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**MASS TIMES: SATURDAY 4PM, SUNDAY 9AM & 11AM, MONDAY-THURSDAY 12:10PM**

THE LORD  
COMES TO  
RULE ALL  
THE EARTH  
WITH  
*justice.*

**33RD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**



There is something like poetry to the way our liturgical year is organized and how it is reflected in our readings. Two weeks ago we read from 2 Thessalonians talking about the expectation of a coming “day of the Lord” and how one should live as they await that day. Last Sunday we read about a belief in the resurrection of the dead, a common belief in the time leading up to Jesus and that remains within our faith today. This Sunday, we talk properly about the end. Endings in our tradition are not terminal. In each end is the promise of a new beginning. It’s no mistake that we wind down the year talking about the final end as we enter into a period of waiting for the birth of the Messiah. As we wait for the coming of the infant Jesus we also remember that we await his second coming and all that comes with it.

It’s hard to shake the idea that everything we experience of a society is leading up to something. Many of us get pessimistic at a perceived decline of morals, of the threat of violence and persecution. If history is building towards something and if life as we know it is an indicator of where it’s going, we might feel like it’s going nowhere good. We may ask God to intervene: to stop wars, to give the poor what they need, and to set people aright. Through the eyes of faith we can see that there are times when God does intervene through things we can’t easily explain. But the ebb and flow of history moves on and we still hope for a final intervention. In a few weeks, our adult formation series is going to take a deeper look at the Catholic view of the end, including when God wraps up in our collective story. It is a time of comings and goings and I hope you’ll check it out.

In the meantime, I’d like to look a little closer at our readings because they are filled with allusions to the end. I’ve always had a hard time reckoning with the Christian concept of the end. I knew that there were teachings on it but in my youth it was largely mediated by certain end-times preachers who were in popular media (none of whom were Catholic). I would stay up late and watch a weekly television show that looked like a newscast, only it was lining up what was happening in the news within an apocalyptic framework, all pointing towards the second coming of Christ, who would return and reign for 1,000 years. This would be happening very soon. There would be a period of tribulation which, in some accounts, would be preceded by a “rapture” of the saved, where those who had accepted Jesus Christ as their Lord and savior would be snatched up into the heavens and preserved from the woes inflicted upon the earth. This one show filled me with real dread as I thought about all that I wouldn’t experience in this life. I couldn’t look away, I’d still tune in, and I was always fascinated by the cascades of biblical references that the host made. I didn’t know the Bible hardly at all and that helplessness I felt translated into my later desire to know the Bible well. I’m ashamed to say that it would be years before I would finally learn what our Catholic tradition teaches about the end which is a real pity because I would’ve been more consoled to know it as so much of what I had heard was false. I think a lot of us

don’t really consider this aspect of Catholic teaching because we hear so little of it and I hope our upcoming adult formation series will be a step in the right direction.

In our Gospel reading from Luke, Jesus recounts what will precede the end. You wouldn’t be wrong to not find it very comforting. People will be led astray by a great deceiver. There are wars in insurrections. There will be war, natural disasters, famines, and plagues coupled with astrological signs. Followers of Jesus will experience persecution. Key to understanding this passage is the beginning of the reading where Jesus foretells the destruction of the Jerusalem Temple. To Jesus’ Jewish listeners there would’ve been nothing more catastrophic. Even the fiercest critics of the Temple leadership recognized its centrality to the life, worship, and identity of the people of Israel.

A couple of brief notes on this section. For us, this section seems to be addressed to the future but to Luke’s original audience this was more like reading a newspaper. These were things that were happening and had already happened. For most scholars, Luke is dated after the Jewish War (c. 66 CE) and the destruction of the Jerusalem Temple (c. 70 CE). Jerusalem was devastated by the Romans and much of what Jesus said would’ve resonated by those who witnessed what had happened or at least heard of it. Earlier, in 64 CE, the Emperor Nero had organized a local persecution of Christians after he shifted blame on to them for the Great Fire in Rome. Already in Paul’s time, people were leading the local churches astray (ex: Gal 1:7).

This does not mean that these passages are no longer pertinent. First, we still await the final coming of the Lord, of the final judgment, and the creation of the new heavens and new earth. But passages like these are perennial and always applicable. It’s no mistake that Christians have pointed to passages like our Gospel reading and said “it must be now!” This reminds us to be always vigilant because what happened then is still happening now. The Catholic vision of reality does not always fit in with our preoccupation with exact chronologies. What I mean is that the faith contents itself with paradoxes that are invitations to something deeper. For example, when Jesus proclaims the Kingdom of God, he says both that it is coming (Mk 1:15) but also that it is right now in the midst of people (Luke 17:21). These aren’t contradictions, both are true. Likewise with teachings on the end and on the second coming of Jesus. The end will indeed come one day and we don’t need faith to know that. But in another sense the end is always coming and is here right now. Christians are those people who constantly live like it’s the end, living with urgency for the realization of the Kingdom of God. Jesus will indeed come one day, but he comes to us constantly through the Sacraments and in the guise of the poor that require our help. A Catholic vision of things recognizes the thing in our midst as well as its final consummation.

