

## REFLECTION ON THE GOSPEL

By Fr. Pfeifer

The Church is reminding us today of the meaning behind that small phrase

in the Creed that we solemnly profess every Sunday: "Jesus will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead."

At that time, all the injustices of human history will be rectified once and for all. Those who refused Christ's friendship and ignored or abused their neighbor will find no place in the redeemed world which they shunned. Those who carried their crosses with Christ will be healed of every wound and given the utter fullness of life.

The Apostles were a lot like us in many ways. They wanted to know when the end would happen in a specific date and time when they asked, "Teacher, when will this happen?"

Jesus doesn't give us a direct answer, but he gives us a pattern of events that will occur in the future.

Why does Jesus reveal the future events? He wants to give us courage.

Since we know that his Kingdom will be victorious and last forever, we can be more energetic and confident in building up that Kingdom.

He tells his Apostles that they will be persecuted, but they are not to worry, since "it will lead to your giving testimony."

This is what we are called to do - to tell others about Christ, to bring them into the Church, so that they too can reestablish an intimate friendship with God and set out on the path to eternal life.

Jesus tells his Apostles that they will even be betrayed by family members, but it doesn't matter, because he will still be protecting them: "not a hair on your

head will be destroyed."

And so, he goes on to tell them, they should never give up in their efforts to follow Christ and help others follow him: "By your perseverance you will secure your lives."

When we were confirmed, we made a definitive statement that we would be soldiers of Christ. Because of this, we have been given a share in his mission.

There are people around us starving to know the future, the real truth about the future. That's why they are buying books about tea leaves and Tarot Cards and celestial prophecies, about witchcraft and magic and neo-paganism. There are people who are so hungry for the Good News of Christ that they will eat the garbage out of dumpsters, and fill their void of love with alcohol, sex, drugs, and gambling, and go everywhere except to the feet of Christ who offers them love. Jesus wants to save them from their anxiety and from the dangers of looking for answers in the wrong places.

Jesus has invited us to be his messengers. He desires us to be helpers to share our own story of the good things God is doing in our lives. He is asking us to reach out to them and offer them hope and courage.

We all know someone who needs to hear this message. This week, let's reach out to them, and tell our story of what God is doing in our lives. Let's give them our testimony.

Today, when we once again profess our faith in the future of his Kingdom, let's also renew our commitment to building it by reaching out to those who are most need of this message of salvation.



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*"...Rather, we wanted to present ourselves as a model for you, so that you might imitate us." - 2 THESSALONIANS 3:9*

Most people who live a grateful and generous lifestyle don't go around bragging about it. But through their actions and words, others do take notice. They notice because of the joy and peace that results,

and other people desire this in their own lives. Know that the way you live your life may be the only interaction others have with the Catholic faith.

**November 13, 2016  
Thirty-Third Sunday  
In Ordinary Time**

Mon., Nov 14 ..... 7 PM <i>+Leo Unser by Tom Wald &amp; Family</i>
Tue., Nov 15 .....7 PM <i>+Alvin &amp; +Lois Scherr by Nick &amp; Kelly Breidenbach Family</i>
Wed., Nov 16 .....8 AM <i>+Joe Fettig by St. Philip's Cemetery</i>
Thurs., Nov 17 .....8 AM <i>Health of Martin Josphe Jr. by Martin &amp; Maggie Leier</i>
Fri., Nov 18 .....8 AM <i>+David Baumgartner by Deacon Gary &amp; Jeanne Schumacher</i>
Sat., Nov 19 .....5 PM <i>+Maggie &amp; Frank Glatt by Marion, Donna, Viola &amp; Family</i>
Sun., Nov 20 .....10 AM <i>Our Parishioners</i>
Sunday Care Center 8:45 AM  <i>Helper: Lorraine Reis</i>



Rosary 25 minutes before weekend Masses.



Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament takes place from 6 AM Thursday until midnight Friday.

**Stewardship of Treasure**  
This Week: \$ 4,352.00

**Parish Announcements**

To wrap up **National Vocation Awareness Week**, we will be praying a Litany for Vocations (15 minutes long) in the St. Philip Neri Adoration Chapel on **Sun., Nov. 13 at 11:15 a.m.**



Fr. Pfeifer will be leading a **Healing Service** on **Sat., Nov. 19** after the 5 PM Mass. The Healing Prayer Service will be a time of prayer, song, and adoration starting at 6 PM. Maybe you

have had a great desire to be healed and have never known what to do or who to ask for prayers. Maybe you have the gift of healing and would love to help heal someone who is struggling. Maybe you have had a miraculous healing, and would love to come and offer thanks and praise to God. Please come and join us!

The **St. Philip Neri youth group** would like to thank all of those who donated food to our local food pantry this week. If you were missed, you can drop off your items at the food pantry or at the parish office.

We are happy to announce we have nine new **Eucharistic Ministers of Holy Communion** at St. Philip Neri. Our new Eucharistic Ministers will be commissioned next Sunday at the 10 a.m. Mass.

