

# November 26, 2017

## End of Times: 11:00 PM, Tuesday, November 28?

Is the end of times near? Is the end of times coming this week at **11:00 PM, Tuesday, November 28?** In my homily last weekend, I invited everyone to reflect on the timing of the End of Times. From the parable of the 10 virgins (Matthew 25), Jesus is very clear—we need to stay awake, to stay vigilant, to stay ready as we do not know neither the day nor the hour when Jesus will come again (Matthew 25:13). Does it matter that it happens in three hours from now, or three days from now, or three years from now? If Jesus were to announce today the exact hour and day of the end of times, would we behave differently? Would we make a change in our lives? Imagine, as you are reading this weekly bulletin on Sunday morning, Nov. 26, that **Jesus is coming to sit next to you and tell you very clearly that the end of times will happen at 11:00 pm this Tuesday, November 28!** This gives you **three days to change your life and be ready to welcome Jesus as He returns for good on earth.** How do you **prepare in three days?** How would you spend those three final days of your life on earth?

Yes, how do you plan to spend the next three days, the final three days? I asked that question from several of you, and got insightful answers! Someone said that she would fly to Alabama to see her sister that she had not seen for years. Another, a young student, said “I definitely would not go back to school.” Another said “I would pray for the conversion of all my family members and friends so that we can all be reunited in **Heaven!**” The question is: what would **you** do?

Three days is a rather short time. But one can still do many, many things in those three final days. I love my entire family. I love to travel. I would take the time to fly around the world and get together with my extended family in California, Japan, France, Florida, and Puerto Rico. Or I would meet my entire extended family in one single place, like in Hawaii, where we could all enjoy being together once more at the beach, enjoy the waves, have wonderful meals together with great conversations; and then spend the last day of our lives together, going to the Sacrament of Reconciliation, attending Mass, **being One in Christ** through receiving the **Eucharist**, praying together in silence in front of the Blessed Sacrament inside a beautiful Catholic Church, looking at Jesus already fully present in the Blessed Sacrament and awaiting peacefully **His second and final coming**, awaiting for Him to take us all together with **Him into heaven for ever and ever!**

What will you do in the next three days? It depends where you are right now in **your own relationship with God.** It depends whether you still have a major sin on your conscience that you have not yet been able to **ask for God’s forgiveness!** It depends on the timing of **your last confession.** If it were many years ago, the **top priority** is to return to the **great sacrament right away!** Whether you want to reach out to someone you have not yet forgiven, or whether you want to travel and spend quality time with someone very dear to you that you have not seen for a long time, I have one single recommendation for everyone, including Fr. Santiago, Deacon Rich, Deacon Bill, and myself: **Go immediately to the Sacrament of Reconciliation!**

We have planned an **Advent Penance Service** for all of you on **Tuesday, November 28 at 7 pm!!** You are all invited to attend, including your children and all your friends! We will have

## Mass Intention

Saturday, Nov. 25, 5:00 PM: OLHOC Parishioners

Sunday, Nov. 26, 8:30 AM: Gladys Proctor +

Sunday, Nov. 26, 11:30 AM: John McGann +

Sunday, Nov. 26, 7:00 PM: Maria Acero, Euladislao Lazo,

Vivianna Villanueva +

Tuesday, Nov. 28, 9:00 AM: Fr. Robert Pittman

Wednesday, Nov. 29, 9:00 AM: Jean Couto +

Thursday, Nov. 30, 9:00 AM: Kenneth Kans +

Friday, Dec. 1, 9:00 AM: Jesus Cielo +

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## Mass Readings for December 3, 2017

### *First Sunday of Advent*

First Reading– Isaiah 63 : vs. 16b-17, 19b

Second Reading– 1 Corinthians 1: vs. 3-9

Gospel–Mark 13: vs. 33-37

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## Prayer Requests

We are asked to pray for: Ghran Waldon, Linda Kelly, Barbara Tice, James Thompson, Doris Chesley, Joseph Albrittain, Ester Baraquio, Chris Goldhammer, Audrey Proctor, Fr. Robert Pittman, Denise Zois, Dolores Settler, Yolanda Brenoes, Elsie & Rodalin Canare, Brenda Dodson, Sarah Parker, Elaine Townley, Juliann Leginze, Randy Howells, Connie Miller, Josephine Manalo, Aaron Morgan, Pat Gray, Paulette Savoy, Kelvin Young, Annie Rope, Jim Ritchie, Bonnie Castro, Andy Green, Judee Parkinson, Tanya A. Viola, Dolores Proctor, April Sheffield, Dr. Suresh Verghese, Marisa Costas Pena, Marino Gadea, Monica Myers, Mike Connolly, Samuel Lopez, Julieta Bool, Wilbur Etbauer, Susan Walker, Doris Conover, Elijah Larson, Sunni Park, Mireille Obas, Joan Etbauer, Joseph Cheseldine, Sr., Consuela Velasquez, Wilhelmina Franck, Tabitha Barton, Isabel Smith, Elinore Fortney, and all our military and civilians serving in harm’s way.

