

Intimate Trust

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The readings for the [33rd Sunday of Ordinary Time](#) are about the end of the world! Most people do not think about the world coming to an end and most do not believe it will happen in our lifetime. The deepest teaching is not so much about the physical ending but more about how you and I should be living now.



The Gospel addresses the issue of the second coming and the destruction that will accompany it. It expresses more a warning than a timetable. One day people were standing around talking about the Temple remarking about how beautiful it was, the splendor of its stonework and memorial gifts. Jesus appears unimpressed by the whole thing. Jesus said, "All of this you are admiring so much – the time is coming when every stone in the building will end up in a heap of rubble." He warns about false prophets who will use current crises and consternations as signs that the end is about to happen, but they are not signs of the final end.

The best preparation is to live each day as if it were the final one, knowing full well it will probably not be. Living out one's Christian faith in a hostile environment will be a full time challenge and deserves our full attention. Our faith does not promise a life of calm but offers hope.

The readings urge us to trust in the Lord. If we trust in God, the Sun of Justice will arise with its healing rays. We come to recognize that we cannot lead strong spiritual lives just by our own willpower. Rather we must ask God to change us and to help us. If we need to repent from some sin, now is the time. If we want to thank God for something, now is the time. If we need to forgive someone, now is the time. The Scriptures tell us that now is the day of salvation, now is the time that the Lord is with us bringing compassion and love.

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FAN Board of Directors

Suggested Action:

One of the meanings of being prepared is that I must be able to stand up for my faith. Has there been a time when you were challenged to stand up for your faith? How were you able to answer that challenge?

Suggested Petitions:

Jesus, help us use our gifts for your service, we pray...

Jesus, give us the courage to live each day as if it was the last, we pray...

Prayer: November 13 is the feast of St. Francis Xavier Cabrini. This prayer that she wrote speaks of being prepared:

O God, fortify me with the grace of your Holy Spirit and bring your peace to my soul that I may be free from all needless anxiety, solicitude and worry. Help me to desire always what is pleasing and acceptable to you so that your will be my will.

Amen

Tonight: Join us for Election Eve Prayer Vigil

The Franciscan Action Network invites you to a special prayer vigil on the eve of midterm elections, **Tonight, Monday November 7th at 7pm ET / 4pm PT**. The event will be nonpartisan and under one hour in length. We will gather to pray for the Holy Spirit to guide our country as well as our individual participation in the democratic process during and after the upcoming elections. [Register to attend by clicking here](https://bit.ly/3smMVUV).



As Franciscans, we are called to be peacemakers and to engage actively in public life in harmony with our faith. We hope you will [join us](#) for this special prayer.

Join us for Part 3 in our Series on Confronting Environmental Racism

On **Thursday, November 10 at 4pm ET / 1pm PT**, we will hold the third of our four-part series on [Confronting Environmental Racism](#). We will watch the final documentary of the "Big Oil's Last Lifeline" series with a focus on advocates who reside in West Virginia.

Save the date of December 8th for our final event when we will welcome climate care advocates Rev. Lennox Yearwood who is president of the Hip Hop Caucus and Sr. Nora Nash, OSF with the Interfaith Center on Corporate Responsibility. They will help us understand the various ways to advocate on the grassroots level.



[Register to attend one or all the events by clicking here](#). If you have registered previously for all the webinars, there is no need to register again.

Call for Citizenship Renewed in Response to Recent Court Rulings

Recently, the Interfaith Immigration Coalition (IIC) hosted [a virtual event](#) titled "Faith Voices Call: Citizenship for All!" to discuss the urgent need for



Congress to establish pathways to citizenship for DACA recipients and all 11 million undocumented immigrants this year.

Prompted by two [recent](#) and [devastating](#) court rulings on DACA, the speakers for the event included directly-impacted immigrants as well as faith leaders and advocates who provided an update on the current status of DACA, the state of play in Congress, shared how immigrants can care for themselves during this difficult time. They also highlighted ways that people of faith can [take action](#). A recording of the event is available [here](#).

How to Act? We encourage our members to use the [resources in this toolkit](#) developed by the IIC to advocate, raise awareness, educate yourself and others, and express solidarity with all undocumented immigrants.

Please Help us Update our Records

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In order to better serve you, our network, FAN has begun the process of migrating our databases to a single system. Last week we sent out a request to update your contact information for us, [using this form](#). Thank you to the hundreds who have already responded!

If you have not yet had a chance, we hope you will take this opportunity to ensure we don't lose contact with you. It will only take 1-2 minutes of your time.

Be assured, your privacy is important to us. **We will never sell or share your contact information with anyone. Ever.** [Click here to update your contact information](#).



Franciscan Justice Circles Updates

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The Franciscan Family in the NYC area has been wholeheartedly responding to the immediate needs of asylum seekers arriving to the city on buses from states like Texas and Florida. Many institutional members of FAN as well as members of the NYC-area Circle are there every day providing welcome and a humanitarian response, something they've been doing long before buses started arriving. Whether it's collecting clothing, helping with community meals, connecting people with temporary housing, providing useful basic information (like where to find laundromats) and spaces for connection such as Asylum Seekers Meet & Greet with members of a parish, Franciscans are there. Person-to-person encounters and being in relationship with folks seeking asylum is essential to better understanding the complex situations they find themselves in and it better prepares us to walk alongside them in seeking to improve structural injustices in our country's immigration system.



Would you like to connect with other justice-seeking Franciscan hearts in your area? [Contact us here](#).

