

November 13th 2022 33rd Sunday of Ordinary Time – Year C – Luke 21:5-19

⁵When some were speaking about the temple, how it was adorned with beautiful stones and gifts dedicated to God, he said, ⁶“As for these things that you see, the days will come when not one stone will be left upon another; all will be thrown down.” ⁷They asked him, “Teacher, when will this be, and what will be the sign that this is about to take place?” ⁸And he said, “Beware that you are not led astray; for many will come in my name and say, ‘I am he!’ and, ‘The time is near!’ Do not go after them. ⁹“When you hear of wars and insurrections, do not be terrified; for these things must take place first, but the end will not follow immediately.” ¹⁰Then he said to them, “Nation will rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom; ¹¹there will be great earthquakes, and in various places famines and plagues; and there will be dreadful portents and great signs from heaven. ¹²“But before all this occurs, they will arrest you and persecute you; they will hand you over to synagogues and prisons, and you will be brought before kings and governors because of my name. ¹³This will give you an opportunity to testify. ¹⁴So make up your minds not to prepare your defense in advance; ¹⁵for I will give you words and a wisdom that none of your opponents will be able to withstand or contradict. ¹⁶You will be betrayed even by parents and brothers, by relatives and friends; and they will put some of you to death. ¹⁷You will be hated by all because of my name. ¹⁸But not a hair of your head will perish. ¹⁹By your endurance you will gain your souls.”

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Read and re-read – out loud and slowly the Gospel. ➤ Meditate - on reading as being spoken to you, an experience in your life 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Pray - Thanksgiving – Repentance – Petition ➤ Action – Attitude (Call to change / to act /to do
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In this week’s gospel we hear many different sayings of Jesus, all of them as relevant today as they were when he spoke them. He tells us that many of the bad things that happen often give us the opportunity to bear witness to Him. He tells us not to prepare our defence because he will give us an eloquence and a wisdom that none of our opponents will be able to contradict. Let us recall the times in our lives when we were so angry that we went straight into defensive mode speaking words which we later regretted?

Prayer:

Thank you Lord for those people in leadership roles and all people who use their office to bear witness to the Good News of Jesus and bring hope to people in their great hour of need.

Forgive us Lord for the times that we wasted our money on fine goods and things of this world not giving any thought to those who have nothing.

Help us Lord to hear your words “Not a hair of your head will be lost”. “Do not be afraid.” Let us believe you are with us in all our worries and anxieties and will help us through each one as it arises.

