

November 16-17, 2019

Thirty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time

Malachi 3:19-20

Second Thessalonians 3:7-12

Luke 21:5-19

What did you have for lunch three Sundays ago? What ship was Francis Scott Key aboard when he penned the words for what would become known as the Star-Spangled Banner? Who is California's State Treasurer? What are the names of your neighbors? So many things that may have SEEMED important at one time...like in 1814 or the last election or when we were moving into our present dwelling or when we were ravenously hungry three Sundays ago...but now don't matter all that much. With a meager seven days remaining of this Liturgical Year (the Festival of Christ the King is next weekend), to what did we devote ourselves during these past months? The Prophet Malachi speaks of the eventual demise and destruction of the 'proud and all evildoers' and within the Gospel passages from Luke, Jesus reminded his listeners to keep their/our hearts and attention FOCUSED on things that truly matter...not Facebook, not our Twitter account, nor our elaborate play toys but rather our efforts to continually weave our hearts and thoughts into the heart and thoughts of Jesus. As the Liturgical Year ends...how are we CHANGED from whom we were twelve months ago? Are we changed for the better or for the worse? Closer to Jesus or further from him? *(By the way, if you had participated with our Fall Faith Day three Sundays ago you would have enjoyed Pumpkin Soup and Salad with Chicken Tenders for lunch. Francis Scott Key was aboard the HMS Tonnant when he wrote the poem that would become the Star-Spangled Banner. Ms. Fiona Ma is our State Treasurer. Your neighbors' names are Penny & Skip. OK, that one is a wild guess but you get the idea.)*

Thank you for sharing these final hours of the fast-dwindling Liturgical Year with our Santa Clara Community. If you ADOPTED one of the Immaculate Heart of Mary families, please return your gifts to the Church Office this week or bring them with you next weekend to Mass. Presents will be delivered to Santa Ana on December 7th...so please bring them back so we can make sure everybody is covered. NEXT weekend, CONCERN Third World Handcrafts will be present after all our Masses to offer assorted items for purchase. Perfect HOSTESS GIFTS for Thanksgiving or Stocking Stuffers for Christmas, please allow yourself extra time next weekend to peruse and purchase. As our stomachs start to grumble for turkey, as you make your plans to travel or pick up visitors at the airport, please remember that you are loved. FKB