



Hi everyone! As I mentioned last week we are nearing the end of our liturgical year. This means Thanksgiving, Advent, and Christmas are quickly approaching! As a side note, many people have been asking if I have been out running at all recently. The answer is “yes” and I am training for the 8k Turkey Trot in Cleveland this Thanksgiving. I am excited to race again for the first time in a year! If you are planning to run the Turkey Trot let me know and I hope to see you! Back to my earlier point, the end of the Liturgical year also means we focus on last things. We look to the future and remember life is short even if we live a long earthly life. As Psalm 90 states, “Seventy is the sum of our years, or eighty, if we are strong; Most of them are toil and sorrow; they pass quickly, and we are gone (NAB, Psalm 90:10).

Turning our gaze to the reality of life being short is not meant to depress us and make us negative people but rather it encourages us to face reality – life will come to an end soon and we should ask ourselves the question “Are we ready?” Am I ready to meet God if I were to pass today? What would I do differently if I knew my life was ending soon? As we face the reality of death we also face the reality of eternal life in Christ.

It seems to me that people generally live as if death does not exist or should never be thought about. This view typically stems from an Atheist perspective where this life is all we have. As Christians we have an incredibly beautiful vision of life and life after death. Our perspective is based off of what God’s perspective is and what He has revealed to us. We see our life on earth as good but fleeting. It is truly a gift but also a time of preparation for the next life. It might seem negative to reflect upon one’s death but really it is positive considering we believe life can continue forever in God’s eternal Kingdom.

At the end of the Gospels of Matthew, Mark, and Luke Jesus asks us repeatedly to be prepared and He warns us, “Take heed, watch and pray; for you do not know when the time will come (Mark 13: 33).” In the Gospel for this weekend the Lord says, “Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away (Mark 13:31).”

As Christians we want to live our life well and enjoy life to the fullest. We want to build good relationships, and accomplish meaningful things. But we want to do all with our attention on Heaven. We believe we are pilgrims on a journey to Heaven through this life. As God freed the Israelites from slavery in Egypt and they journeyed through the desert to the Promise Land, so are we made free from original sin in Christ, and journeying with Him and the Church through our earthly life towards our eternal life in Heaven. We should live every day of our lives with this overall perspective and challenge ourselves daily to live for God.

This is the time of the year to especially remember the afterlife. We call upon the intercession of the Saints, we pray for the souls being purified in purgatory, and we remember our own journey is directed to Heaven (not just having the perfect life on earth). Again, ask yourself the questions, “Am I ready to meet God today?” If not, then what should I change? Do I need to pray more? Come back to Church? Live like a Christian? Forgive someone? Try to reconcile with someone? Go to confession? Ask the Holy Spirit to guide you as you reflect upon your own life and mortality.

God bless and have a great week!  
Fr. James

## The Week Ahead

### Sunday, November 17 - OT 33B

Mass, CH.....	8:30 am
Magnificat Choir, CH .....	9:30 am
PSR (All Rooms) .....	9:30-10:30am
Mass, CH.....	10:30 am
Confirmation Class Prayer Partners, CH .....	6:00-6:30 pm
Boy Scout Troop 882, TE & TI .....	6:00-7:00 pm
Confirmation Class Gr 8 & 9, MR/JD .....	6:30-7:30 pm
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### Monday, November 18

#### The Dedication of the Basilicas of SS. Peter and Paul, Apostles; USA: St. Rose Philippine Duchesne, Virgin

Eucharistic Adoration, Chapel.....	9:00 am-8:00 pm
Coffee & Conversation, MR .....	10:00 am
Mass, CH.....	12:00 pm
PSR Family Thanksgiving Dinner, CRR.....	5:30-6:30 PM
PSR (All Rooms) .....	6:30-7:45 PM

### Tuesday, November 19

Eucharistic Adoration, Chapel.....	9:00 am-4:00 pm
Mass, CH.....	12:00 pm
Bible Study, TE.....	6:30 pm
Guadalupe Ringers, CH .....	6:30 pm
Boy Scout Leader Mtg., TI .....	7:00-8:00 PM

### Wednesday, November 20

Eucharistic Adoration, Chapel.....	9:00 am-4:00 pm
Rosary, CH .....	6:00 pm
Women's Bible Study, JD .....	6:00-7:00 pm
Baptism Class, MR.....	7:00 pm
OLG Men's Ministry, PSR Office .....	8:00 pm

### Thursday, November 21

Eucharistic Adoration, Chapel.....	9:00 am-4:00 pm
R&R at Seminary .....	6:15-9:15 pm

### Friday, November 22

#### St. Cecilia, Virgin and Martyr

Eucharistic Adoration, Chapel.....	9:00 am-4:00 pm
Mass, CH.....	12:00 pm

### Saturday, November 23

#### St. Clement I, Pope and Martyr; St. Columban, Abbot; USA: Blessed Miguel Agustin Pro, Priest and Martyr; BVM

Confession .....	3:30 pm
Mass, CH.....	4:30 pm

### Sunday, November 24

#### Our Lord Jesus Christ, King Of The Universe

Mass, CH.....	8:30 am
Magnificat Choir, CH .....	9:30 am
Mass, CH.....	10:30 am
Boy Scout Troop 882, TE & TI .....	6:00-7:00 pm
<b>NO PSR</b>	

**Please remember our Priests, Seminarians and Religious in your prayers. Continue to pray for an increase of vocations to the Priesthood and Religious Life.**