

**November 17<sup>th</sup> 2024 33<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Ordinary Time Year B Mark 13:24-32**

<sup>13:24</sup>But in those days, after that suffering, the sun will be darkened, and the moon will not give its light, <sup>25</sup>and the stars will be falling from heaven, and the powers in the heavens will be shaken. <sup>26</sup>Then they will see "the Son of Man coming in clouds" with great power and glory. <sup>27</sup>Then he will send out the angels, and gather his elect from the four winds, from the ends of the earth to the ends of heaven. <sup>28</sup>From the fig tree learn its lesson: as soon as its branch becomes tender and puts forth its leaves, you know that summer is near. <sup>29</sup>So also, when you see these things taking place, you know that he is near, at the very gates. <sup>30</sup>Truly I tell you, this generation will not pass away until all these things have taken place. <sup>31</sup>Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away. <sup>32</sup>But about that day or hour no one knows, neither the angels in heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father.

➤ <b>Read and re-read</b> – out loud and slowly the Gospel.	➤ <b>Pray</b> - Thanksgiving – Repentance – Petition.
➤ <b>Meditate</b> - on reading as being spoken to you, an experience in your life.	➤ <b>Action</b> – Attitude (Call to change / to act /to do).

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This week's gospel is very gloomy. It reflects the time of year when things wither and die and it gets dark very early. There is also a lot of very dark and sad happenings in our world at the moment brought into our lives each day on television and radio. Jesus asks us to believe that he is present to us always and asks us to trust him and not get swamped in the chaos of life. If we trust in good over evil we will notice the small signs of hope that are always present in these times just like the fig tree in the middle of winter it's twigs grow supple and new leaves come out - we know summer is near. Where have you found signs of hope in your great times of distress?

**Prayer:**

**Thank You Lord** for those people who when everyone else is drowning can bring a message of hope to all. They reflect your love and care for us all until the end of time.

**Forgive us Lord** when we as Christians do not speak with confidence the message of Jesus that what ever happens to him, His words will not pass away - they will last forever.

**Help us Lord** to believe that in times of great sadness & distress you will not abandon us but let us experience your saving power as you send your angels to protect us.