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THE END OF THE WORLD !

"Heaven and earth shall pass, but My words shall not pass." These words of the Gospel of today, taken from St. Matthew, xxiv. 15-35, were addressed by Our Lord to His disciples.

1. Will this world come to an end? Will there be a general judgment? These are questions of the very highest importance. If this world is to pass, to be destroyed by fire, it is a great folly to love it, or anything that it contains. If Jesus Christ will come down from heaven to ask us an account of all our life, in presence of all mankind; if He will reward the just into life everlasting, and condemn the wicked to the eternal fire of hell, he must be deprived of reason who does not, now, immediately, and seriously, prepare for the day of judgment.

Now we say: As truly as there is a God in heaven, as truly as we live on earth, so true it is that this world will be destroyed, so true it is that the Lord Jesus Christ will come from heaven to judge all mankind.

With regard to the consummation of the world, the apostles believed it, and asked their Master when it would take place; and He, the God of truth, told them of the signs which would precede this great event. The Church teaches that this world will pass. We read in the Mass for the dead: "He will destroy the world by fire;" *solvat saeculum in favilla*. Then why should this world last forever? It was made and preserved for the use of men: it is, as it were, our battlefield, on which we have to fight against ourselves and the devils, in order to conquer heaven..

2. There will be also the great accounting day, the general judgment. Of this day we read in the Creed of St. Athanasius: "Jesus Christ ascended into heaven, sitteth at the right hand of God Almighty, whence He shall come to judge the living and the dead; at Whose advent all men shall have to rise in their bodies, and to give account of their own works. And they who have done good works shall go into life everlasting; and they who shall have done evil works shall go into eternal fire." Our Lord Jesus Christ Himself taught this doctrine to the apostles, and we profess to believe after them, with all the Catholics of the world, that Jesus Christ shall come from heaven to judge the living and the dead. There will certainly be a general judgment at the end of the world.

3. When will the end of the world occur? According to the doctrine of the Gospel, the following events will occur before the last consummation. The Gospel shall first be preached to the whole world for a testimony

to all nations (*Matt. xxiv. 14*). The Jews also, so long opposed to Jesus Christ, will at last be converted to Him. St. Paul tells us that a revolt must come first—that is to say, a great secession from the Church must take place—before the last day (*II. Thess. ii*).

3. In those days also shall appear the Antichrist, a man of wickedness, called by the Scripture "the man of sin," "the wicked one," "the son of, perdition." His coming will be according to the working of Satan, in all power and signs and lying wonders, and in all seduction of iniquity (*II. Thess. ii. 9, 10*). He will use his cunning to deceive men, and many will adhere to him; he will use his power to persecute the Church, and his persecution will be of all the most bloody. "Who opposeth, and is lifted up above all that is called God, or that is worshipped, so that he sitteth in the temple of God, showing himself as if he were God." His reign, however, will be of short duration. In order to counteract the cunning and cruelty of Antichrist, God will raise to Himself two witnesses, Enoch and Elias. They will oppose the arch-enemy of Christ, and labor for the conversion of the Jews and the perseverance of the just. Antichrist will put to death the two messengers of God; but he himself will be killed by the spirit of the mouth of Jesus Christ: he will be destroyed by the brightness of His coming (*II. Thess. ii. 8*).

There will be other signs that will precede the destruction of the world and the last advent of Our Saviour. "And you shall hear of wars and rumors of wars" (*Matt. xxiv.*); torrents of human blood will be shed; "nation shall rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom, and there shall be pestilences and famines and earthquakes in places" (*Matt. xxiv. 7*) "there shall be terrors from heaven, and great signs" (*Luke xxi. 11.*).

Many of the events here announced have occurred, but how far they are connected with the final consummation we do not know.

