

Daily Readings For The Week

Monday November 20th

Reading 1: 1 **MACCABEES** 1: 10-15,41-43,54-57,62-63

Responsorial Psalm: **P S. 119: 53,61,134,150,155,158**

Gospel: **LUKE 18: 35-43**

Tuesday November 21st

Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary.

Reading 1: 2 **MACCABEES** 6: 18-31

Responsorial Psalm: **PS. 3: 2-7**

Gospel: **LUKE 19: 1-10**

Wednesday November 22nd

St. Cecilia, Virgin & martyr.

Reading 1: 2 **MACCABEES** 7: 1, 20-31

Responsorial Psalm: **PS. 17: 1,5-6,8,15**

Gospel: **LUKE 19: 11-28**

Thursday November 23rd

St. Clement I, pope & martyr. St. Columban, Abbot. & Blessed Miguel Augustin Pro, priest & martyr.

Reading 1: 1 **MACCABEES** 2: 15-29

Responsorial Psalm: **PS 50: 1-2,5-6,14-15**

Gospel: **LUKE 19: 41-44**

Friday November 24th

St. Andrew Dung-lac, priest, and companions, martyr.

Reading 1: 1 **MACCABEES** 4: 3-37,52-59

Responsorial Psalm: **PS. 1 CHRON. 29: 10-12**

Gospel: **LUKE 19: 45-48**

Saturday November 25th

St. Catherine of Alexandria, virgin & martyr.

Reading 1: 1 **MACCABEES** 6: 1-13

Responsorial Psalm: **PS. 9: 2-3,4,6,16,19**

Gospel: **LUKE 20: 27-40**

Announcements

1. A warm Welcome to all our visitors who are worshiping with us for the first time.
2. Happy Birthday and Anniversary to those celebrating their special day this week.
3. 2nd collection next week is for the maintenance of the Calvary Cemetery.
4. BLESSING OF GRAVES: -
MEADOWREST - today @ 1:00 p.m.
5. FEAST OF CHRIST THE KING - next week.
6. 50th ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION - of the Establishing of the Diocese of Kingston as an Archdiocese and the Episcopal Ordination of the Most Rev. Edgerton R. Clarke. Mass of thanksgiving at the Cathedral of the most Holy Trinity on Thursday, November 30, 2017 @ 5:30 p.m. All are invited.
7. 1st Sunday of Advent - Sunday, December 03, 2017.
8. Our annual Pre Christmas Brunch will be held on Sunday, December 17, 2017. Cost is \$1,400.00.

Welcome to the Roman Catholic
Community of St. Elizabeth's Church
"A Catholic Community in the Passionist Tradition"



33rd Sunday
in
Ordinary Time

November 19, 2017

Theme: Creative Fidelity.

Today the First Letter to the Thessalonians tells us: "Let us stay alert and sober." This is a strong message at the end of the Church year and as we think of the end of the world and of our own personal death. We should not fear the end of the world or our own personal death. Most likely the world will not end in our lifetime, but we do not know that. On the other hand, we can be completely confident that we ourselves shall die. True life is always living toward death.

Celebrating the Eucharist

Sundays: 10:30 a.m. Tue, Fri: 8:00 a.m.

Wednesdays: 5:30 p.m.

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Office Hours

Monday to Friday 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Office is closed on Saturdays & Sundays.

Pastor is available during office hours and by appointment.

The first reading today comes from the Book of Proverbs, which is part of the wisdom literature of the Old Testament. The selection today tells us the value of a good wife. In reality, the good wife is a model for all of us, women or men. Such a person brings good and blessings to all others, knows how to do things wisely, knows how to work, know how to care for the poor and knows how to care for her husband and her family. One of the points of this reading is that physical beauty can be deceiving and what really counts is beauty of character. The wife in this reading is clearly a person who knows how to use and invest her talents in the realities that will last forever. She know how to live towards death with all that truly matters.

The second reading is from the First Letter to the Thessalonians and addresses directly the end of the world. No one knows what that day will happen. It will come like a thief in the night. On the other hand, we should be prepared each day as though it will happen today. This kind of thinking is not meant to scare us but it is meant to keep us aware that we must be prepared. Just as the wife in the first reading seems always prepared for whatever happens, so also we must be prepared for all that happens. Even at this very moment, death could be coming to me soon—but probably not. It is that “probably not” that allows us to forget death and to live as though death and what is beyond it do not exist.

One of the remarkable aspects of aging is that people come face to face with the reality of death. Some of us struggle in every way possible to stay young and to pretend that we are young. Others of us seem to embrace getting old, sometimes before old age has even come upon us. For most of us, getting older is simply a part of living to be accepted. The point of the reading today is that part of getting older is being prepared to die and to meet the Lord. We need to ask ourselves: “Am I ready to meet the Lord right now?” If I am not, then I had better begin the work to prepare myself!

The Gospel today, from Saint Matthew, tells us about how to live. Each of us has been given a personal life. Each of us has been given gifts and talents and capacities. What do we do with them? Are we truly living? Do we use our lives for others? Do we seek to be faithful to what the Lord asks of us?

Let us walk the way of the Lord.



The Order of Mass

Gathering: *No. 372 "Stand Together For What You Believe"*

Lord Have Mercy

Gloria

Opening Prayer

First Reading: Proverbs 31: 10-13, 19-20, 30-31
{Ionie Clarke}

Responsorial Psalm: 127{128}: 1-5

Response: Blessed are those who fear the Lord.

Second Reading: 1 Thessalonians 5: 1-6
{Sherine Chin}

Gospel Acclamation: Remain in me as I remain in you, says the Lord. Whoever remains in me bears much fruit.

Gospel: Matthew 25: 14-30

Homily

Universal Prayer

Greeting of Peace

Preparation of Gifts: *No. 58 "By The Rivers Of Babylon"*

Presentation of Gifts: *No. 381 "Take This Bread, Take This Wine"*

Hosanna

Memorial Acclamation

Great Amen

Lord's Prayer

Lamb of God

Communion: *"Sons of God, Hear His Holy Word"*

Meditation: *"Fill My House Unto The Fullest"*

Sending Forth: *No. 34 "And The Father Will Dance"*

Today's Extraordinary Ministers:

*Lurrell Lewin
Pauline Salmon*