

November 17-18, 2018
Thirty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time
Daniel 12:1-3 Hebrews 10:11-18 Mark 13:24-32

'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.'

Not necessarily the stuff of happy-go-lucky Hallmark-esque preparation for Thanksgiving but apt Scripture for the closing days of the Church year. Indeed, at many a Thanksgiving table later this week, stories will be told of those who have passed away during the last year; laughter will be shared and tears may flow in remembrance of those with whom life was shared. Woven within these sharings are the subtle reminders that everything has a beginning and an ending and those who are wise should prudently take note. As we personally recall the many things, abilities, people and opportunities for which we are most grateful, let us not forget to consider the state of our SOUL, of our relationship with Jesus. Throughout this past year, have we strengthened our Jesus-relationships? Have we been about the GOOD THINGS we have always told ourselves we ought to be doing? Have we helped to make the world a BETTER PLACE or have we opted out of helping to transform the world's darkness into light and hope? As the closure of another entire year draws near, how have we made a difference in the world? To whom have we been kind, generous, compassionate? How are we different from who we were LAST Thanksgiving? Have we become more hopeful or more cynical? Looking to the future...what are the GOOD THINGS we really, really, really want to work on becoming in the year to come? We know not how much time we each have to be about the things we know are good...let us not delay or postpone for another year...

Thank you for sharing this pre-Thanksgiving weekend with our Santa Clara community. This weekend, CONCERN AMERICA is on site with a variety of Third World handcrafts for your possible purchase. Please take some time to peruse them, they make perfect hostess gifts for Thanksgiving and even stocking stuffers for the holiday parties coming our way. You are also reminded of the CHRISTMAS FLOWER envelopes available at the exits...WE WILL DO ALL THE WORK of obtaining the trees, poinsettias and wreaths by which our Hall will be transformed for Christmas...all you need do is provide the \$\$\$\$ by which we will pay for it! (Thank you for your generosity.) Please take a Bulletin home with you for other news and on Thanksgiving Day, please know that when I gather with my friends for the festive meal, of the many things for which I am MOST THANKFUL....YOUR FACES flash through my mind. Remember, you are loved. FKB