-Tom Acemoglu

NOVEMBER 13, 2022

Over 150 local families will have a Thanksgiving Dinner because of your donations of food and gift cards through our Thanksgiving Bag Project

Thank you from  
The St Ambrose  
Food Pantry



**Saturday, 12/10/22**

Check-in and Continental Breakfast at 8:30 AM; Event runs from 9 AM to 4 PM

**St. Pius X Church,  
23 Crumitie Rd., Loudonville,  
NY**

Keynote Speakers: Sisters of Life

There will be Presentations, Reconciliation, Adoration, Rosary, Mass with Bishop Scharfenberger, box lunch, and beverages.

Register Here:

<https://www.rcda.org/UnleashingLove>

**Note: Credit / debit card users -- ignore PayPal and use the black button bar to pay via credit / debit card.**

**Due to the high cost of postage, starting in January, we will be sending large receipt donations via email, please call the office to make sure our records are up to date. If there is no email on file you will receive your receipt in the mail as always.**

St. Ambrose, Latham, New York

WE INVITE YOU TO CUT OUT THIS PRAYER & PUT IN A PLACE OF PROMINENCE SO YOU CAN PRAY IT DAILY

## Prayer for the Souls in Purgatory

*Oh gentle heart of Jesus, ever present in the Blessed Sacrament, ever consumed with burning love for the poor, captive souls in Purgatory, have mercy on them. Be not severe in Your judgments, but let some drops of your Precious Blood fall upon the devouring flames. And, Merciful Savior, send Your angels to conduct them to a place of refreshment, light and peace. Amen.*



**There will be NO  
CONFESSION on Wednesday  
evening, 11/16, due to Father  
Kelly being on vacation.**

**Endings & Beginnings:  
Understanding Catholic  
Teaching on Death,  
Judgement, the Afterlife,  
and the End of Time.**

**Sundays from 9:50a - 10:50a  
in the Chapel  
(11/20, 12/4 - 12/18)**

WANT TO STAY UP TO DATE ON ADULT LEARNING OPPORTUNITIES? Contact Tom at [thomas.acemoglu@rcda.org](mailto:thomas.acemoglu@rcda.org) or join at <https://stambroselatham.flocknote.com/AdultFaithFormat/>



Go to our website to stay up to date with the issues our diocese is currently facing.



"Come to me, all you that are weary and are carrying heavy burdens, and I will give you rest."

Matthew 11:28

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## OFFICE HOURS

Monday-Thursday 9:00am-4:00pm

Sunday Before & After the Masses  
in the Parish Center Lobby.

## St. Ambrose Bible Study

Thursdays @ 7pm  
via ZOOM

We cover all parts of the Bible in an approachable way even for first time attendees. E-mail your contact information to [thomas.acemoglu@rcda.org](mailto:thomas.acemoglu@rcda.org) to join!



## Eucharistic Adoration

Wednesdays  
11:00 AM to 6:00 PM



## ADVENT BRUNCH & BASKET RAFFLE

Join Holy Trinity on Sunday, December 4 for an Advent Communion Brunch, with a guest speaker, immediately after the 10:30 mass, in their parish center. Brunch will include scrambled eggs, bacon, sausage, bagels, pastries, breads, coffee and juices. Following the speaker, they'll have a holiday basket raffle. The baskets will be on display and tickets available for purchase that morning as well as on Saturday, December 3, both before and after the 4 pm Mass. Sign up sheets for attendance at the brunch will be at both church entrances; you may also call their office at 518-237-2373. They need attendance numbers for food control.

## Mom's Group



Join us the first Sunday of each month from 9:50AM -10:50AM

Contact Darlene at 518-496-1886 for more information.

**MARY'S CORNER**, located in Cohoes and Albany, and run by the Ladies of Charity, provides needy families with formula, cereal, baby food, diapers and gently used clothing, at no charge. They're currently in need of the following: Girl's clothing and pajamas (sizes 3 mo. - 5T), Boys clothing (newborn, 6-24 mo.), baby shampoo, baby wash, baby lotion and oil, diaper cream, and crib sheets. If you can help with gently used clothing or any of these items, please leave your donations at the Holy Trinity Parish Center. Monday to Thursday, 9-3, before November 15, 2022. Thank you in advance for supporting the needs of the poor.