The Logan County Ministerial Association will host its annual **ecumenical Thanksgiving Service** on **Sun., Nov. 20 at 7:00 PM** at St. Philip Neri. Please bring food items for our local food pantry. There will be a collection for the ministerial association as they provide for people's needs (meals, lodging, gas money). Coffee and bars will be provided after the service in the Holy Family Hall.

The **KC Memorial Mass** for deceased members will be on **Mon., Nov. 27th at 7 PM**. Everyone is invited to join us as we pray for our deceased members. **The KC meeting will follow the Mass at 8 PM**. If any men who are 18 or older would like to join the Knights of Columbus, please contact one of the members.

This weekend at the Sunday 10 AM Mass, we will be closing the **Door of Mercy**. Pope Francis will be closing the Door of Mercy at the Vatican next Sunday on Christ the King Sunday, Nov. 20th.

**Finance Council meeting Wed., Nov. 16 at 4 PM.**

During November you are invited to inscribe the names of your departed loved ones, family and friends, in the **Book of Life** near the baptismal font beside the banner of the deceased. Throughout the month, we pray for those who have gone before us in faith. "By virtue of the 'communion of saints,' the Church commends the dead to God's mercy and offers her prayers, especially the holy sacrifice of the Eucharist, on their behalf." CCC 1055

**Announcements, Cont.**

**St. Philip Neri Parish Inquiry Class - Monday nights throughout the year from 7:40 to 8:40.** All are welcome!

**Nov. 14th** - Sin and Morality (free will and conscience, actual sin: venial and mortal, occasions of sin, the seven deadly sins)

**November 21st** - The Holy Spirit and Grace (Sanctifying & Actual Grace, Theological & Moral Virtues, Gifts & Fruits of the Spirit, Justification and Merit)

**November 28th** - The Tour of the Church (Sacred Vessels and Vestments and everything used in the liturgy and why it is used)

**Catholic Charities North Dakota Sunday 2016:** Thank you for your generosity! We are amazed by all those touched by our adoption, counseling, and guardianship programs! We were blessed with gifts from 35 families for \$7,598.00 along with \$287.25 in a collection from others for a total of \$7,885.25 from St. Philip Neri in Napoleon. You have been the most generous parish so far, and we are very grateful for your donations! We have received over \$97,000 overall and not all parishes have been returned, but are still short of matching last year's total. If you have not donated yet, please send in your envelope today or visit [www.CatholicCharitiesND.org](http://www.CatholicCharitiesND.org) to make a secure online gift.

**From Bishop Folda** - Pope Francis declared in 2015 the Extraordinary Jubilee Year of Mercy. Along with his proclamation, Pope Francis encouraged each diocese to take on a Year of Mercy Project to help those in need. Bishop Folda has announced that St. Ann's Mission Catholic School, located in Belcourt, will be our diocesan "Year of Mercy" project. The immediate needs of the school and parish are to pay for the dedicated teachers and staff, school supplies, tuition, building repairs and more. A generous matching grant has been provided. Bishop Folda is sending each diocesan household a letter clearly defining the need and inviting you to participate in our diocesan "Year of Mercy" project. When you receive this letter, please take the time to read and pray how best you can participate.

On November 5th, many of our parishioners started their **consecration to Mary** using the do-it-yourself retreat book *33 Day to Morning Glory*. There have been many touching meditations already in our early retreat. On Dec. 8th, Immaculate Conception, those doing the retreat can completely consecrate themselves to Jesus through Mary. Please pray that all who are undertaking this retreat will completely open their hearts on the day of their consecration.

**FORMED** is now up and running! To access the videos, movies, e-books, and talks, just go to [formed.org](http://formed.org), and enter the parish code **T2TKH2**. Call Tanya in the office to help you get set up on the computer in our library, if you don't have internet at home.

St. Philip Neri thanks **Bergseth Brothers Distribution** warehouse in Fargo for donating our banner that hangs in the front of our church to honor our deceased parishioners from this past year.

**St. Philip Neri Catholic Church**

**Confessions:** 1/2 hr before every Mass, 1 hour before Saturday Mass, OR by appointment.

**Weddings:** Contact Fr. Pfeifer at least 8 months prior.

**Baptisms:** Contact Fr. Pfeifer before Godparents are chosen.

	Saturday, Nov 19
<u>Sacristan</u>	Deacon Gary
<u>Lectors</u>	Paul Haegele, Brenda Weigel
<u>Ushers/ Gift Bearers</u>	G. Marquart, S. Holt, R. Kerzman, T. Silbernagel
<u>Servers</u>	Payton Haas, Darissa Becker, Charmaine Haas
<u>EMHC</u>	David Becker, Paul Haegele, Helen Braun

	Sunday, Nov 20
<u>Sacristan</u>	Mark Wangler
<u>Lectors</u>	Lori Gross, Sue Wald
<u>Ushers/ Gift Bearers</u>	Willie & Alvina Piatz, Randy Weigel Family
<u>Servers</u>	Jamison Fettig, Peyton Grunefelder, Alexis Schneider, Tucker Schneider, Jada Schwartz
<u>EMHC</u>	Annette Schumacher, Emily Piatz, Amber Fettig