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32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

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JUDGMENT – The Second ‘Last Thing’

Therefore, O loving God, O awesome Majesty, I turn in my misery, caught in snares, to you the fountain of mercy, hastening to you for healing, flying to you for protection;

and while I do not look forward to having you as Judge,

I long to have you as Savior.

(Prayer before Mass by St. Ambrose)

That last line of St. Ambrose's prayer profoundly moves me. There is a moment of "judgment" for every priest – for each Catholic – during Mass. Having completed the *Our Father* during Mass, we move from being united with Jesus in His Sacrifice to encountering Jesus in His Resurrection as we bow before Him now Present on the altar saying, "**Lord Jesus Christ, who said to Your apostles, Peace I leave you.**" We are meeting Jesus on the altar and soon will be meeting Him in Holy Communion. How do I meet Him? The secret prayer of the priest says it well: "**May the receiving of your Body and Blood, Lord Jesus Christ, not bring me to judgment and condemnation, but through your loving mercy be for me protection in mind and body and a healing remedy.**"

No way around it, I am meeting my Lord truly present and loving me. I think that this is why Jesus kept on warning us not to be concerned with the "when" of His Second Coming. For *this Eucharist* is His Coming – how we greet Him right there at the altar gives us a pretty good idea of how we will greet Him at His Second Coming in the Final Judgment.

Strange how in this oh-so-quick-to-jump-on-people culture the word "judgment" is not very popular. "Who are you to judge me?" This is a fair question, but not to God. As we read in Genesis, "*Shall not the Judge of all the earth do what is just?*" (Gen 18:25) Before the Face of God who created us to walk justly with Jesus, we shall see completely how we have not lived in 'right relationship'. As we meet the Face of God loving us, we also meet how we have loved or failed to love Him.

Let us try an analogy. When we see a dear friend who has been sending all kinds of letters and gift-cards onto us, but whom we have been too busy to respond with a thank-you or a call, is it not both wonderful to see them ... and are we not painfully guilty? This is a real encounter with the consequence of our actions. There is no hiding behind excuses. What a crisis we can live through here ... 'Will she forgive me?', 'I can't bear his look of love, it makes me feel even worse', or 'Did she just forgive me?' Then it is up to us to make a choice on what to do.

"Crisis" is actually the Greek word used in the New Testament for "Judgment". All the consequences of what we have done or left undone come rushing to this singularly critical moment. God appears in the flesh of Jesus – how the people around Him reacted to this gift of God's love will tell whether "salvation has come to this house." There are many rooms in the house of the Father – will we accept to enter in?

When we encounter the Holy Eucharist, the face of the poor, the nakedness of the broken-hearted, and the confusion of the oppressed we meet the same question: this is the house of the Father ... will we enter in? How we answer echoes for eternity.

Each person receives his eternal retribution in his immortal soul at the very moment of his death, in a particular judgment that refers his life to Christ: either entrance into the blessedness of heaven-through a purification or immediately, - or immediate and everlasting damnation. (*Catechism of the Catholic Church* §1022)

At the evening of life, we shall be judged on our love. (St. John of the Cross)



MONDAY, November 8, 2021

11:00 am - Confessions, Adoration & Rosary
12:10 pm - Mass (**SI Brent & Dorothy Fraser**)
6:30 pm - Medjugorje Prayer Group

TUESDAY, November 9, 2021

11:00 am - Confessions, Adoration & Rosary
12:10 pm - Mass (**† Adeline Vogelgesang**)
7:00 pm - Marriage Preparation

WEDNESDAY, November 10, 2021

11:00 am - Confessions, Adoration & Rosary
12:10 pm - Mass (**SI Dean Katzberg**)
3:00 pm - Prayer Cenacle
5:30 pm - Children's Choir Practice
6:30 pm - Sacramental Prep
6:30 pm - Parish Council Meeting
7:30 pm - Choir Practice for 8:00 and 10:00 am
8:30 pm - Choir practice for 8:00 pm

THURSDAY, November 11, 2021

11:00 am - Confessions, Adoration & Rosary
12:10 pm - Mass (**SI Anna Sidloski**)
7:00 pm - RCIA
8:30 pm - Christ the King Prayer Group

FRIDAY, November 12, 2021

11:00 am - Confessions, Adoration & Rosary
12:10 pm - Mass (**SI Ev Boussiere**)
6:30 pm - Chanted Divine Office
7:00 pm - Gregorian Chant Mass

SATURDAY, November 13, 2021

9:30 am - Martha & Mary Women's Retreat
10:00 am - Baptism
11:00 am - Confessions, Adoration & Rosary
12:10 pm - Mass (**SI Elouise Davis**)

SUNDAY, November 14, 2021 33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:00 am - Mass
10:00 am - Mass
2:00 pm - Baptism
7:15 pm - Divine Office - Vespers
8:00 pm - Mass
Compline (*following Mass*)
Live Stream every Sunday at 10 a.m. at
<http://www.stpaulscc.com/>



LITTLE SISTER PARISH

For the week of **Nov 7 - 14** we are asking for **CANNED MEAT AND BEANS**. Guadalupe Parish always needs Ziplock storage bags. Drop-off bin is in the welcome area.

Marian Movement of Priests Prayer Cenacle

St. Paul's Co-Cathedral
Wednesday, November 10th @ 3:00 pm
Call Edna @ 306-382-1680 for more info

Fr. Penna's Reading Circle

Tuesday Evenings, 7:00 pm
beginning November 23
in the Welcome Area
Book being studied is
Leisure: The Basis of Culture
Copies available to purchase

Fr. Penna will be away for a few days attending to his parents who have developed COVID. Please pray for them and all who suffer with this disease.

World Youth Day 2021

Sunday, November 21 6:30 pm
Cathedral of the Holy Family
Mass - Testimonies - Adoration

Gregorian Chant Mass

Friday, November 12 at 7:00 pm
Chanted Divine Office at 6:30pm and afterwards
No sign up required
Door locked at 7:15pm

Bishop Mark has invited each of us to participate in the **Bishop's Annual Appeal**. Please submit a completed gift form to the Diocese of Saskatoon Catholic Foundation using the postage paid envelope included with your personalized letter. You may also donate by credit card online by scanning this QR code:



SCAN ME

OFFERING FOR October 31, 2021

Loose	\$ 553.35
Envelopes	\$ 3047.00
Renovations	\$ 555.00
Evangelization of the Nations	\$ 105.00