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(cont.) **15 priests, so that everyone will have a chance to go to Reconciliation with God and be ready for the end of times,** which could happen as early as 11 pm that night!! You will have priests speaking English, Spanish, French, Portuguese, and Polish! They will all welcome you and will forgive your sins if you are sorry for them, and if you promise to **God with His help to amend your life and to convert!** This is a simple proposal. How can you refuse it? And even if the end of times were to be delayed beyond 11 pm on Nov. 28, 2017, you would have reached **peace and happiness in Christ,** and would be **ready to enter into this beautiful Season of Advent,** anticipating the joy of the First Coming of Jesus at Christmas!!

I pray that those of you who have begun the **33 days of total Consecration to Jesus through Mary** will continue and be ready for the amazing total Consecration on **December 8, our National Feast of the Immaculate Conception!!** May God guide all of us to prepare for a great **Confession on Tuesday, November 28!!** May God help all of us to be ready when **His Son, Our Lord Jesus Christ** will come back on the great day of the end of time!

*One in Christ, Fr. Alain*

# Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe

## CCD Class Schedule

Our Lady Help of Christians 2017-2018 CCD Registration is open online: [www.olhoc.org](http://www.olhoc.org).

Nov. 26/27- No CCD Classes (Thanksgiving Break)

Dec. 3/4- CCD Classes

Dec. 10/11-CCD Classes

Contact **Therese Thiedeman** at 301-645-7112 or [dre@olhoc.org](mailto:dre@olhoc.org)

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## Parish Youth Night !

**Life Teen:** high school youth ministry (Sun., 5-6:30 pm- check website)

**Edge:** middle school youth ministry (meets monthly)

**FIAT:** elementary school Faith in Action Team (meets monthly)

## Attention Families!!

The next All-Youth Night (FIAT, Edge and Life Teen) will be on Jan. 28, 2018 and will begin with 4:00 PM Mass followed by fun! Bring your friends ! See the website at: [olhoc.org/ym](http://olhoc.org/ym).

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## Upcoming Youth Events

We still have spots available for the March for Life , Mount 2000 in Emmitsburg, Steubenville Youth Conference and many more events! For more info, visit [www.olhoc.com/ym](http://www.olhoc.com/ym) or contact Marlen at : [marlen@olhoc.org](mailto:marlen@olhoc.org).

## RCIA Invitation

We meet on Wednesdays from 7:00-9:00 PM. Come and join us! If interested call the office (301-645-7112) or email [deacon@olhoc.org](mailto:deacon@olhoc.org).

## Upcoming Child Protection Classes

Upcoming sessions of "Protecting God's Children for Adults" are for those who need to become Virtus Compliant (Adults wishing to volunteer in any capacity while children are present). Go to [VIRTUS.org](http://VIRTUS.org) to register. Call Nieda or Therese with questions at 301-645-7112.

## OLHOC Holiday House

The OLHOC Holiday House will be in the narthex through **December 17** to collect donations for the **Christmas Baskets**. Over 50 baskets will be prepared and delivered to those in need right here in our community by our OLHOC volunteers. While we sit around our holiday table with our loved ones, may we remember those who have so very little in this world.

## Save the Date

Please mark your calendars for the **OLHOC Parish Advent Penance Service**. It will be held on **Tuesday, November 28, 2017** at 7:00 PM. There will be many priests available for confession. This is a wonderful way to begin your Advent Season in preparation for welcoming the Lord!

## Mary's Helping Hands Bake Sale

On **December 3**, Mary's Helping Hands will once again hold their bake sale and raffle. A variety of delicious holiday items will be available. The raffle this year is a Nativity Centerpiece by Danbury Mint and a Mikasa Holiday Train.

## OUR LADY'S LITTLE CHRISTIANS

<http://www.olhoc.org/preschool.html>

- Please call 301-645-7112 or email : [preschool@olhoc.org](mailto:preschool@olhoc.org) for information.
- The OLLC Christmas tree will be up in the office lobby soon! We are collecting **new:** children's **pajamas, slippers, and socks** to be donated to Children's Aid. **New** children's **mittens, gloves, hats, and scarves** will be gratefully accepted, appreciated and delivered, too!

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## Community Outreach

The next **Shepherds' Table Dinner** will be held on **Thursday, December 21, 2017** . The next Outreach Committee Meeting will be held on **Nov. 8** at 7 pm. **New members and ideas are welcome!**

**Volunteers go to: [www.olhoc.org](http://www.olhoc.org) and click on the Community Outreach link. or sign-up at: [www.SignUpGenius.com/go/60B044FABAD2DAA8-olhc](http://www.SignUpGenius.com/go/60B044FABAD2DAA8-olhc)**

**Sharing Sunday**-is the first Sunday of the month. Non-perishable food items and toiletries may be left in the Social Hall and at any time will be used for the Thanksgiving Baskets.

## Christmas Basket Preparation

- **December 16- 8 am**- Social Hall
- **December 17- 9:30 am**- Final preparation of baskets in Social Hall
- **December 17-** Delivery of baskets , **following 10 am Mass.**



## Breakfast with St. Nick !

Celebrate the **Feast of St. Nicholas** with us on **Saturday, December 2** and starting at **9:30 am**. Enjoy delicious pancakes, eggs, sausage and more, plus activities for the kids and a visit with St. Nicholas. **Tickets are \$5 each (under 2 eat free)** and will be available after all Masses **Nov. 18/19 and Nov. 25/26**, or in the church office. Please bring a new, unwrapped toy for the Children's Aid Society. All proceeds will benefit the Youth Fund.