



Mark 13:24-32 comes toward the end of the longer discourse that Jesus gives about the final days (13:5-32) before his second coming, when there would be a new age of fulfillment for the just. Mark uses this discourse to energize the service of others that Jesus has been stressing in his Gospel as necessary for his disciples.

Today's Gospel begins by describing the final coming of Jesus in spectacular terms: the moon's light going out, stars falling, "the Son of man coming in the clouds' with great power and glory," and angels being sent throughout the earth to gather the elect (13:24-27). Psychological studies have shown that vivid imagery has a great capacity to capture people's attention.

The passage then holds the attention of its audience by assuring them that these world-changing events would occur before the present generation passes away (13:28-31). This seems to imply that some in Jesus' own generation would experience these events. Opening the experience of world transformation up to future generations, however, we hear Jesus' caveat: "But of that day or that hour, no one knows, neither the angels in heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father" (13:32).

Now that our attention is riveted by the action of God on the horizon, Mark goes on to tell us, in the verses beyond today's Gospel reading, how to be prepared for it. Followers of Jesus are to watch, like the doorkeeper looking for the master's return no matter what hour of the day or night (13:33-36). To stress how all Christians are to live in such attentive expectation of God's transformation, Jesus concludes, "What I say to you I say to all: Watch" (13:37). One watches by being there for others in need. This is shown when shortly Jesus will say to Peter, James, and John in Gethsemane, "My soul is very sorrowful, even to death; remain here and watch" (14:34).

*Dennis D. Sylva and Rev. James A. Wallace, CSs*

**Readings for the Week of November 15, 2009**

Sunday	Thirty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time Dn 12:1-3; Ps 16; Heb 10:11-14, 18; Mk 13:24-32
Monday	Saints Margaret of Scotland; Gertrude, virgin 1 Mc 1:10-15, 41-43, 54-57, 62-63; Ps 119; Lk 18:35-43
Tuesday	Saint Elizabeth of Hungary, religious 2 Mc 6:18-31; Ps 3; Lk 19:1-10
Wednesday	The Dedication of the Basilicas of Saints Peter and Paul, apostles; Rose Philippine Duchesne, virgin 2 Mc 7:1, 20-31; Ps 17; Lk 19:11-28,
Thursday	1 Mc 2:15-29; Ps 50; Lk 19:41-44
Friday	1 Mc 4:36-37, 52-59; 1 Chr 29: 10-12; Lk 19:45-48
Saturday	The Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary 1 Mc 6:1-13; Ps 9; Lk 20:27-40
Sunday	Our Lord Jesus Christ the King Dn 7:13-14; Ps 93; Rv 1:5-8; Jn 18:33b-37

**THANKSGIVING DAY MASS** Please join us for Mass on Thanksgiving Day, Thursday, November 26 at 9:00 a.m. This year we would like to take up a collection (passing the basket) and support our own St. Vincent de Paul Society. The St. Ann Chapter of St. Vincent de Paul provides help to needy people in parish and surrounding area. They support our gift card program to provide food help to those in need. Please consider supporting St. Ann St. Vincent de Paul with a monetary donation this Thanksgiving.

**The Giving Tree** is now up in the front of the church on the Hooven Avenue side. This is a great way to help someone in need this Christmas. The red tags are for needy students at the combined Harrison/Jefferson Elementary School. The green tags are for St. Ann parishioners and the white tags are for the shut ins. Please wrap gifts or put them in a gift bag and cut off the gift description at the bottom and make sure the original tag is firmly taped to the package. No bows, please. Please return all gifts to the church by Sunday, December 13th. Thank you!

**CATHOLIC CAMPAIGN for HUMAN DEVELOPMENT** Nearly 40 million people in the United States live below the poverty line, and more than 13 million of those are children. The Catholic Campaign for Human Development (CCHD) works to create lasting solutions to the problem of poverty through real community change. Funds also support the Black and Indian Mission, educational efforts of the Catholic Social Action Office and administration of these funds. Please donate prayerfully and generously to CCHD next weekend to help those in poverty help themselves. Visit [www.povertyuse.org](http://www.povertyuse.org) to learn more. Also check out the CCHD website for more information: [www.catholiccincinnati.org/socialaction/cchd.html](http://www.catholiccincinnati.org/socialaction/cchd.html).

