



13 NOVEMBER 2022
Thirty Third Sunday in Ordinary Time



Jesus often spoke of the future. However, when he referred to wars and persecutions and destructions, it was not to frighten people but to offer them hope; that when these things do happen, God will be with us to protect those who have been faithful to Him. The Liturgy of the Word today, through vivid examples, reminds us that rather than be paralyzed by fear in the face of adversity or demoralized by the present disasters, we are invited to place our hope and trust in God as we continue to live faithful lives.

READINGS:

First Reading: Malachi 4: 1-2a
Responsorial Psalm: Psalm 98: 5-6, 7-9a, 9bcd
Second Reading: 2 Thessalonians 3: 7-12
Gospel: Luke 21: 5-19

UNIVERSAL PRAYER:

CELEBRANT: God of light, who dispels the darkness of sin, we humbly come before You with our petitions, praying that You will hear and answer us. Our response is: ***Hear our prayer O Lord.***

For Pope Francis, our Bishops, Priests and Religious – that they may enlighten the faithful to recognise the presence of God, in and around them... *(Brief silent pause)*... we pray to the Lord. R/-

For world leaders – that they may work conscientiously to foster justice, providing equal opportunities to all citizens ... *(Brief silent pause)*... we pray to the Lord. R/-

For the poor and those less fortunate – that Christians may understand their responsibility towards those who 'have not' and reach out in selfless service... *(Brief silent pause)*... we pray to the Lord. R/-

For all families – that love and understanding may prevail over apathy and hostility... *(Brief silent pause)*... we pray to the Lord. R/-

For each of us – that we may understand that we can only be cleansed and be made whole if we courageously step out of the darkness into the light ... *(Brief silent pause)*... we pray to the Lord. R/-

For our personal intentions and for those who have asked us to pray for them, we pray in silence ... *(longer silent pause)*... we pray to the Lord. R/-

CELEBRANT: With Your Holy Spirit, who helps us cry out to You in our need, we surrender our petitions to You, loving Father, through Christ Jesus, Your Son, and ask You to answer us, if it be according to Your holy will... Amen.