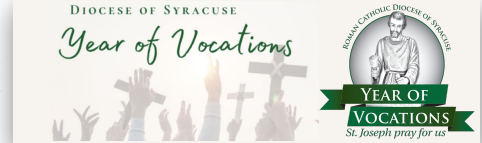




1st Reading: Dn 12:1-3
Responsorial: Ps 16:5, 8, 9-10, 11
2nd Reading: Heb 10:11-14, 18
Gospel: Mk 13:24-32



WHO WILL FILL THESE SHOES?

How beautiful are the feet of those who bring the Good News! (Rom 10:14)

Meet the Diocese of Syracuse Seminarians! Visit vocations-syracuse.org/our-seminarians

33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time:

Jesus teaches about the signs of the coming of the Son of Man

Here we are almost to the end of the liturgical year, and almost to the end of 2021. We notice in nature the trees are becoming bare, days are becoming shorter. With these signs, we know what will be coming next...winter. Knowing these signs of what is coming, we know how to **prepare and be ready** (the snow blower, salt, etc).

In today's Gospel, the disciples are asking Jesus what will be the signs to watch for as he teaches about the end of times. The disciples want to know how to be **ready** when these signs occur.

Jesus draws upon Old Testament imagery found in the Book of Daniel. He then uses the image of the fig tree to read the "signs of the times". In other words, even nature gives us hints to what is coming next. His point being that there are some things we can know and be **ready**, but other things we may not know...such as the the end of time, but you can still be **ready**.

"Jesus' words are not spoken to frighten his disciples, nor should they frighten us. Rather, they are offered to **prepare** us for the changes we will experience during our lifetimes and at the end times. Our consolation and hope is found in the lasting nature of Jesus' words and God's never-ending love for us." (LoyolaPress.com)

Today's reading provides an opportunity for us to reflect on our own lives. When or how this world will end is of no great importance to us; what is important is that we shall leave this world very soon and our eternity will depend on the state of our consciences at the moment of our departure. God in his mercy is calling on each one of us to be **ready** when our call comes. We can do nothing about the when or the where of that call, but we can do much about the state of our relationship with God when death comes; in fact, aided by God's grace we can ensure that all will be well with us.

To help your family focus on the promise of happiness with God forever in heaven, take a walk in nature. Notice how nature is getting ready for winter. Talk about the promise of new life in spring. (lifelongcatechesis.osv.com)



[YouTube - CatholicKidsMedia 33B](#)



Where in the world...

FLY around the diocese to find the Traveling Icon and learn more about our diocese!

[A GOOGLE EARTH ACTIVITY](#)

November 13 - 20

A Synod Minute: **READINESS**

communion | participation | mission
How you can prepare and be ready for the synod listening sessions - Step by step!

- 1. Reflect.** What memories/experiences of Church do you have that have enriched your life and your faith? Think about how the parish or the Church community has or could encourage you to grow in faith.
- 2. Discuss.** Have conversations with family members to share Church experiences. Listen to each other without judging.
[YouTube- Synod Minute Episode 2](#)
- 3. Find** a synod listening session near you. Not every parish will be hosting these, but there will be opportunities in many locations.
- 4. Share** your experiences with the Bishop... he is listening!

Prayer for this Week

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son,
 and to the Holy Spirit.
 As it was in the beginning, is now,
 and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.



Cut & Pray!

Links for More Ideas, Activities & Resources FYI

- Saintsfeastfamily.com - St. Elizabeth of Hungary - tons of information, ideas & more! (Family Faith Builder)
- Catholiccuisine.blogspot.com - Hungarian Cinnamon Bread (All Ages Faith Builder)
- Catholiccuisine.blogspot.com - St. Elizabeth of Hungary 11/17 - Hungarian Coffee Cake (All Ages Faith Builder)
- Diocese of Syracuse - Synod Information Page & Synod Minute Videos (Adult Faith Builder)
- November 15 is National Recycling Day - Here are some ideas for Caring for Creation:
- mymommystyle.com - 50 Easy DIY Projects Made From Items In Your Recycling Bin (Family Faith Builder)
- Youtube.com - CST-101 Care for Creation by Catholic Relief Service (All Ages Faith Builder)

