

NOVEMBER 14 , 2021 - 33RD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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**PASTOR: FR. ANTONIO BAROL**

**PLEASE PRAY FOR...**

Those who are sick, especially:  
Erica Perk, Hermie Jandristis

And those who have died, especially: Dolores Flood

**THIS WEEK'S MASS SCHEDULE**

**ST. THOMAS MORE RECTORY CHAPEL**

WEDNESDAY: 5:30 PM THURSDAY: 10:00 AM

FRIDAY: 10:00 AM

**ST. THOMAS MORE CHURCH, MILLBROOK**

SATURDAY: 4:00 PM

For all the souls in Purgatory

SUNDAY : 9:00 AM (Rosary at 8:45AM)

For the People of the Parish

**ST. BERNADETTE , NESTLETON**

SUNDAY: 11:00 AM – For the People of the Parish

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**FR. ANTONIO BAROL'S MESSAGE FOR SUNDAY – NOVEMBER 14TH, 2021**

Dear sisters/brothers, parishioners of St. Thomas More and St. Bernadette,  
(Psalm 69): "O God, come to my assistance; O Lord, make haste to help me! You are my rescuer, my help; O Lord, do not delay." This is indeed a beautiful Psalm to pray in this difficult time. We ask God to assist us that we may not despair or get discouraged but to come and help us by sending his Angels and the Saints to intercede for us and heal the world. We also ask the Holy Spirit to renew the face of the earth.

Last week's gospel challenged us to be givers not hoarders of God's bountiful blessings of Time, Talent and Treasure. We identified three kinds of givers, the Grudge givers who complain about giving and thus give with a heavy heart, the Duty givers who give reluctantly but give anyway because it is a duty; and then the Thank-givers who give with joy in their heart. We also learn that we give not out of the abundance of our resources and we make a giving true when it entails, sacrifice and that is to give until it hurts. We also give with a smile that although it entails sacrifice we feel the joy of giving. God loves a cheerful giver and God knows how to repay our generosity, "Give to others, and God will give to you. Indeed, you will receive a full measure, a generous helping poured out into your hands, all that you can hold. The measure you use for others is the one that God will use for you." (Lk.6,38). St. John Paul II called this the law of the gift, "Your being increases in the measure that you give away." Trust in the Lord and your resources will never run out as shown to us by the widow of Zarephat who feed Elijah with her last resources because she believed in God's word.

After God has asked us to give what we have for the good of others, this weekend He is asking us to prepare for the end which is to come. Whatever end it would be; we all know there is an end of our life's journey. We may put this journey as from conception to natural death, others would put it from the womb to the tomb, and still others would say a journey from earth to our eternal home in heaven.

Chapter 13 of the gospel of Mark is one of the hardest sections of the New Testament. Mark was using the apocalyptic literature and that is the unveiling of what would come also using the dreams and visions taken from the Old Testament. They were visions not science, they were dreams not history. Cont'd .../

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The phrase "The day of the Lord" can be found in the writings of, Prophet Amos, c. 5;16-20, from prophet Isaiah 13; 6-16, the second and third chapters of prophet Joel.

There are various strands of thoughts and a good material for teaching as Mark collected Jesus' sayings about the future concerning, 1. There are prophecies of the destruction of Jerusalem, he foresaw the end of the holy city and he was right when Jerusalem fell in 70 A.D.; the temple was destroyed and terrible things happened. 2. There is warning of persecution to come. Jesus foresaw that his followers would have to go through the most heart breaking and soul searing experiences and he warned them in advance. 3. There are warnings of the dangers of the last days. Jesus foresaw that men would come who would twist and adulterate the Christian faith. He wished to defend his people in advance from the heresies and lies which would invade the Church. 4. There are warnings of the second coming. They were visions and dreams from the prophets and not meant to be taken literally. They are meant as impressionistic pictures, as seer's visions, designed to impress upon men the greatness of that event when it should come. 5. There are warnings of the necessity to be on the watch. If we live in the shadow of eternity and with the prospect of the consummation of the coming of Christ and if the times and the seasons are known only to God, there is the necessity to be ready.

St. Mark's description of the end times is a reflection of what was understandable by the Jewish people as it was taken from the dreams and visions of the prophets like the first reading from the Book of Daniel. Prophet Daniel was able to interpret the dreams and the visions of the king and he and his companions were saved from the fiery furnace and from the lion's den and so the king believed in him. This is the kind of language that the Jews will understand, and so St. Mark used them to teach about what will happen on the day of the Lord in which Jesus warned the people not to believe in the false prophets or false messiah who will come and announce the day of the Lord. Even Jesus did not try to predict when that time will come but warned the people that it will come like a thief in the night, therefore the attitude of being watchful and ready should be established at all times in every person's mind and heart.

We live in a generation that thinks about security and so we embark with insurance, bank accounts, more wealth and other material preparation and let us hope that we do not take aside or lightly our final destination preparations, because if we focus only on our earthly security what if the Lord comes and ask us of our personal accounting of our heavenly treasure what have we to show? After all these material accumulation what then? Are we able to bring all this wealth to our final destiny? They say you cannot see a U-Haul truck after a funeral coach, have you? No wonder our Sunday readings before the last Sunday of the Church liturgical year mentioned about giving and sharing. Before we leave this earth it is good to know where our God given treasure would be going and experience the joy of giving and also be able to see the faces of those who say thank you. We must not be very focused only about the "Day of the Lord or the end time" but we should always be ready with our own individual end time which is certain and our journey is always getting closer to our final home heaven. It is not something to be feared, but an event to be welcomed with a joyful heart as mentioned in the second reading; the letter to the Hebrews, "Christ had offered for all time a single sacrifice for sins...for by his single offering he has made perfect for all time those who are sanctified." Let us not forget that we all are saints in the making. Let us continue our life's journey with faith in our hearts. God bless.

Quote of the week; "What do you possess if you possess not God?" (St. Augustine)

Pope's prayer intention for November: People who suffer from depression; "We pray that people who suffer from depression or burn-out will find support and light that opens them up to life."

Mass Intention: Saturday November 13, @ 4PM in Millbrook; For all the souls in Purgatory

Sunday: November 14 @ 9AM, in Millbrook: For the people of the Parish, 11AM in Nestleton –For the People of the Parish

(We are running out of mass intentions, please remember your loved ones)

Please let us continue praying the Holy Rosary before mass we continue to ask our Heavenly Mother Mary to intercede for us in this difficult time.

God bless. Fr. tony

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