

## Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ.

Today's Gospel reading is from Luke 21:5-19. St. Luke recounts how some people were amazed by the grandeur of the Jerusalem temple and its ritual offerings. In response, Jesus uses this moment to prophesy not only about the temple's destruction, which would occur about forty years after his death in 70 A.D., but also about the end of time. He reminds his followers that everything in this world will eventually fade away, including the magnificent yet fragile temple.

Jesus goes on to tell his followers about the difficult and challenging journey they will face throughout their lives. They will encounter deception, wars, insurrections, and natural disasters. They will witness mighty signs in the sky and may experience persecution, imprisonment, and trials before government leaders. Friends and loved ones might turn against them, and some may even die for the sake of Jesus' name. However, he encourages them not to be afraid or anxious, for Christ's Spirit will provide them with words of wisdom. Their perseverance through these trials will secure their eternal lives.

Let us pray for the courage to live our faith, even in challenging times. May we invest our lives not in temporary possessions or fleeting concerns, but in God's purposes and eternal values. May we continue to grow in perseverance and trust in Jesus, who has promised to be with us even during our most difficult trials. May God's peace, comfort, and strength surround us in times of testing or uncertainty. Let us find joy in witnessing God's love, presence, and kingdom on earth, and ultimately share in eternal joy and peace with God at His second coming. Amen.



## ST. THOMAS CATHOLIC CHURCH

Gassaway, West Virginia

33RD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME—C

NOVEMBER 16, 2025

### Gospel

#### Luke 21:5-19

While some people were speaking about how the temple was adorned with costly stones and votive offerings, Jesus said, "All that you see here-- the days will come when there will not be left a stone upon another stone that will not be thrown down."

Then they asked him, "Teacher, when will this happen? And what sign will there be when all these things are about to happen?" He answered,

"See that you not be deceived, for many will come in my name, saying, 'I am he,' and 'The time has come.' Do not follow them!

When you hear of wars and insurrections, do not be terrified; for such things must happen first, but it will not immediately be the end."

Then he said to them, "Nation will rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom. There will be powerful earthquakes, famines, and plagues from place to place; and awesome sights and mighty signs will come from the sky.

"Before all this happens, however, they will seize and persecute you, they will hand you over to the synagogues and to prisons, and they will have you led before kings and governors because of my name.



It will lead to your giving testimony. Remember, you are not to prepare your defense beforehand, for I myself shall give you a wisdom in speaking that all your adversaries will be powerless to resist or refute. You will even be handed over by parents, brothers, relatives, and friends, and they will put some of you to death. You will be hated by all because of my name, but not a hair on your head will be destroyed. By your perseverance you will secure your lives."

### Readings of the week:

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
1 Maccabees 1:10-15, 41-43, 54-57, 62-63	2 Maccabees 6:18-31	2 Maccabees 7:1, 20-31	1 Maccabees 2:15-29	1 Maccabees 4:36-37, 52-59	1 Maccabees 6:1-13	2 Samuel 5:1-3
Psalms 119:53, 61, 134, 150, 155, 158	Psalms 3:2-3, 4-5, 6-7	Psalms 17:1bcd, 5-6, 8b and 15	Psalms 50:1b-2, 5-6, 14-15	1 Chronicles 29:10bcd, 11abc, 11d-12a, 12bcd	Psalms 9:2-3, 4 and 6, 16 and 19	Psalms 122:1-2, 3-4, 4-5 Colossians 1:12-20
Luke 18:35-43	Luke 19:1-10	Luke 19:11-28	Luke 19:41-44	Luke 19:45-48	Luke 20:27-40	Luke 23:35-43

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**Sharing God's Blessings**

<b>Date</b>	<b>Nov. 8 + 9, 2025</b>
<b>Collection</b>	<b>275 + 1,385</b>
<b>Mass Attendance</b>	<b>11 + 11 &amp; 48</b>
<b>Military Coll.</b>	<b>65 + 165</b>

**Thank you for your contribution**

**Liturgy Schedule**  
**RISEN LORD CHURCH**

SUNDAY MASS: **8:30am**

**Liturgy Schedule**  
**ST. THOMAS PARISH**

ROSARY: Sunday **10:30a.m.**

**WEEKEND MASSES:**

**Sat: 4:00 p.m.** (Sunday Vigil)  
**Sun: 11:00 a.m.**

**WEEKDAY: Tue & Wed: 4:00p.m.**  
**Thu & Fri: 8:00a.m.**

**EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION:**

Every Tuesday at **4:00p.m.**  
 prior to Mass

**RECONCILIATION:**

- Any time 30 minutes before or after daily Mass, After Sunday Mass
- *Other days by appointment*

