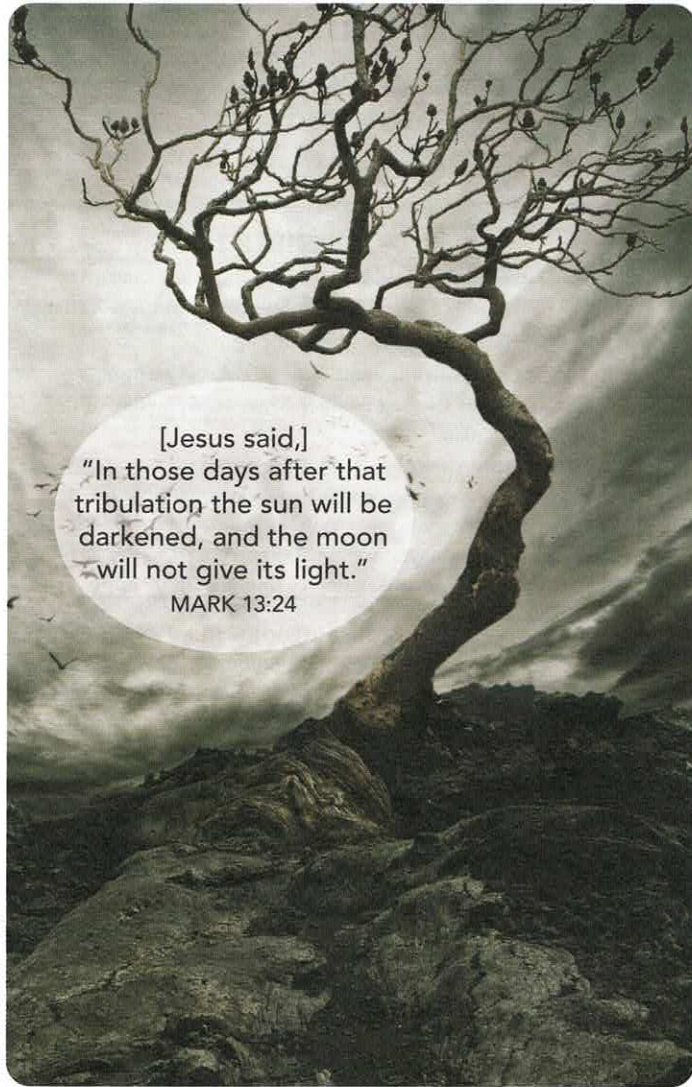


In Those Days...

This phrase is frequently found in the writings of the prophets. While it sometimes points to a future time of peace and happiness, it often portends imminent fear and trembling, as it does in today's readings. Both Daniel and Jesus speak of the suffering that will precede the end of the world.



This suffering is often called the "birth pangs of the Messiah" (Matthew 24:8; Mark 13:8; John 16:21). This apt metaphor includes both life-threatening distress and wondrous joy over new birth. Pain and subsequent happiness are both described in today's readings.

The author of Daniel may be referring to the end of the whole world but is probably also presenting that in terms of the end of his own world, which would have included the suffering and even death of Jews who remained faithful under persecution. Some interpreters suggest Jesus is speaking similarly. That is, he is using a familiar figure of speech that characterizes suffering as birth pangs. According to this metaphor, there might be terrible suffering, but at the end there is utter happiness.

Both Daniel and Jesus seek to encourage their hearers to remain faithful even in the face of torment, for new life can come out of such suffering. This is a message we all need to hear. Suffering is a reality in every life. How do we endure it? Does it sour us, break us down? Or do we come out of it new people, more sensitive and understanding? It is up to us.

Sr. Dianne Bergant, CSA

FOR *Reflection*

- ✦ *Pray for the strength to remain faithful, regardless of the difficulty.*
- ✦ *How has suffering made you a better person?*



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NOVEMBER 14TH

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Weekend Mass: Saturday 5:00pm Sunday 10:30am

Daily Mass: Wednesday: 12:10pm

Tuesday & Thursday: 5:30pm Friday:12:10pm

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It will be shed for you & for all... so that sins may be forgiven.  
Do this in memory of me.*

*Masses will be offered November 2021*

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| at, Nov. 13 | +Gerry Davis<br>+George Lovato<br>+Richard Arguello                                                         | by Ross & Shelley Carter<br>by Rose Alford<br>by Ross & Shelley Carter                                                                     |
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| at, Nov. 20 | +Gerry Davis<br>+Ronnie Rael<br>+Richard Arguello                                                           | by Ross & Shelley Carter<br>by Ross & Shelley Carter<br>by Ross & Shelley Carter                                                           |
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| at, Nov. 27 | +Gerry Davis<br>+Richard Arguello<br>+Jose & Elida Valdez                                                   | by Ross & Shelley Carter<br>by Ross & Shelley Carter<br>by Rose Cardenas                                                                   |
| in, Nov. 28 | +Sam Britt<br>+Thomas Romero Jr.<br>+Sandra Rael<br>(OLOG) +Bernice Lamberson<br>(OLOG) +Kevin Kelsey       | by Rosa Lee Britt<br>By Thomas & Elizabeth Romero<br>by Thomas & Elizabeth Romero<br>by Grant & Marjorie Long<br>by Grant & Marjorie Long  |