4. The time which separates us from the consummation is and will continue to be a mystery." The day of the Lord shall so come as a thief in the night; for when they shall say peace and security, then shall sudden destruction come upon them, as the pains upon her that is with child" (*I. Thess. v. 2, 3*). Such was the language of St. Paul, who had been taught of Jesus Christ; and the Lord Himself had said before him: "As lightning cometh out of the east, and appeareth even into the west, so shall the coming of the Son of man be. Of that day and hour no one knoweth, no not the angels of heaven, but the Father alone. And as in the days of Noe, so shall also the coming of the Son of man be; for as in the days before



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HOLY MASS

Sundays: 7:00 & 10:00 am
Weekdays: 8:00 am

CONFESSIONS

Sundays

6:40—6:55 am
9:15—9:55 am

Weekdays

7:40—7:55 am
and by appointment

HOLY ROSARY

Sundays: 9:40 am
First Saturdays: 8:00 am

This coming Saturday,
November 28th is the
Christmas Craft Sale from
9:00 am to 4:00 pm. Those
who are able to help are
very welcome.

Fr. Rodriguez.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

FROM Fr. Rodriguez:

I have Mass intentions until December 1. If someone needs Masses earlier, I am making a list for Bp. Morello.

Extra volunteers men and boys.

We need a list with volunteers for hard work in our Chapel to call them when we need help.

Please see Fr. Rodriguez, to volunteer your services to the Church.

All Poor Souls in November:

This is the Month of the Poor Souls. Do not forget to ask for a Mass or make your list to remember them in every Mass this Month.

For those who submitted a list in past years, just write the name of your family and any additions.

Thank you.

the flood, they were eating and drinking, marrying and giving in marriage, even till that day in which Noe entered into the ark, and they knew not till the flood came, and took them all away, so also shall the coming of the Son of man be" (*St. Matt. xxiv. 27, 36-39*).

The Son of God in the Gospel of this Sunday mentions some signs which will probably precede more immediately the end of the world and the final judgment: "The sun shall be darkened, the moon shall not give her light, the stars shall fall from heaven, and the powers of heaven shall be moved; "and we read also: "There shall be signs in the sun, and in the moon, and in the stars; and upon the earth distress of nations, by reason of the confusion of the roaring of the sea and of the waves; men withering away for fear and expectation of what shall come upon the whole world; for the powers of heaven shall be moved" (*Luke xxi. 25*).

It is probable that after those wonderful signs, after the earthquakes, the darkness, after the utter confusion of the elements, calm again will be restored, and men again will forget all the warnings, and continue to offend their Creator.

At last the end has come. Listen! At a distance is heard an unknown, terrifying sound. It is not the roaring of the sea and of the waves, nor the rumbling which accompanies an earthquake. The sound becomes louder and louder, more and more terrifying. As the sound draws nearer, the air is filled with fire and brimstone. It is the last storm, the storm of the anger of God; in its passage it destroys all men, and with them all the works of their hands. The earth and the works that are in it are burnt up. The elements melt with the burning heat; the heavens, being on fire, are dissolved and pass away with great violence (*II. Pet. iii.*).

Such, according to the sacred writers, will be the end of this world which we inhabit. Woe to us who have made a bad use of it, by loving some of the objects which it contains more than the Creator! For if the Almighty will thus show his anger against the earth, the theatre of our sins, will He not punish more severely those who have voluntarily abused all his blessings, particularly the gifts of intelligence and of life?

5. We will now speak of the resurrection and the judgment. The world has been consumed by fire: will it remain a confused mass of ashes, buried in darkness, or will it be renewed before the resurrection of the dead? On this point the Scripture is silent; neither do we know for certain the place of the general judgment. But the dead shall rise; all the dead shall rise; all the dead shall be judged. The prophet Ezechiel was taken up in spirit into a vast plain, where he witnessed a wonderful scene. The plain was covered with bones, and they were very dry. God commanded him to speak to them; he spoke, and behold, there is a commotion amongst the dry bones: they unite one to another, sinews grow over the bones, and afterwards flesh, and skin is extended over them. Another command is given, and behold, the Spirit cometh and giveth life to these dead, and they stand on their feet a

great army. This resurrection of one nation, terrifying as it must have appeared to the prophet, was but a faint idea of the general resurrection to occur on the last day. Generations after generations for thousands of years have appeared in the world and passed away from it. Their bones lay scattered in the graves, in the seas, on the mountains and valleys, and now the day of the harvest has come.

Almighty God sends His angels with a trumpet and loud voice; for the trumpet shall sound: "Arise, ye dead, come to the judgment! "And the dead shall rise. In a moment, in the twinkling of an eye, the sea gives up her dead, the earth opens and out of it come the human remains which it contained; souls come from hell, from heaven, from purgatory: each re-enters the body which it occupied on earth. All men died; all men are now restored to life. They have risen from the dead; but henceforth they shall never die.

