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**Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away**

We are coming to the end of the liturgical year. The readings typically point to what we would expect at end times when judgement is meted out.

Take heart, it is not gloom and doom. It reminds us that we have to account ourselves to the Sovereign One, Our God at the end of the day. The first reading from Daniel tells us that people 'whose names are written in the Book will be spared'. Who are these people? Will I be one of them?

The reading alludes to the 'learned' and 'those who have instructed many in virtue', that they will shine 'as bright as stars for all eternity'. These are people who have understood and learnt to walk in the ways of the Lord and guided others to do the same.

Do we fall under this category? Or are we still "unlearnable" or refused to learn. It takes a lot of conviction to want to learn and practise anything seriously. Where do we invest our time? The social media is a world of distractions and also possibilities. We can choose to focus on what is important to us. It can be a wonderful resource. For example, the youtube channel gives us access to the live telecast of daily masses. If we want to learn more about our faith to be ready for the Lord when He comes, resources are abound.

We do not know when Judgement Day would come. This is resonated in the gospel reading from Mark:

*'But as for that day or hour, nobody knows it, neither the angels of heaven nor the Son; no one but the Father.'*

It is in our interest to prepare ourselves. We should not wait for signs or stars falling from heaven to jolt us into action. Let us act now. If we do not know where to start, ask the Holy Spirit to guide us. As long as it is a good thing, just trust and go with the flow. If someone invites you to a healing rally, just go. If another suggests that you go for a retreat, just go. It is not necessary to think too much or evaluate whether we are worthy/prepared.

Remember Zacchaeus, the tax collector who was a short man who climbed up a sycamore tree just to 'check out' Jesus? Our Lord looked up and called him by name, asked him to come down as He wanted to visit his home. Some of us are like Zacchaeus, plain curious and probably thinking that we can hide and just peek. But our Lord knows, calls us and wants to visit our hearts.

God will guide you once you accept the invitation. It is through these encounters that we learn more about the goodness of the Lord and let Him mould us more into his likeness so that we can prepare well to meet Him when the day comes.

**Reflection by Hope**

# Novena notes



33<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Ordinary Time  
 Year B  
 18<sup>th</sup> November 2018

**Readings & Responses for the Week**

Sun, 18 November	Dan 12:1-3; Hebr 10:11-14,18; Mk 13:24-32 Preserve me, God, I take refuge in you.
Mon, 19 November	Rev 1: 1-4; 2:1-5; Lk 18:35-43 Those who prove victorious I will feed from the tree of life.
Tue, 20 November	Rev 3:1-6,14-22; Lk 19:1-10 Those who prove victorious I will allow to share my throne.
Wed, 21 November Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary	Zec 2:14-17; Mt 12:46-50 The Almighty works marvels for me. Holy is his name!
Thu, 22 November St. Cecilia, Virgin & Martyr	Rev 5:1-10; Lk 19:41-44 You made us a line of kings and priests to serve our God.
Fri, 23 November St. Clement I, Pope & Martyr	Rev 10:8-11; Lk 19:45-48 Your promise is sweet to my taste, O Lord.
Sat, 24 November SS. Andrew Dung-Lac, Priests, and Companions, Martyrs	Rev 11:4-12; Lk 20:27-40 Blessed be the Lord, my rock.

WEEKDAY MASS (MON - FRI)  
 Time: 6.30am, 12.15pm, 6.30pm  
 Confession: Half an hour before Mass

SUNSET MASS (SAT)  
 Time: 6.30pm

SUNDAY MASS  
 Time: 8am, 10am, 12noon, 5.30pm

PUBLIC HOLIDAY  
 Time: 8am, 6.30pm

SATURDAY MORNING MASS  
 Time: 7am

SATURDAY NOVENA DEVOTION  
 English: 8am, 9.30am, 11am, 1pm, 4pm, 5.30pm  
 Mandarin: 2.30pm  
 Confession: After every Novena Service except after the 11am service.

DAYS OF OBLIGATION  
 Time: 7pm (Eve of Day of Obligation)  
 6.30am, 12.15pm, 7pm

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## Advent Novena

Our Advent Novena to prepare for Christmas has begun. We are now in the 4<sup>th</sup> week. The Theme for this special Novena is, **"His Name shall be...."** All are welcome. Bring along your family and friends.

27 Oct : Jesus (Introduction)

3 Nov : Son of David

10 Nov : Son of the Most High

**17 Nov : Mighty God**

24 Nov : The Christ

1 Dec : Wonderful Counselor

8 Dec : Prince of Peace

15 Dec : Saviour

22 Dec : Immanuel

## World Youth Day 2019 Fund-Raising Project

To help subsidise the cost for our Novena Church youth leaders to go for the World Youth Day in January 2019, they will be selling various items over the next 1 month. They are selling Christmas Gift Wrappers and Christmas Ornaments. Please give them your generous support.

## "DAWN"

Registration is now open for two courses **"DAWN"** is offering:

a. The first is a **Skill Development Programme for Foreign Domestic Workers** on Baking, Cooking, Cake Decoration, Sewing and Handicraft. The course is from January till June 2019.

b. The second is a **Care-Giving** course scheduled to begin on 25 Nov 2018. It will be held on the 2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Sundays of each month.

Please follow the registration schedule below.

Dates : 4, 11, 18 & 25 Nov 2018.  
Time : 10 am to 2 pm  
Venue : DAWN,  
Good Shepherd Place,  
9, Lorong 8, Toa Payoh,  
Singapore 319253.

Contact : 8269 4546 (Rowena) or  
8233 3728 (Sr. Barbara)

## Tagalog Mass

Please take note there will be a Tagalog Mass on 25<sup>th</sup> November at 12 noon.



## Donations for our new pews

The pews give us the place to sit in silence, pray and worship. Your gift would be etched on a plaque affixed to the side of the pews.

Brochures can be obtained from the Reception Office.

## Safety Checks

For our peace of mind and the safety of all, our Ministers of Hospitality will be carrying out a simple check of bags and bulky items being brought into the Church.

Please give them your full cooperation. Thank you.

## Maintenance of the new church

Now that our building fund target has been met, all further donations will go towards our Church Maintenance Fund.

You can donate by cheque. You can now also donate via GIRO.

Kindly issue your cheque payable to:

## Redemptorist Fathers Maintenance Fund.

Those who wish to donate via GIRO, please obtain the GIRO Form from the Reception desk.

Our credit card machine can now accept donations to the Maintenance Fund via Pay Wave.

Thank you very much for your generous support.

## No Eating and Drinking inside the Church, please.

