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### Thirty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time – Mark 13:24-32

Dear Parish Family,

This is the second-to-last Sunday of the Church year! As the trees become barren and the temperatures grow colder, our attention turns towards the end. Apocalyptic literature from both testaments describes a great conflict between good and evil in which the good ultimately triumphs. Jesus said:

"Heaven and earth will pass away,  
but my words will not pass away."  
(Mark 13, 31)

Investment counselors can guide us with regard to our economic resources; but, as we know, financial wealth does not endure. The Scriptures of today leave us a bit insecure for they describe a great cataclysm. What is the true source of our hope? The Letter to the Hebrews puts it this way: the one who offered one sacrifice for sins and now waits until his enemies are made his footstool! The many charity initiatives that arise at holiday times remind us not only to give to the poor but also of our own need to get rid of the clutter in our spiritual lives. This is also a good time to make sure that we have designated our health care power of attorney and made out a last will and testament. It is not morbid to think about death; rather it is liberating and hopeful!

Yours in Christ,

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