

November 16th 2025 33rd Sunday of Ordinary Time - Year C - Luke 21:5-19

²¹⁻⁵And as some spake of the temple, how it was adorned with goodly stones and gifts, he said, ⁶As for these things which ye behold, the days will come, in the which there shall not be left one stone upon another, that shall not be thrown down. ⁷And they asked him, saying, Master, but when shall these things be? and what sign will there be when these things shall come to pass? ⁸And he said, Take heed that ye be not deceived: for many shall come in my name, saying, I am Christ; and the time draweth near: go ye not therefore after them. ⁹But when ye shall hear of wars and commotions, be not terrified: for these things must first come to pass; but the end is not by and by. ¹⁰Then said he unto them, Nation shall rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom: ¹¹And great earthquakes shall be in divers places, and famines, and pestilences; and fearful sights and great signs shall there be from heaven.

¹²But before all these, they shall lay their hands on you, and persecute you, delivering you up to the synagogues, and into prisons, being brought before kings and rulers for my name's sake. ¹³And it shall turn to you for a testimony. ¹⁴Settle it therefore in your hearts, not to meditate before what ye shall answer: ¹⁵For I will give you a mouth and wisdom, which all your adversaries shall not be able to gainsay nor resist. ¹⁶And ye shall be betrayed both by parents, and brethren, and kinsfolks, and friends; and some of you shall they cause to be put to death. ¹⁷And ye shall be hated of all men for my name's sake. ¹⁸But there shall not an hair of your head perish. ¹⁹In your patience possess ye your souls.

➤ Read and re-read – out loud and slowly the Gospel.	➤ Pray - Thanksgiving – Repentance – Petition.
➤ Meditate - on reading as being spoken to you, an experience in your life.	➤ Action – Attitude (Call to change / to act /to do).

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In this week's gospel we hear many different sayings of Jesus, all of them as relevant today as they were when he spoke them. He tells us that many of the bad things that happen often give us the opportunity to bear witness to Him. He tells us not to prepare our defence because he will give us an eloquence and a wisdom that none of our opponents will be able to contradict.

Let us recall the times in our lives when we were so angry that we went straight into defensive mode speaking words which we later regretted?

Prayer:

Lord thank you for those people in leadership roles and all people who use their office to bear witness to the Good News of Jesus and bring hope to people in their great hour of need .

Forgive us Lord for the times that we wasted our money on fine goods and things of this world not giving any thought to those who have nothing.

Help us Lord to hear your words "Not a hair of your head will be lost". "Do not be afraid." Let us believe you are with us in all our worries and anxieties and will help us through each one as it arises.