But oh, what a difference between the elect and the reprobate! The just have risen with a body which is glorious, impassible. I fancy I behold them with joy, exultation depicted in their countenance, with a glorious aureole adorning their brows. They have risen prepared to participate in the nuptials of the Son of God. No wonder. All these are the meek and humble of heart, the merciful, the pure of heart and body, those who washed their robes in the blood of the Lamb, who during their lives accomplished the will of their Creator.

What of the reprobate? They also are changed; but what a change! They have risen for judgment and condemnation. How could it be otherwise? Amongst the reprobate I see none but the proud, the unjust, adulterers and fornicators, the intemperate, the unmerciful, the haters of their brethren—all those, in a word, who like Lucifer revolted against their God, and abused the life which He granted to them; and now they are risen, now they shall be judged. Who can describe the anguish of their souls? Eternity will also soon begin for the soul and the body of the reprobate.

Let us proceed. The end will soon come. A strange brightness appears in the heavens. Its splendor has dispelled the darkness, and lights up the scene of the judgment. For the just never did the sun rise so beautiful; for the wicked never did any sight appear so appalling. But this light is not the rising of the sun; no, the sun shall rise no more. This light is the sign of the Son of man; it is the glorious cross of Jesus Christ. And now the heavens open. Out of it proceed an innumerable multitude; they are the angels of God, the millions of heavenly spirits who compose His court, the millions of blessed angels sent to welcome the elect or to cast away the wicked from the face of God. In the middle of these bright spirits appears their King and ours, Jesus Christ, coming in the clouds of heaven with great power and majesty. He has come to judge all men, He Who created them, He Who redeemed them with His Blood.

The Judge is seated on His tribunal: the judgment will soon begin. This is the day which the Church calls the dreadful day, the great and bitter day; the day whose remembrance alone causes the just themselves to tremble.

MASS SCHEDULE

SUNDAY November 22	XXVI Sunday After Pentecost St. Cecilia, VM	G	7:00 am 10:00 am	Superior's Intentions Missa pro Populo.
MONDAY November 23	St. Clement I, PM	R	8:00 am 7:30 pm	For Gina & Victorino Claritio <u>The Holy Rosary and</u> <u>St. Joseph Litany</u>
TUESDAY November 24	St. John of the Cross, CD St. Chrysogonus, M	W	8:00 am	Ray & Isaura Abed
WEDNESDAY November 25	St. Catharine of Alexandria, VM	R	8:00 am	Special Intention
THURSDAY November 26	St. Sylvester, Ab St. Peter of Alexandria, BpM	W	8:00 am	Catholic Family Salvation
FRIDAY November 27	Ferial Day Votive Mass of the Sacred Heart of Jesus	W	8:00 am	Catholic Family Salvation
SATURDAY November 28	Anticipated Vigil of St. Andrew the Apostle	P	7:00 am.	George Schmitt R.I.P.
SUNDAY November 29	First Sunday of Advent	P	7:00 am 10:00 am	Missa pro Populo Paul Minar



MASS TIMES AT ST. MARY THE VIRGIN

1520 Delaware St, Paulsboro, New Jersey 08066

November 22	5:00 pm.	Fr. Rodriguez.
November 29	5:00 pm.	Fr. Rodriguez.
December 6	9:30 am.	Fr. Bachtiger
December 13	5:00 pm.	Fr. Rodriguez

*Mass may be cancelled in the event of inclement weather.
Call Mrs. Miriam Windfeld for any information: (856) 456 4232

Other Services: Monday November 22 Holy Rosary for the Poor Souls in Purgatory followed by St. Joseph Litanies at 7:30 pm.



NOTICE TO NEWCOMERS

Founded in 1973 in the wake of the disastrous Second Vatican Council, the mission of Our Lady of the Rosary Chapel is to maintain and restore as far as possible the traditional faith, values and liturgical practice of the Roman Catholic Church, and to provide a haven of sanctity where men and women of good will may grow in love for God and their neighbor.

Please don't hesitate to introduce yourself and ask questions. After Mass come to the Social Hall, and join us for coffee and refreshments.