## Giving Tree 2022

This year, Holy Trinity, St. Ambrose, and St. Michael's are working together to better serve our community for Christmas. Starting November 26, there will be tags on the tree for people in need, with new tags added each week until December 10. Please take a tag or two! Gifts should be wrapped and returned with the tag attached no later than December 14.

We are looking for volunteers to help with intake calls, tag making, sorting, and transporting gifts from each parish to Holy Trinity, where they will be for families to pick up. If you'd like to volunteer to help with any part of the process, contact Robyn at 518-785-1351 or [robyn.spateholts@rcda.org](mailto:robyn.spateholts@rcda.org).

## MUSIC IN THE CHURCH BY BILL HAYES

### Psalm 98

This weekend's designated psalm is Psalm 98 (verses 5-6, 7-8, 9), which is a psalm of praise and celebrates the Lord's kingship (98:6). It invites the entire world to praise him (98: 7-8) and announces his future coming as judge (98:9). Psalm 98 is also the responsorial psalm used for the Immaculate Conception on Dec. 8th.

I have set this psalm to music. The free piano sheet music and mp3 recording may be downloaded from [www.HayesMusicPublishing.com](http://www.HayesMusicPublishing.com) until Nov. 19th.

### Psalm 98: The Lord Comes To Rule The Earth

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November is the month to pray for souls in Purgatory. Join Mary's Circle of Love in praying for these souls, Thursdays at 11:30AM in the Chapel, along with the Angelus Prayer at Noon

Mary's Circle of Love invites you to continue praying the rosary with them, Mondays in the chapel after the 12:10 Mass.

### KIERAN'S LIGHT

CATHOLIC LGBTQIA+ MINISTRY

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[robyn.spateholts@rcda.org](mailto:robyn.spateholts@rcda.org)

Kieran's Light is a ministry rooted in love, welcome, and respect for the LGBTQIA+ community, their family, friends, and loved ones. Jesus calls us to love our neighbor as ourselves and it is in that spirit that this ministry is founded.

Meetings every other Sunday @ Noon





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## MASS INTENTIONS

**Saturday, November 12th — 4pm**  
**Fr. Kelly**

Chester Roberts  
Carmen Gentile Sr.  
Leo & Catherine Butler  
Paul VanAlstyne Sr.  
Dominick Penesso  
Charles & Gloria Barber

**Sunday, November 13th — 9am**  
**Fr. Kelly**

Rose & Jack Wright  
John & Adele Mizwa  
Annette Starr  
Salvatore (Sal) Sestito  
Louis F. "Chick" Mangino

**Sunday, November 13th — 11am**  
**Fr. Kelly**

Maria & Antonio Monardo  
Deceased Members of the Renda Family  
Joseph & Loretta Hogan  
Jerry Allen

**Monday, November 14th — 12:10pm**  
**Dcn. Frank — Communion Service**

Clara Agnes Baker

**Tuesday, November 15th — 12:10pm**  
**Dcn. Frank — Communion Service**

The People of St. Ambrose

**Wednesday, November 16th — 12:10pm**  
**Dcn. Frank — Communion Service**

Joan Prescott

**Thursday, November 17th — 12:10pm**  
**Dcn. Frank — Communion Service**

Frank LaVallee  
Dominick J. DelRa

## WHO'S PRESIDING NEXT WEEKEND?

**Saturday, November 19th — 4pm**  
**Fr. Bradley**

**Sunday, November 20th — 9am**  
**Fr. Bradley**

**Sunday, November 20th — 11am**  
**Fr. Bradley**

FR. BRIAN KELLY, PASTOR

## OFFERTORY

Current Year

10/30/2022:

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Previous Year

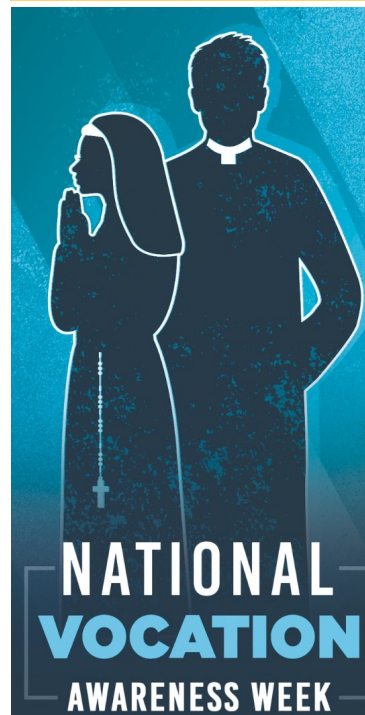
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# Pray for Vocations

If you feel like God  
is calling you,  
then you should  
call the Albany  
Vocations Office  
at (518) 453-6690.

## HAILEY'S CORNER



I wasn't sure at first if I could get through that cheese block treat; but I did it. Another reminder that God doesn't give us anything we can't handle!