Pastor's Letter

November 8, 2026 – 32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

Dear Church Family,

Our Gospel reading reminds us that we need to be ready for the return of Christ. We need to be prepared, with the light of our faith shining brightly to greet him when he comes to fulfill the promises of God to make all things new and bring in the fullness of God's kingdom. This great hope of new life is foretold for us in our second reading from Paul's first letter to the Thessalonians, "For the Lord himself, with a word of command, with the voice of an archangel and with the trumpet of God, will come down from heaven, and the dead in Christ will rise first. Then we who are alive, who are left, will be caught up together with them in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air. Thus we shall always be with the Lord. Therefore, console one another with these words."

But we are also called to be on the lookout for all the ways that God is showing himself to us and offering us guidance and encouragement now as we move towards the day of the Lord. In our first lesson from the book of Wisdom we read, "Whoever watches for her (Wisdom) at dawn shall not be disappointed, for he shall find her sitting by his gate. For taking thought of wisdom is the perfection of prudence, and whoever for her sake keeps vigil shall quickly be free from care; because she makes her own rounds, seeking those worthy of her, and graciously appears to them in the ways, and meets them with all solicitude."

God is always revealing his goodness and truth to those who have eyes to see. The beauty of creation testifies to his greatness. He is here in the words of Scripture and Tradition. He walks beside us in prayer. He nourishes our faith with the sacraments. All it takes to receive him is an open mind, an open heart, and the desire to be led by his Spirit. When we open ourselves to him we see everything in a new light.

Today is the day to begin looking for the coming of the Lord, not only on the last day, but every day between now and then, however long or short that time may be. With him as our companion on the journey of life, it will be a great adventure.

Blessings,

Fr. Scott