We hope your visit with us is a pleasant one, and we look forward to seeing you again and welcoming you as a member of Our Lady of the Rosary.

We welcome Spanish-speaking guests, and confessions are heard in Spanish and English every Sunday and by appointment with the pastor.

Behold the reprobate in presence of the saints, of the angels! They cannot bear the sight of their own bodies. But what are their feelings in the presence of the Judge? I fancy I see them trying to hide from the face of Jesus Christ. Ah, why has He come? We cannot bear the sight of Him Who was once so kind but is now so dreadful! Oh, hide us from the sight of the cross! Oh, that mountains should fall upon us, that hills should cover us from the face of Him Who sitteth upon the throne, and from the face of the Lamb! For the great day of their wrath is come, and who shall be able to stand? (*Apoc. vi. 16, 17.*)

Alas! it is too late now. The angels of God are at work, and they work with the power of God. With the velocity of the lightning. God's messengers have swept the reprobate to the left side of the Saviour; with equal velocity the guardian angels have placed the elect to the right of the Redeemer. The books are now opened.

O you elect, lift up your heads and rejoice; fear not the judgment of Christ. Behold, the poor whom you helped are around you to defend you: behold near you your good angels who presented to God your prayers and good works. The sins which you committed have been forgiven. You confessed them with sorrow; God will not make them known to the world; but all your good works will be published before mankind, and on this day there will arise to bless and glorify you the many souls which you sanctified by word and example. "Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is very great!"

As to the reprobate, at the sight of the elect they are troubled with terrible fear. Alas! their guardian angels have no good works to present in their favor. They did not help the poor, and they will now be judged by the Friend of the poor. They offered no prayers, no adoration, to their God; they shed no tears for their sins, performed no penance for their crimes; during their long lives they neither loved nor obeyed God their Creator, Jesus Christ their Redeemer. "The Lord will bring to light the hidden things of darkness" (*1. Cor. iv. 5.*) "I will discover thy shame to thy face, and will show thy nakedness to the nations, and thy shame to kingdoms" (*Nab. iii. 5.*) With adulterers they have been partakers. "Thy mouth hath abounded with evil, and thy tongue framed deceits" (*Ps. xlix. 19.*) They

used to blaspheme the name of their Creator, to eat and drink to scandalous excess; they scandalized the young and destroyed the souls of their own children. Think not, unfortunate beings, that you can deceive the Judge! Behold near you the witnesses of your scandals, and the demons who claim you as their prey. For you there is now no advocate to be found. Time is now past, past forever.

Listen to the words of Jesus Christ himself: "Then shall the King say to them that shall be on His right hand: Come ye blessed of My Father, possess the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world. For I was hungry, and you gave Me to eat; I was thirsty and you gave Me to drink; I was a stranger, and you took Me in, naked, and you covered Me; sick, and you visited Me; I was in prison, and you came to Me. . . . As long as you did it to one of these My least brethren, you did it to Me. Then He shall say to them also that shall be on His left hand: Depart from Me, you cursed, into everlasting fire which was prepared for the devil and his angels. For I was hungry, and you gave Me not to eat. . . . Amen I say to you, as long as you did it not to one of these least, neither did you do it to Me. And these shall go into everlasting punishment; but the just into life everlasting" (*Matt. xxv. 34-46.*)

Such is the truthful history of the end of the world, of the judgment, of the beginning of eternity. Let us now at least in spirit kneel before the tabernacle and say: "I firmly believe that Jesus Christ, the Sovereign Judge, is present under the appearances of bread; through love of men He has shed His Blood, and here, in this holy church, I find Him day and night ready to listen to my prayers; here is the holy Table where He feedeth my soul unto life everlasting, and here is the altar where He offers Himself every day as a victim of thanksgiving and propitiation. Pardon, O Lord, all my negligences towards the mystery of Thy Body and Blood. Grant that I may ever love Thee, that I may often unite myself to Thee in Thy sacrament, and then I will fear neither death nor judgment. Remember, O merciful Jesus, that I was the cause of Thy sufferings; do not cast me off on that day!"

*Taken from: Christ on the Altar
By Rev. Louis De Goesbriand, D.D. 1889*

**BOYS AND GIRLS, sign up for midnight procession which we will be held before Midnight Mass on December 24 at 11:45 pm.
Thank you.**

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