

## EVERYONE SHOULD KNOW

**THE ELECT** - This term is means "chosen as the object of mercy or Divine favor, as set apart for eternal life".

In the parish we hear this term as it refers to those seeking to become Catholic (catechumens) who celebrate the Rite of Election on the first Sunday of Lent signifying their being chosen (and choosing to) continue toward initiation at the upcoming Easter Vigil.



## APOCALYPSE

Today's Gospel reading includes what is called an **apocalyptic** discourse. "Apocalypse" is now thought of "a cataclysmic event". This is a modern usage. "Apocalypse" comes from Greek, the original language of the Book of Revelation. It means "**uncover, disclose, reveal.**"



## SEEDS FOR CONVERSATION

Apocalyptic writing is difficult to interpret. It was actually intended to give hope to faith communities who were oppressed and to be a warning to those who oppress them. If we concentrate on the ominous signs we may miss what Jesus wants us to hear.

We all have worries and fear in our lives. What are some good and not so good ways we can deal with fears and worries?

If you could ask God one question about the next life, what would that question be?

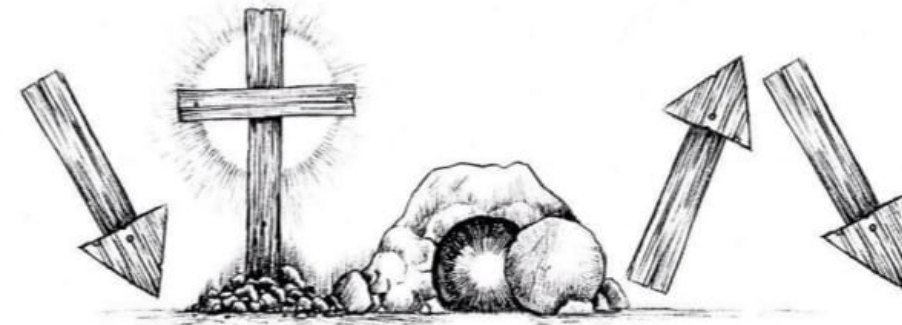
What inscription would you like to have written on your tombstone?

What are we grateful for?

For what and for whom do we need to pray? *Suggestion: Pray for all who are dying at this time and for Christians who have been persecuted for their faith.*

Let us not put off from one moment to another what we should do because the next moment is not yet ours. -St. Padre Pio

## The Good News of Jesus Christ



He Came He Died He Arose He Ascended He's Coming  
Again

It is good to make sure our children understand the basic story of Jesus, related to God's plan of salvation.

Here is a graphic version that you might have your children sketch.



## PRAYER TO SAINT MICHAEL THE ARCHANGEL

St. Michael the Archangel, defend us in battle. Be our protection against the wickedness and snares of the Devil. May God rebuke him, we humbly pray. And do thou, O Prince of the heavenly hosts, by the power of God, cast into hell Satan and all the evil spirits who prowl about the world seeking the ruin of souls.

*Amen.*

## ORDINARY TIME

Almost all of November falls during the liturgical season known as *Tempus per Annum* or **Ordinary Time** which is represented by the liturgical color green. We'll see the priest and deacons wearing green, and if there is an antependium (a cloth hanging in front of the altar) it will be green, too. Green is a symbol of growth, the color of growing things and it reminds us that we need to keep growing too, as we learn more about what Jesus taught and did when he was among us. The readings during November can feel a little dark - as we focus on the urgency to reform our lives so as to be "worthy of the promises of Christ", as we pray.

The last Sunday, of November, which marks the beginning of **Advent**, watch as the the liturgical color changes to purple, representing a time of preparation and penance.



# GROWING CATHOLICS

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## 33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

Sunday Gospel • November 14, 2021 Mark 13: 24-32

Jesus said to his disciples:

"In those days after that tribulation  
the sun will be darkened,  
and the moon will not give its light,  
and the stars will be falling from the sky,  
and the powers in the heavens will be shaken.

"And then they will see 'the Son of Man coming in the clouds' with great power and glory,  
and then he will send out the angels  
and gather his elect from the four winds,  
from the end of the earth to the end of the sky.

"Learn a lesson from the fig tree.

When its branch becomes tender and sprouts leaves,  
you know that summer is near.

In the same way, when you see these things happening,  
know that he is near, at the gates.

Amen, I say to you,  
this generation will not pass away  
until all these things have taken place.

Heaven and earth will pass away,  
but my words will not pass away.

"But of that day or hour, no one knows,  
neither the angels in heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father."



Advent begins on Sunday November 28, which is the Sunday after Thanksgiving. That is **ONLY two weeks away!** And, because it gets a little tangled up in the Thanksgiving weekend, it can be easy to miss out on experiencing the whole of the Advent Season...which is too bad, because it is SUCH a wonderful time of year, and celebrating it right brings extra joy at Christmas.

**You'll be receiving an ADVENT CRATE** if you are part of the Growing Catholics program (including preschool and Sacrament Preparation years). We will be providing you with Advent Candles again this year, and while you may choose to use the flameless votives we sent last year, you'll also be able to use the "real" candles in this year's Crate. To do that you'll need either four simple candleholders (try the dollar store) or an Advent Wreath. Many are available online—and you have time to order one [now you do—don't wait!]

