

November 13, 2022

My Brothers and Sisters in the Risen Lord,

It is mid-November and next week, on the Feast of Christ the King, the Church will end its liturgical year and begin anew on the First Sunday of Advent. It is thus fitting to discuss what it means when things end and begin again in a different manner, and Luke's gospel today does just that.

Because it can sometimes be a troublesome thought, we as humans are reluctant to think about endings, especially those transformative ones when nothing seems to remain the same. We think if we avoid thoughts of such magnitude, they will be preventable, but alas, they never are. Ultimately, things end or change dramatically, and try as we might, we cannot avoid the effects of whatever remnants remain behind.

It is the Thirty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time, and in Luke's Gospel today, Jesus is at the end of his earthly life and He gives us a description of the end of the world. Because the description is disturbing, with references to war, destruction, famine, and persecution, it might obscure His message of hope and promise: *Stones may crumble, yet God remains.* God is truly in control of everything, so we need not be afraid. When trouble comes, as it certainly will, there will be peace amid the storm if we can take refuge in the strength of our faith. In this Gospel, Jesus points out that beautiful structures created on earth by human hands, such as the Temple in Jerusalem, are easily destroyed, and pales to the beautiful structure God builds in each of us in the Body of Christ where our true, lasting joy can be found. Jesus calls us not to be deceived by the swirl of secular untruths/motivations that may cause doubt and denial in the Word of God. Furthermore, He reassures us that all will be well, grounded in the grace, hope and mercy of our Lord, Jesus Christ. ("...not a hair on your head will be destroyed."—Luke 21: 19) Finally, Jesus asks us not to be preoccupied by the tensions of the world and to focus on our personal, intimate relationship with God as the center of our lives, as we share in the Good News of our faith.

Consider the shortness of time, the length of eternity, and reflect how everything here below comes to an end and passes by. Of what use is it to lean upon that which cannot give support?—St. Gerard Majella

Yours in Christ,
Father Rudy

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You can **read Fr. Rudy's letter** at:
www.saint-leo.org/Publications/FromthePastor'sDesk

JOIN US FOR A PILGRIMAGE TO FOUR RELIGIOUS SITES IN EUROPE—June 6-16, 2023 travel from the Benedictine Monastery of Montserrat and the cave at Manresa, to the grotto at Lourdes where St. Bernadette met "the Immaculate Conception," to Lisieux to celebrate the centennial anniversary of St. Therese's beatification, to Tours, home of St. Martin. Please call and schedule an information meeting to answer your questions, contact Greg Niehaus at 513.541.5560.

Upcoming Dates to Mark on your Calendar:

November 13th- Youth Group Meeting

November 19th – Retreat – All Youth Groups



ITEMS NEEDED: The food Pantry has an urgent need for plastic bags. Don't forget the Food Pantry is in dire need of items we hope you can help! You can see our latest request on our [Amazon](#) Wish List Link:https://www.amazon.com/hz/wishlist/ls/1Y6S276N39W08?ref_=wl_share. **Please call the office at 513-921-1044 if you have questions or would like to donate these items.**

We are in need of clothing racks and storage bins for the upcoming toy and clothing drive. We would love to receive gift cards to help with our everyday needs, please consider [Meijer](#), [Walmart](#), [Staples](#), [Amazon](#), [Kroger](#), or [Home Depot](#) when donating. You can see our latest needs on our [Amazon](#) Wish List Link-
https://www.amazon.com/hz/wishlist/ls/3TZJXLXNPGPQM?ref_=wl_share. **Please call the office at 513-921-1044 if you have questions or would like to donate these items.**

Volunteers Needed—St. Leo's Food Pantry is looking for volunteers to help serve our Community. The Food Pantry is open M-W-F from 1: 00 p.m. -3:30 p.m. and we ask volunteers to arrive around noon to help set-up. If you are interested in volunteering please call 513.921.1044.

18th Annual Caregivers Mass at the Cathedral- The Cathedral Basilica of St. Peter in Chains are accepting nominations for this year's Caregiver Mass to be held on November 20th at 11:00 a.m. Anyone can nominate an outstanding caregiver. The nominee may be someone who provides care in-home to a loved one, works at a healthcare facility or volunteers at a healthcare facility. Nominations are due by October 14th and can be submitted online at <https://www.stpeterinchainscathedral.org/caregiver-mass> or by calling 513.421.5354.

Four Grand Winners: Week 7- 1 - George & Carolyn Wolbers; 162 - Donald Auberger Sr.; 312- Jan Canning
Week 8- 51- Alexander Hencheck; 203- Allison and Dan Klocke; 279- Thomas Dehmer
Week 9- 257- Jack & Carol Luhrman; 302- Zayne Mihovk; 362- Victor Boehm

Catholic Campaign for Human Development- Next week is our special collection, more than 37 million people in the United States live in poverty. This collection supports programs that empower people to identify and address the obstacles they face in bringing permanent and positive change to their communities. Learn more at www.usccb.org/cchd.