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The Goal of Faithful Discipleship

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We have come to the end of Ordinary Time, the time focused on our formation in discipleship. This is the month of transition. The readings point to where faithful discipleship leads. The Church would have us reflect on death and resurrection. We are not to fear death, and we are to put our trust in the fact that we will be raised as Jesus was raised. This is the goal of faithful discipleship. Then comes the judgment, for all that has remained hidden will be revealed, but we need not fear.

The long green growing times will reveal their fruit. The time of faithful discipleship will pay off. "We will see him, for we will be like him." Our formation as his disciples has conformed us to his image. We need not fear.

With this assurance, the Church then plunges us into the intense longing of Advent. Formation has revealed to us who our Redeemer is, and who we are becoming. The result is the expansion of our hope into intense longing. Like the good householder, we are to be prepared for his arrival. We enter the time of his threefold coming: in past human history, in future majesty, and right now in daily *mystery*.



Ordinary Time has done its work.
I learn who I must be.
No fake illusions...just the truth emerges...
the real me.

A boundless hope Your Father plants
in me each Advent day.
Your Spirit fans it into flame.
It takes my breath away.

It tells me of an empty space
I feel within my soul.
You come each hour of every day
to make my spirit whole.

Come, Lord Jesus...!

Thank you to S. Ruthanne Reed for this month's reflections.

Sunday, November 6, 2022 | Thirty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

*Second Book of Maccabees 7:1-2, 9-14, Second Letter of St. Paul to the Thessalonians 2:16-3:5,
Luke 20:27, 34-38*

We pray that the Word of God may speed forward and be glorified. God is faithful and will strengthen us and guard us from all evil. After all, our God is a God of the living, not the dead. If we really believed this message, how would our life be different?

Sunday, November 13, 2022 | Thirty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

Malachi 3:19-20a, Second Letter of St. Paul to the Thessalonians 3:7-12, Luke 21:5-19

On this last Sunday of Ordinary Time, there is a warning from Jesus: "The days will come when . . ." We must fill in the blanks for our lives today. But Jesus reassures us: "I shall give you a wisdom in speaking that all your adversaries will be powerless to resist or refute...by your perseverance you will secure your lives." What would change in us if we really took to heart these words?

Sunday, November 20, 2022 | Solemnity of Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe

Second book of Samuel 5:1-3, Letter of St. Paul to the Colossians 1:12-20, Luke 23:35-43

Do you remember the words of the Taize song: "Jesus, remember me when you come into your Kingdom?" If we reflect on the deeper meaning of those words, we could take comfort in Jesus' response: "Today you will be with me in Paradise." Or we may realize that there is more ... we have a responsibility to see that the kingdom of God takes shape in our daily lives. How do we do this?

Sunday, November 27, 2022 | First Week of Advent

Isaiah 2:1-5, Letter of St. Paul to the Romans 13:11-14, Matthew 24:37-44

St. Paul says to the Romans: "Throw off the works of darkness and put on the armor of light." A timely message when darkness comes earlier each day. May our eagerness to decorate our homes with Christmas lights reflect our desire to honor the birth of the one who is the Light of the World. Jesus says: "Stay awake, be prepared! We do not know the day or the hour." The kingdom is now! In this Advent time, how do we search for God's presence? What do we hear, see or know?