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Thirty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

Thoughts on Today's Liturgy

Reading 1: Daniel 12:1-3 At that time your people shall escape.

Reading 2: Hebrews 10:11-14, 18 By one offering he has made perfect forever those who are being consecrated.

Gospel: Mark 13:24-32 He will gather his elect from the four winds.

Mass Schedule and Intentions

Saturday	13	5:00 p.m.	SH	Fr Jim Baker	✠	33 rd Sunday in Ordinary Time
Sunday	14	8:30 a.m.	KW	Vocations		33 rd Sunday in Ordinary Time
Sunday	14	10:30 a.m.	ML	Greg Pennock		33 rd Sunday in Ordinary Time
Tuesday	16	9:00 a.m.	ML	No Mass		33 rd Tuesday in Ordinary Time
Wednesday	17	5:30 p.m.	ML	No Mass		Memorial of St. Elizabeth Hungary
Thursday	18	8:30 a.m.	KW	No Mass		33 rd Thursday in Ordinary Time
Friday	19	8:30 a.m.	SH	No Mass		33 rd Friday in Ordinary Time
Saturday	20	5:00 p.m.	SH	KaSondra Mantey	✠	Solemnity of Our Lord Jesus Christ
Sunday	21	8:30 a.m.	KW	Sally and Boyd Forester	✠	Solemnity of Our Lord Jesus Christ
Sunday	21	10:30 a.m.	ML	Philip Simpson	✠	Solemnity of Our Lord Jesus Christ

Sacrament of Reconciliation by appointment

Reflection: Look Well, and You Will See [A] gospel like today's is *not* a gospel of doom. It is a gospel about distress, about pain, about dying.

That distress, however, is not the important thing. That pain is not the end. The dying is not the real sign.

Jesus made this clear in the parable he adds. In that story, he brings us before a tree that lost all its leaves during a drought or during wintertime. He tells us: Look well, and you will see all over the tree small brown buds. You look at Jesus and you say: "So what?"

He says: "Keep looking, and you will see." And you do see some movement, change, life. The small buds open. The surrounding brown leaves give way. They crack, they bend, they break, they die. To them, this means disaster, the end, distress; yet new life is born, a pale green shoot. The old protecting leaves fall on the earth. They dry up in a sun that is darkening to them, fading away, while bringing new life to the shoot. Life and growth. You might even use the more salient image in John [16:21], which is not bound to seasons like today's parable. It is the image in which Jesus compares the whole of creation to a woman giving birth. She is in pain, terrible pain. But it would be nonsense to only look at her pain, saying, how horrible, what distress, what drama. That pain is not the important thing. That distress is not the end. The pain is the sign of a new life being born. Once it is born, all that pain will be forgotten because of that new life. Jesus teaches us how to look at the crumbling of the old world around us, at the falling away of so many things we are accustomed to. Jesus tells us how to interpret conflicts, wars, and starvation. He explains: "Be careful. Don't get confused. Don't let them frighten you! Don't worry! Keep going. In the end, all will be fine!" *Fr. Joseph Donders*

Word of Life

"We can't imagine loving a child whom we conceived more than we love Andrew. It is amazing how he fits our personalities so well... Adopting Andrew has made us more aware of God's power and of his love for us. We realize that he always has a perfect plan for our lives." USCCB Secretariat of Pro-Life Activities, "An Adoption Love Story"

***PLEASE EMAIL BULLETIN ITEMS TO JULIE BY NOON WEDNESDAY TO** secretary@barbercountycatholic.org

PRAYER INTENTIONS

For the Sick and Shut-Ins:

Greg Pennock, Adalynn Amerin, Myra Dick, John Dohm, The Ringer Family, Earl Kuhn, Cortlyn Hill, Ella Rundle, Eileen Schmidt, Jerome Ricke, John Eck, Herb Landwehr, Jaunita Ricke, John Harding, Pete Eck, Hugh Rankin, Corona Hoch, Charlie Jo Warner, Mary Eck, Helen Eck, Sandy Ricke, Ruth Blick, Miles Sheldon

For the Faithful Departed:

Mary Contrell, Phillip Simpson, Mike Lynch, Dennis Larkin, Joyce Ditgen, KaSondra Mantey, Mabel Boor, Amari Allen, William “Bud” Becker, Gwen Spade, Vernon Rinke, Joe Hrencher, Gerard Ricke, Evan Withrow, Gladys Christensen, Victor Blick, Roman Blick Jr, Eulanda(Butch) Criser, Steve Eck, Ernest Young, Deven Leis, Art Junger, Ted Hauser, Jim Ricke, Laura Seiler, Anita Patterson, Sue Smith, Mary Traffas, Betty Ricke, Walter Sedlak and all the souls in Purgatory. May they rest in perfect peace.

For the Military:

Triston Boor, Austin Stull, Jackson Petit, Christopher Coggins, Dylan Allison, Sheldon Hart, Bianca Lewis, Luke Fisher

Church News

Priestly Vocation?

God make you for a unique purpose. Even before you were born, he knew your vocation, your mission in life. And if you are a faithful Catholic man, God may be calling you for a higher purpose – to become a Catholic priest. Call Fr. Juan in the vocations office at 620-227-1533 or see Fr Mark for more details. **New vocation cards are available in the back of the church.**

Prayer for Vocations

God our Father, we thank you for calling men and women to serve in your Son’s Kingdom as priests, deacons and consecrated persons.

Send your Holy Spirit to help others to respond generously and courageously to your call.

May our community of faith support vocations of sacrificial love in your youth and young adults.

Through our Lord Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever. Amen.

St. John

Coffee will be provided after Mass November 21st in the Parish Hall – all are welcome!

Pray the Rosary with Us in Medicine Lodge

Tuesday mornings at 9 AM we gather as a church family and pray the Rosary. Immediately following, we share coffee, juice and a light breakfast. Come visit and enjoy the fellowship.

Ministry Schedule November 20th – 21st

Week 3	St. Boniface	St. John the Apostle	Holy Rosary
Lector 1	Marilyn Traffas	Pam Malone	John Hagood
Cantor	Choir	Choir	Cheri Dohrmann
Lector 2	Sandy Ricke	Danny Archuleta	John Hagood
General Intercessions	Sandy Ricke	Danny Archuleta	Volunteer
Eucharistic Ministers	Sandy Ricke Darrin Hern	Marlene Kruckenberg Rick Hitchcock Cindy Summers	Brandon Warner Barbara Hagood Susan Ricke Jerome Ricke Kathleen Pennock
Servers	Rachel Fischer Cole Fischer Branden Fischer	Volunteers	Jhayla Alojacin
Musician	Kathy Dohm	Nikki Brattin	Kathy Dohm
Greeters			Roger and Twila Angell
Sacristan	John & Kathy Dohm	Bev Miller	Brandon Warner
Rosary	Shirley Ditgen		Jerome Ricke