**St Ann School Centennial** To help celebrate our 100<sup>th</sup> year we will be walking in Hamilton's Holiday Kids Parade on Saturday, November 21<sup>st</sup> at 10:00AM. Line-up starts at 9:00AM at the Fitton Center. All parishioners are invited to join us. Children ages 10 and under are encouraged to dress very festive because there will be prizes for the best holiday costume. Hope to see you.

**Just in time to stuff those St. Nicholas Day stockings on Dec. 6!** Fr. Mark Burger will be autographing copies of his new book, "Hearing God's Voice" from 1:30 to 3:30 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 5, at InnerVisions Religious Books and Gifts Shop; 8556 Beechmont Avenue, Cincinnati 45255.

**CONGRATULATIONS TO THE RECIPIENTS OF THE  
SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION  
NOVEMBER 11, 2009**

Samantha Caballero  
Caitlyn Conrad  
Eddie Eling  
Isabel Ely  
Ethan Emmons  
Jack Feenstra  
Mason Hershner  
Samantha Laflin  
Michael Madden  
Alex Moss  
Logan Ortt  
Katherine Ropka  
Ivy Rose  
Joslyn Schaffer  
Emily Smith  
Jillian Smith  
Kayla Stein  
Donovan Watkins  
Trey Williams

THIRTY THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



**This Week in our Parish**

**Sunday, November 15<sup>th</sup>**

7:40 a.m. Rosary before Mass  
 9:00 a.m. CCD Classes  
 10:10 a.m. Rosary before Mass

**Tuesday, November 17<sup>th</sup>**

7:00 p.m. Interest Group meeting

**Wednesday, November 18<sup>th</sup>**

7:00 p.m. R.C.I.A.  
 8:00 p.m. St. Vincent de Paul

**Thursday, November 19<sup>th</sup>**

6-8:00 p.m. Cub Scouts

**Saturday, November 21<sup>st</sup>**

3:30-4:30 p.m. Confessions  
 4:40 p.m. Rosary before Mass  
 6 – 10:00 p.m. Turkey Festival – see you there!

**Sunday, November 22<sup>nd</sup>**

7:40 a.m. Rosary before Mass  
 9:00 a.m. CCD Classes  
 10:10 a.m. Rosary before Mass

**ROSARY SOCIETY NEWS** 50-50 Raffle Winners – The ten winners of \$75 are as follows: Mary Conrad, Alberta Bennett, Sally Gonya, Betty Baker, Pat Malone, Evelyn Brown, The Simpkins, Sylvia Hardewig, James Emmons, and Mary Jo Haizman. Thanks to all who contributed to the raffle.

Turkey Festival Desserts - The Rosary Society would appreciate any donations of bake goods for the dessert table at the turkey festival. They can be brought to the school after 4:30 on Saturday or call 863-1700 and arrangement will be made for pickup.

Thank You – Thanks to all who help with the Remembrance Service. Your help was appreciated. It was gratifying to have such willing volunteers step in and assist with this service.

**ST. ANN P.A.C. NEWS** Saturday, November 21<sup>st</sup> the annual P.A.C. Turkey Festival will be held from 6-10:00 p.m. Great food and games. Raffle tickets available from Jim Saurber at 896-4024. Volunteers are also needed; please contact Jim Saurber or Ronda True at 868-0244 with your availability.