**NOVEMBER is the special month to Commemorate All the Faithful Departed.**

**In the spirit of communion of the saints, we, the faithful on the journey, are invited to pray for the wounded soldiers in the purgatory this month.**

**Prayers for the Faithful Departed**

Begin with the Sign of the Cross †

**The Lord's Prayer**

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name; thy kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven.

Give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. Amen.

**Hail, Mary**

Hail, Mary, full of grace, the Lord is with thee. Blessed art thou among women and blessed is the fruit of thy womb, Jesus.

Holy Mary, Mother of God, pray for us sinners, now and at the hour of our death. Amen.

**Glory Be**

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit. As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

**Apostle's Creed**

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, Creator of Heaven and earth; and in Jesus Christ, His only Son Our Lord, Who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended into Hell; the third day He rose again from the dead; He ascended into Heaven, and sitteth at the right hand of God, the Father almighty; from thence He shall come to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body and life everlasting. Amen.

**Prayer for Eternal Rest**

Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them.

May the souls of all the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen.

Closing with the Sign of the Cross †

**HAPPY BIRTH DAY**

- Phil Peters – Nov. 17
- Kathy Carter – Nov. 18
- Richard Bailey – Nov. 18
- Zebadiah Bennett – Nov. 19

**LITURGY SCHEDULE**

Date	Readers	Bring up the Offertory Gifts	Extraordinary Ministers
November 16	Jennifer Knowles	Carpenters	Tom Teubert / Mac Bailes
November 23	Candy Teubert	McLaughlins	Jennifer Knowles / Westley Carpenter
November 30	Teresa Sutton	Shavers	Candy Teubert / Tom Teubert

**Advent Penance Service**

After 11:00am Mass + Lunch — Sun., Nov. 30, 2025  
 Please set your schedule to join this special service!!

**CCD in November**

9:30am — 10:45am

November 2nd, 9th, 16th and 30th.  
 No Class on Sunday, November 23, 2025.

**OCIA**

4:30pm — 5:30pm

Monday, November 17th &  
 Monday, November 24th, 2025

**November 16th — 33rd Sunday in Ordinary**

Vocation Views:

**Patient endurance will see you through to the end. God will give you the wisdom and the words to speak. Don't let anything hold you back from a wholehearted "yes."**

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**SPECIAL RETREAT**

As the Church continues to minister to all survivors of abuse, the Archdiocese of Washington is offering retreats for survivors.

The archdiocese will offer a women's retreat on **April 25 —26, 2026.**

In partnership with the Archdiocese of Atlanta, a men's retreat will be held **June 12 — 14, 2026.**

This retreat is an occasion for survivors to reflect on God's plan for their lives and for healing through prayer and the sacraments.

For more information go to <https://adw.org/the-way-retreat/>.

To register email: [mcdonald@adw.org](mailto:mcdonald@adw.org)

**Risen Lord Family Night**

Thursday, October 9, 2025





## St. Thomas Food Pantry

Thank You,

Thank You .... !!!

to Benefactors & Volunteers  
for St. Thomas Food Pantry and Walking With Moms:  
November 13, 2025:

Marian Agostino, Cathy & Marty Bronkhurst,  
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Friends from St. Joseph The Worker Church in Weirton:  
Ann Stipe, Cindy Hess, Mike Koenig,  
Yvonne Santin & Andy Lucas.

Your sacrifice and support made it possible to share  
the love and joy of Thanksgiving with  
156 families consisting of 458 individuals,  
& 23 in our Walking With Moms program.

May God's richest blessings and grace  
pour upon you, your families and friends.

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### SPECIAL INVITATION

For All who cannot physically help and would like to be  
a blessing for our less fortunate brothers and sisters,  
please consider purchasing toothbrushes and toothpaste  
for our needy neighbors. They can be purchased inexpensively  
at Dollar General for \$1 each.  
We will be collecting these items from now until November 30, 2025  
for distribution in December.  
Beginning in December, we will collect Kleenex tissues.  
You may place them in the designated box in the Hall.