

From the Pastor's Desk:

Dear Friends:

Today is the second last Sunday of the Church liturgical year. Next Sunday we will celebrate the Feast of Christ the King. As the church brings its liturgical year to an end, it traditionally presents the knowledge of the end times. This gives us the message that Jesus is the beginning and end of all things, all things exist in and through him. He is the Alpha and the Omega and he is the source of all things. Today when we look around the world, we see so much of suffering, hardships and pain. There is much corruption, terrorism and poverty. The world experiences the hardship of what is generally termed as the climate change. But here we have a message of hope in the words of Jesus. We visualize the Kingdom of God that offers love, compassion, kindness and mercy, the sign of new hope of the future. Even in the midst of suffering and hardship, the word of God continues to be alive and active. As we wait for the fulfillment of the kingdom of God in Christ and look forward to a just, loving and peaceful world. Today's gospel anticipates the dramatic events that will take place at the end times. It speaks of a time of suffering, the sun being darkened, the moon not giving its light, the stars falling from heaven, and the powers of heaven being shaken. There will be a time when heaven and earth will pass away forever. No one, says Jesus, not even he himself knows when the end will come. It is not for us to worry about that. Worrying will not help. On other hand, we should not play with life and keep putting off the day of our conversion to God. The only way is to live today and every day in his love and service. It is the present which determines the future; so let's just concentrate on the here and now.

The message for us today is that Jesus has made a sacrifice for us that we may be saved and enter into his kingdom. It is God who has decided from the beginning of time to love us as we are created in his own image and likeness. Indeed the love that Jesus showed us goes beyond all the expectations, taking us into the depth of the love of the Father.

God Bless You!

Fr. Madanu Lourdu Raju

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION FORMATION ANNOUNCEMENTS

CCD: Catholic Christian Discipleship

Jesus taught us that one day the world will come to an end. Jesus taught us that the signs of the end times are the sun darkening, the stars falling, the coming of the Son of Man. Do you think we will be able to predict the end times? Who does Jesus say knows when these things will happen? Only God.

Jesus does not want us to be frightened by these signs, nor does he want us to be fearful about the fact that the world will one day come to an end. Many things in the world may change, but Jesus' words to us and God's love for us will never change. Lord, increase our faith in you.

+ **There are no classes on Wednesday, November 21st:** Enjoy the Thanksgiving Holiday with family and friends. Classes resume on November 28th

+ **HAPPY THANKSGIVING !**

Blessings and Peace ~ Sr. Marianna

OUR WEEKLY GIVING

Ss. Peter & Paul			
Adult Envelopes	\$	1,408.00	
Loose		140.20	
Total		1,548.20	
Total from November 12, 2017		1,329.00	
Building Fund		405.00	
St. Stanislaus			
Adult Envelopes	\$	867.00	
Loose		113.00	
Total		980.00	
Total from November 12, 2017		567.00	
Building Fund		50.00	
St. John			
Adult Envelopes	\$	532.00	
Loose		107.25	
Total		639.25	
Total from November 12, 2017		1,163.10	
Building Fund		500.00	
All Saints		223.00	
St. Michael			
Adult Envelopes	\$	260.00	
Loose		69.00	
Total		329.00	
Total from November 12, 2017		264.00	
Building Fund		30.00	

(Totals include only the basic collection)

Called to Become Saints Catholic Services Appeal 2018-2019

Our annual Catholic Services Appeal has begun throughout the Diocese. The "fair share" responsibility for the coming year is listed below. As of November 1st, we have collected:

2018/2019 Catholic Services Appeal

	Assessment	Received	Amount Due
Ss. Peter & Paul	\$ 11,393.00	\$4,930.00	\$6,463.00
St. John	\$ 9,158.00	\$3,280.00	\$5,878.00
St. Stanislaus	\$ 5,234.00	\$2,595.00	\$2,639.00
St. Michael	\$ 2,789.00	\$1,245.00	\$1,544.00

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