

THIRTY-SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

MY STEPS HAVE BEEN STEADFAST IN YOUR PATHS, MY FEET HAVE NOT
FALTERED. I CALL UPON YOU, FOR YOU WILL ANSWER ME, O GOD.

NOVEMBER 11, 2007

— Psalm 17:5-6a

LIFE EVERLASTING

The second book of Maccabees tells a powerful story, and a rather gruesome one at that. But central to it, beyond the horrible deaths inflicted upon the brothers and their mother, is their belief in the promise of resurrection and life everlasting in God.

Paul asks the Thessalonians to pray for him as he spreads Christ's message of love, so that he might be delivered from other nonbelievers anxious to do him harm. The apostle is confident in such prayer, just as he is confident in the everlasting support of Jesus and God the Father.

And there's that "everlasting" word again. The Sadducees, not buying the idea, ask Jesus an interesting—albeit meaningless—questions about the status of married life at the Resurrection. He tells the non-believers that marriage isn't an issue for the risen children of God. More importantly, he assures them that their ancestors do live on in God, even as evidenced by the Father's words to Moses.
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THANKSGIVING IS JUST AROUND THE CORNER (Nov. 22nd)

Please help decorate the church for Thanksgiving. If you have *Birds of Paradise* growing in your gardens, bring your donation of flowers and leaves to the Rectory on November 19th and 20th. Thank you!

BLOOD PRESSURE SCREENING AND FLU SHOTS AVAILABLE TODAY (SUNDAY)

Today our parish nursing ministry is able to offer a limited number of flu immunizations. These are available at no cost to parishioners over 18 years of age. You may stop by classroom #2 and talk with the nursing staff after Mass.

SACRAMENT OF THE ANOINTING OF THE SICK

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 24, 5:30 P.M.

PLEASE ARRIVE BY 5:15P.M. AND SIT IN THE RESERVED
PEWS AT THE FRONT OF THE CHURCH

One of the more notable activities of the Lord's public life was healing the sick. Healing was one of the explicit ministries entrusted to the 72 disciples when they went on mission. Communal services that celebrate God's healing mercy experienced through the sacrament of anointing the sick call to mind, for both the sick and the well, the healing power of God's love and the challenge of each of us to be instruments of healing in the midst of so much suffering in our fragile world. We hope that all who suffer serious illness, those who are elderly, and anyone about to have surgery will come to receive the anointing.

**"BELIEVE WHAT YOU READ, TEACH WHAT YOU
BELIEVE AND PRACTICE WHAT YOU TEACH."**

—Ordination Rite of the Deacon
upon receiving the Book of Gospels

Our parish is blessed with parishioner Angel Castro, who will be ordained a Deacon on November 17. Angel was only 14 years old when he, his mother and 8 sisters and brothers became parishioners of St. Matthew Church in 1993. After having been active in a variety of ministries in the Spanish speaking community, Angel entered St. John's seminary in 2000. Ordination into the diaconate is one of the final steps leading Angel to his ordination into the priesthood in the spring of 2008.

The word "deacon" comes from the Greek *diakonia*, which means "service." A deacon is an ordained minister who takes the spirit and message of Jesus to the marketplace. He has been called to serve and gives generously of his time, energy and talents to others, especially the poor. The deacon's ministry is varied — he may be reaching out to the sick, those in prison, the homeless. A deacon proclaims the gospel and preaches. He also conducts liturgical services including Baptisms, Weddings and Funerals.

Please keep Angel in your prayers as he gives himself in service to people.

TAKE TIME OUT...

to open your bible to read and reflect on next Sunday's gospel reading. The readings are listed below along with a question to prompt you to relate the Word of God to your life.

— THE 33RD SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME —

FIRST READING: Malachi 3:19-20a

SECOND READING: 2 Thessalonians 3:7-12

GOSPEL: Luke 21:5-19

- *When in my life have I had to endure or persevere to do what I thought was right when others disagreed with me?*
- *Has there ever been a time in my life when I questioned my belief? What happened or what did I do to regain my faith?*

You might also...

Pick up a book to enrich your spiritual life before or after the Sunday 10:30 a.m. Mass. Ten minutes of spiritual reading per day can really *make your day!*

or...

Join other parishioners in the church on Saturday mornings at 8:30 a.m. to pray the Rosary.