

Reflection: Hope in Tribulation by Scott Hahn, Ph. D

In this, the second-to-the-last week of the Church year, Jesus has finally made it to Jerusalem. Near to His passion and death, He gives us a teaching of hope—telling us how it will be when He returns again in glory. Today's Gospel is taken from the end of a long discourse in which He describes tribulations the likes of which haven't been seen "since the beginning of God's creation". He describes what amounts to a dissolution of God's creation, a "devolution" of the world to its original state of formlessness and void. First, human community—nations and kingdoms—will break down. Then the earth will stop yielding food and begin to shake apart. Next, the family will be torn apart from within and the last faithful individuals will be persecuted. Finally, the Temple will be desecrated, the earth emptied of God's presence. In today's reading, God is described putting out the lights that He established in the sky in the very beginning—the sun, the moon and the stars. Into this "uncreated" darkness, the Son of Man, in whom all things were made, will come. Jesus has already told us that the Son of Man must be humiliated and killed. Here He describes His ultimate victory, using royal-divine images drawn from the Old Testament—clouds, glory, and angels. He shows Himself to be the fulfillment of all God's promises to save "the elect," the faithful remnant. As today's First Reading tells us, this salvation will include the bodily resurrection of those who sleep in the dust. We are to watch for this day, when His enemies are finally made His footstool, as today's Epistle envisions. We can wait in confidence knowing, as we pray in today's Psalm, that we will one day delight at His right hand forever.

Saints of the Week

The Presentation of the B.V. Mary, Wednesday 21st,
St Cecilia, Virgin & martyr, memorial, Thursday 22nd,
Sts Andrew Dung-Lac, priest and Companions, martyrs, memorial,
Saturday 24th,

Daily Readings

Monday: Rv 1:1-4; 2:1-5a; Ps: 1:1-4, 6; Lk 18:35-43

Tuesday: Rv 3:1-6, 14-22; Ps 15: 2-5; Lk 19:1-10

Wednesday: Rv 4:1-11; Ps 150: 1-6; Lk 19:11-28

Thursday: Rv 5:1-10; Ps 149:16-9; Lk 19:41-44

Friday: Rv 10:8-11; Ps 119:14, 24, 72, 103, 111, 131; Lk 19:45-48

Saturday: Rv 11:4-12; Ps 144: 1, 2, 9-10; Lk 20:27-40

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33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

18th November 2018



First Reading

Daniel 12:1-3

At that time your people shall be delivered.

A reading from the Book of the Prophet Daniel

At that time shall arise Michael, the great prince who has charge of your people. And there shall be a time of trouble, such as never has been since there was a nation till that time; but at that time your people shall be delivered, every one whose name shall be found written in the book. And many of those who sleep in the dust of the earth shall awake, some to everlasting life, and some to shame and everlasting contempt. And those who are wise shall shine like the brightness of the firmament; and those who turn many to righteousness, like the stars for ever and ever.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Ps 16: 5 & 8,9-10,11 (R.1)

R. Preserve me, O God, for in you I take refuge.

O Lord, it is you who are my portion and cup;

You yourself who secure my slot.

I keep the Lord before me always;

With him at my right hand, I shall not be moved. **R**

And so, my heart rejoices, my soul is glad;

even my flesh shall rest in hope.

For you will not abandon my soul to hell,

Nor let your holy one see corruption. **R**

You will show me the path of life,

The fullness of joy in your presence,

at your right hand, bliss for ever. **R**



Second Reading

Hebrews 10:11-14,18

"By a single offering he has perfected for all time those who are sanctified."

A reading from the Letter to the Hebrews

Every priest stands daily at his service, offering repeatedly the same sacrifices, which can never take away sins. But when Christ had offered for all time a single sacrifice for sins, he sat down at the right hand of God, then to wait until his enemies should be made a stool for his feet. For by a single offering he has perfected for all time those who are sanctified. Where there is forgiveness of these, there is no longer any offering for sin.



Alleluia. Alleluia

Watch at all times, praying that you may be able to stand before the son of man.

Alleluia



GOSPEL

Mark 13:24-32

"He will gather his elect from the four winds."