**Keep Holy the Lord's Day** by attending a Day of Recollection on Sunday, November 22 at Divine Mercy Parish in Bellevue, KY (next to Newport) on the Ohio River. We invite you to be enriched by Sunday Mass at 1pm, 2 talks and confessions from the Miles Christi priest; Rosary begins at 12:40pm, and we conclude a little after 3:30pm. Come for part or for all, and no cost required. For information, please call Divine Mercy Parish (859-261-6172) or Joe Martino (513-891-7301)

**8<sup>th</sup> Grade Placement Test at Badin**

Attention 8<sup>th</sup> graders: Are you interested in attending Badin High School? Your journey begins with the Placement Test on Saturday, Nov. 21, at 8 a.m. at Badin. This test helps us craft a curriculum best suited to your talents! Badin is an outstanding co-ed Catholic high school that prepares you for a tremendous future. The cost of the test is \$25. If you have not signed up yet, contact Nancy Gersbach at Badin at 863-3993, ext. 111.

**St. Raphael's** is in need of teenage volunteers during the latter part of November and the month of December to help with our Santa Shop. This would involve sorting clothes and toys. Please contact us at 513-981-4207 (Sr. Adelaide) or 513-382-2370 (Carrie).



**Saturday, November 14<sup>th</sup> Thirty Third Sunday in Ordinary Time**  
 5:00 p.m. Dolores Bach (Fred & Rita Simmons)

**Sunday, November 15<sup>th</sup> Thirty Third Sunday in Ordinary Time**  
 8:00 a.m. For the Intentions of St. Ann People  
 10:30 a.m. Ada Piliago (Mark, Matia, Jennifer)

**Monday, November 16<sup>th</sup> Margaret of Scotland; Gertrude, virgin**  
 7:15 a.m. Charles Keene (The Kalberer Family)

**Tuesday, November 17<sup>th</sup> Elizabeth of Hungary, religious**  
 7:15 a.m. Mary Ellen Fischesser (Rosemary Hingsbergen)

**Wednesday, November 18<sup>th</sup> Dedication of the Basilicas of Peter & Paul, apostles**

7:15 a.m. Eddie Kunkel 12<sup>th</sup> Anniversary (Dolores)

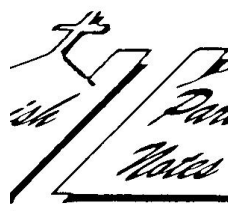
**Thursday, November 19<sup>th</sup> Weekday**  
 7:15 a.m. Communion Service  
 8:00 a.m. Mass at St. Joseph Church in Hamilton

**Friday, November 20<sup>th</sup> Weekday**  
 8:00 a.m. John "Joe" Rumpler (Family)

**Saturday, November 21<sup>st</sup> Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary**  
 7:30 a.m. Susan Bultman  
 5:00 p.m. Tom Eichhold (The Sullivan Family)

**Sunday, November 22<sup>nd</sup> Our Lord Jesus Christ the King**  
 8:00 a.m. For the Intentions of St. Ann People  
 10:30 a.m. Ralph Tann – Anniversary (Family)

Budgeted Weekly Offering	\$ 12,072.00
11/08/2009	\$ 9,699.70
Year to Date Budgeted Offering	\$ 229,368.00
Year to Date Actual Offering	\$ 175,571.76
Additional World Mission Sunday	\$ 35.00
All Saints Collection	\$ 1,190.05



**Wednesday's** beginning December 2, the Blessed Sacrament will be exposed from after the 7:15 a.m. Mass until 6:30 p.m. for Eucharistic Adoration. We are currently taking names for people committed to one hour a week on Wednesdays. Please call the parish office to confirm your time. What a wonderful blessing for St. Ann Parish.

- We continue to sell LaRosa Buddy Cards....call the parish office at 863-4963 for yours (\$10).
- Christmas giving is made easy with the St. Ann Grocery / Gift Card fund raiser.
- Sunday, December 6<sup>th</sup>: Dine to Donate at the Applebee's in Fairfield. Proceeds benefit St. Ann Church.
- Youth Group meets again on November 22nd from 6:30-8:30pm. All students in grades 7th-12th are invited to attend. Permission slip is required and can be found on the church website. If you have any questions, please call Randi Hom at 513-594-1168.