Haydu, LC

For Reflection

Do I live soberly, knowing that I am heading toward an end that is both certain and wrapped in God’s mercy?

Is there anything I should adjust in my lifestyle to be better prepared for my definitive encounter with God?



Piece: *Punishment of the Rebels*, 1480-1482
 Artist: Sandro Botticelli
 Location: Sistine Chapel

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[Jesus said,] “You will be hated by all because of my name, but...by your perseverance you will secure your lives.”

Luke 21:17–19

PARISH STAFF (Contact: 398-3821 • Parish, ext. 3100 • School, ext. 3108)

Worship Team

Fr. Robert Farrell (*Pastor*): ext. 3101, farrellr@stsusanna.org
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