

## KEEPING FAITH FIRST- FAMILY FUN

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## Catechizing Corner!

It is in the context of Jesus' expected imminent return that we are to read today's gospel. It is how Luke wrote it. We are to be prepared at all times. Using apocalyptic literature, Luke was interpreting the present crisis in which they were involved as the last crisis of human history, to be followed soon by its consummation. Apocalyptic literature functioned in a specific way. It was not written as prophecy about future events. It was written as imminent reality. True to fashion, apocalyptic literature expands in transmission. Commentary is added to what presently exists and then it is adapted to meet current situations. Sometimes the crisis at hand subsides, sometimes it gets worse. Sometimes details are added or omitted. In Mark's gospel there is minimal reference to the destruction of the temple. It is suggested that Mark did not experience the destruction firsthand but was told about it and thus included it in his gospel. Luke, on the other hand, describes it as if he had been an eyewitness. All three evangelists subscribe to an "apocalyptic theology and world view to express the horror of destruction of Jerusalem as sign and preparation for the end time." Apocalyptic theology was the way the early church expressed its faith in the power of God for deliverance and salvation. Periodically throughout the history of the church apocalyptic fervor is renewed because it appeals to an intrinsic desire for peace, healing restoration, and a better world. Because it is so vulnerable to psychic and emotional imbalance, the consequences are, unfortunately, often disastrous.

We can see one example of apocalyptic fervor gone amuck in today's reading from Thessalonians. They believed the "Day of the Lord" had already arrived. The community suffered as a result. In every generation there are groups who, in their search for the utopian life, give up on this life, embrace an unbalanced vision of future realities, and come to a disastrous end. The mass suicides of cults such as Heaven's Gate and Jim Jones are examples of such extremes.



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## Disciple's Reflection

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## Question of the Week

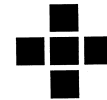
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## Call to Prayer

**Begin by calling upon God: In the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit, Amen.**

Let us pause for a moment and listen attentively to this week's passage.

## The Word of God Luke 21:5-19

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke

While some people were speaking about how the temple was **adorned** with costly stones and **votive offerings**, Jesus said, "All that you see here—the days will come when there will not be left a stone upon another stone that will not be thrown down."

Then they asked him, "Teacher, when will this happen? And what sign will there be when all these things are about to happen?"

He answered, "See that you not be deceived, for many will come in my name, saying, 'I am he,' and 'The time has come.' Do not follow them! When you hear of wars and insurrections, do not be terrified; for such things must happen first, but it will not immediately be the end."

Then he said to them,

### Gospel Glossary

**Adorned** means decorated.

**Votive offerings** are gifts or money given to God or the temple as a sign of prayer, or in hope of getting a certain wish.

**To rise** here means to move against someone in battle.

"Nation will **rise** against nation, and kingdom against kingdom. There will be powerful earthquakes, **famines**, and **plagues** from place to place; and awesome sights and mighty signs will come from the sky.

"Before all this happens, however, they will **seize** and persecute you, they will hand you over to the synagogues and to prisons, and they will have you led before kings and governors because of my name.

It will lead to your giving **testimony**. Remember, you are not to prepare your defense beforehand, for I myself shall give you a wisdom in speaking that all your adversaries will be powerless to resist or **refute**. You will even be handed over by parents, brothers, relatives, and friends, and they will put some of you to death. You will be hated by all because of my **name**, but not a hair on your head will be destroyed. By your perseverance you will secure your lives."

### The Gospel of the Lord.



**Famines** are severe shortages of food in which many people die from hunger.

**Plagues** are widespread outbreaks of disease or other destructive forces.

**To seize** means to capture or arrest.

**Testimony** is witness to the truth.

**To refute** means to disagree or to prove wrong.

## Faith Sharing

### Questions of the Week:

**Adults:** Name a day and time you will set aside in gratitude for your blessings.

**Teens:** Have you ever faced persecution because of your faith?

**Children:** How has Jesus helped you live as one of his followers?

**Families:** Talk as a household...Do your friends ever put you down because you're Catholic?

## Closing Prayer

Lord, You have called us to be your disciples, to live in faith, walking always in your footsteps. By your suffering, death, and resurrection, you have made us children of God. As you have loved us and asked us to love one another, help us to love and embrace everyone in our lives.

Fill us with love, compassion, forgiveness, patience, understanding, and tolerance, even when we face the pain of hatred, rejection, and failure.

Guide us to be good disciples. May we seek always the praise and glory of God and the good of all people. We make this prayer through Christ our Lord. Amen.

*Thirty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time*