**Weekly Collections Summary: Oct. & Nov. 2021**

|               | <u>SFX</u> | <u>OLOG</u> |
|---------------|------------|-------------|
| November 6-7  | \$9,208.15 | \$ 469.00   |
| October 30-31 | \$1,927.00 | \$ 292.00   |
| October 23-24 | \$1,834.27 | \$ 388.50   |
| October 16-17 | \$2,378.00 | \$ 340.00   |

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There will be no Weekday Masses at the SFX church:  
November 16th, 17th, 18th & 19th  
November 23rd, 24th, 25th & 26th

**ATTENTION!!!**

We are in need of volunteers for the Church Bazaar.

We need volunteers to help in the kitchen and as cashiers.

The Bazaar is Saturday, December 4, 2021. Our fundraiser will be from 11am to 7pm.  
Take-Out ONLY!

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

After almost two years of no singing or music at Mass, I would like to try and bring it back. But need volunteers to work the organ and sing at their discretion parts such as: the entrance hymn, Kyrie, Gloria, (Holy, Holy or Sanctus), the Mystery of Faith, (Lamb of God or Angus Dei) and closing hymn. All at volunteers' discretion.

Fr. Jason Pettigrew

The Church opposes abortion, but embraces with mercy those who have made this mistake. Let's all take encouragement from these words of Pope John Paul II: "I would now like to say a special word to women who have had an abortion. The Church is aware of the many factors which may have influenced your decision, and she does not doubt that in many cases it was a painful and even shattering decision. The wound in your heart may not yet have healed. Certainly what happened was and remains terribly wrong. But do not give in to discouragement and do not lose hope. Try rather to understand what happened and face it honestly. If you have not already done so, give yourselves over with humility and trust to repentance. The Father of mercies is ready to give you his forgiveness and his peace in the Sacrament of Reconciliation. To the same Father and to his mercy you can with sure hope entrust your child." (The Gospel of Life, #99).

**Lectors for Masses**

- Sat, Nov. 20– Sandy Vaughn
- Sun, Nov. 21– Raymond Saccoccia
- Sat, Nov. 27– Sammie Wood
- Sun, Nov. 28– Chase Carter

# Dear Padre,

## Is a homily necessary at every Mass?

The homily is “highly recommended” not only because it is an essential part of the liturgy but also because “it is necessary for the nurturing of the Christian life” (*General Instruction of the Roman Missal*, 65). “On Sundays and holy days of obligation there is to be a homily at every Mass that is celebrated with the people attending and it may not be omitted without a grave reason. On other days it is recommended, especially on the weekdays of Advent, Lent and Easter time, as well as on other festive days and occasions when the people come to church in greater numbers” (*GIRM* 66). In practice, brief homilies are usually offered on nonfestive weekday Masses during Ordinary Time, too—especially in church parishes and religious communities—even for a minimal number of people in the congregation.

“Whoever preaches, let it be with the words of God” (1 Peter 4:11). To the office of an ordained minister belongs the tremendous sacred duty to preach a homily rooted in prayer, and with an understanding of the Scriptures and the needs of the particular faith community in mind. “If the words of Scripture are divinely inspired, as we believe them to be, then divine inspiration must be at work when those words are made alive and contemporary to the believing community in and through” the ministry of preaching (*Fulfilled in Your Hearing*, U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops, 1982).

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### A WORD FROM *Pope Francis*

*Please, make the homily brief, but prepare it well. And how do we prepare a homily, dear priests, deacons, bishops? How should it be prepared? With prayer, by studying the word of God and by making a clear and brief summary; it should not last more than ten minutes, please.*

GENERAL AUDIENCE, FEBRUARY 7, 2018

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## Calendar

### Monday

NOVEMBER 15

Weekday

1 Mc 1:10–15, 41–43,  
54–57, 62–63  
Lk 18:35–43

### Tuesday

NOVEMBER 16

Weekday

2 Mc 6:18–31  
Lk 19:1–10

### Wednesday

NOVEMBER 17

St. Elizabeth of  
Hungary, Religious

2 Mc 7:1, 20–31  
Lk 19:11–28

### Thursday

NOVEMBER 18

Weekday

1 Mc 2:15–29  
Lk 19:41–44

### Friday

NOVEMBER 19

Weekday

1 Mc 4:36–37, 52–59  
Lk 19:45–48

### Saturday

NOVEMBER 20

Weekday

1 Mc 6:1–13  
Lk 20:27–40

### Sunday

NOVEMBER 21

Our Lord Jesus Christ,  
King of the Universe

Dn 7:13–14

Rv 1:5–8

Jn 18:33b–37

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