

## Lectio Divina

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- > Read and re-read, out loud and slowly the Gospel
  - > Meditate on reading as being spoken to you, an experience in your life
  - > Pray - Thanksgiving - Repentance - Petition
  - > Action - Attitude (Call to change / to act / to do)
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### November 18<sup>th</sup> 2018 33<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Ordinary Time - Year B - Mark 13:24 - 32

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:**

Lord we thank you 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 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.