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Mark

At that time: Jesus said to his disciples, "In those days, after that (great) tribulation, the sun will be darkened, and the moon will not give its light, and the stars will be falling from heaven, and the powers in the heavens will be shaken. And then they will see the Son of man coming in clouds with great power and glory. And 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. "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. So also, when you see these things taking place, you know that he is near, at the very gates. Truly, I say to you, this generation will not pass away before all these things take place. Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away. "But of that day or that hour no one knows, not even the angels in heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father."

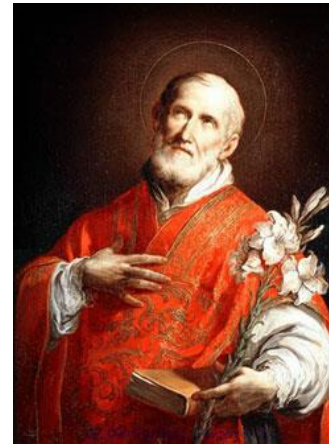
Announcements

1. Today after 12 noon mass all parishioners who reside around Muthiga, Regen and Kikuyu environs are requested to meet at the tent behind the nursery.
2. CWA are recruiting new members 18 years and above. For more information and registration visit their desk outside the church.
3. In November we remember all the departed souls. Envelopes with the November cards are available at the entrance of the Church, fill them in and deposit them with your dues in the blue boxes.
4. The Theology of the Body Teens level 2 for high School Students will begin on Tuesday 20th to Friday 23rd November in the Parish hall. For registration and more information visit their desk outside the Church. PMC activities will resume on the Tuesday 27th November.
5. The Ministers of the Sick have organized a formation talk: Title **Caring for Cancer Patients and their Caregivers** by Bernadette Oluoch on Tuesday 20th, at 2pm. All are welcome.
6. Wednesday 21st, is the Memorial of the Presentation of the B. V. Mary. There will be candle lit Rosary procession after evening Mass.
7. The Central Deanery have organized the **Mass Wedding** and family Day on 24th November at the Shrine of Mary Help of Christians – Don Bosco a day filled with a beautiful matrimonial ceremonial. We are all invited to attend.
8. The Bible diaries and Family calendars for 2019 are on sale at the bookshop and at the entrance of the church.

Weekly Meeting

Apostolate of Perpetual Eucharistic on Tuesday 20th at 6.30pm

NOVENA TO ST. PHILLIP NERI



O Holy St. Philip Neri, Patron Saint of joy, you who trusted Scripture's promise that the Lord is always at hand and that we need not have anxiety about anything, in your compassion heal our worries and sorrows and lift the burdens from our hearts.

We come to you as one whose heart swells with abundant love for God and all creation. Hear us, we pray, especially for the intentions of ...
(insert as indicated in the daily intention ...)

Keep us safe through your loving intercession, and may the joy of the Holy Spirit which filled your heart, St. Philip, transform our lives and bring us peace.
Amen.

Say: Our Father... Hail Mary... Glory Be...

Let us pray

O God, who hast exalted St. Philip Neri, thy confessor, in the glory of thy Saints, grant that, as we rejoice in his commemoration, so may we profit by the example of his virtues, through Christ Our Lord. R. Amen.

St. Philip Neri, Pray for us

Daily Prayer intentions:

Day 1 - 15th Nov. St. Raphael Church & St. Paul Chaplaincy

Day 2- 16th Nov. Shrine of Our Lady Consolata & St. Francis Xavier Parish.

Day 3 - 17th Nov. Holy Rosary Parish & St. Catherine of Siena Parish

Day 4- 18th Nov. St. Peters Clear Parish & Holy Family Basilica

Day 5 – 19th Nov. St. Catherine of Alexandria Parish & Shrine of Mary Help of Christians Parish

Day 6- 20th Nov. Kenyatta Hospital Chaplaincy & Strathmore Chaplaincy

Day 7- 21st Nov. St. Austine Parish & Holy Trinity Parish

Day 8 -22nd Nov. Our Lady Queen of Peace Parish & All formation houses within the Arch Diocese of Nairobi

Day 9 – 23rd Nov. All the Couples that will be solemnizing their marriages on the family day