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# November 2021



Dear Saints of Grace,

For the newsletter article a couple of months ago I wrote about the headline from the Babylon Bee satire site which said, “*Study Finds Connection Between Checking The News, Longing For Jesus To Return.*” In that article I made the point that as we look around at the world, we get anxious and we should repent. However, the faux headline from the Babylon Bee is also accurate in itself. As we look around at the world, yes we get anxious, but it should make us all the more anxious for Jesus to come back.

Think about Jesus words when He speaks about the end of time in the Gospel of Matthew. He says, “**And you will hear of wars and rumors of wars. See that you are not alarmed, for this must take place, but the end is not yet. For nation will rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom, and there will be famines and earthquakes in various places. All these are but the beginning of the birth pains.**” In fact, He even goes on to say that we will be handed over to persecution. It will not be good. Now, does this mean that these things are going to happen tomorrow? Do these mean that Jesus’ return is really coming soon? Not for sure. In fact, these sorts of things are seen in various places and various times throughout history. If you look at some of the specifics of this, in fact, it appears that this is really in some ways about the events leading up to the destruction of the Temple in Jerusalem in 70 A.D. Theologically, that was the final punctuation on the end of the Old Testament, and the shift to the New Age in Christ.

But, should we just go on as though this isn’t the end of time? No, that’s not the point. In fact, the point is that Jesus intentionally leaves this vague to a degree. Why? So that in every time and every place, we would be ready for His return, for the Apocalypse—the appearing of our Lord Jesus. Why is that? Because it’s when our Lord returns that all that was promised in His resurrection will happen. The dead will be raised, and we will stand before Jesus to be judged. Those who lived in unbelief, sadly will be condemned. But those who lived in faith in Jesus, they will be given life eternal in Him. Life without earthquakes, and pains, and COVID, and racial tensions, and hurricanes, and, and, and, etc. Thanks be to God!

As I say this, and as I point out that the headlines in the news that are real and not from a satire site like the Babylon Bee should make us look forward to Jesus’ return, that’s exactly where our attention turns this month in the readings. Yes, this first Sunday of November is the day we’ll observe All Saint’s Day, but after that and into the beginning of Advent, we look the return of Jesus. In fact, Advent—as we move toward celebrating our Lord’s first coming at Christmas—blurs from this view of the Second Coming into a view backward to His first. But at the end of November and beginning of December, it’s that return that’s in full view. And while it’s dark and heavy in so many ways—ways that we see as we look around us at the world—ultimately it’s the joy of the light of Christ’s return to save us and carry us into glory. As I often say, when we look at Christ’s return in judgment at the end of time, we have joy because we know the Christ coming to judge is the One who came to die for our sins. Because of that when He comes again, this will be our final rescue and redemption. Amen. Come, Lord Jesus!

Soli Deo Gloria,

Pastor Zickler

*Thank  
You!*

*Thank you for all your prayers and kindness during  
Tim's illness. Words can not express how much your  
thoughtfulness means to me.*

*-Tyna Eggert*

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**In case you were wondering, we are  
continuing to collect pull-tabs for  
donation to Ronald McDonald  
House. Please leave them in the  
container in the Parish Hall.**





*Please join us for  
our Thanksgiving Day Service  
Wednesday, November 24th  
at 7:00 pm*



## FALL BACK!

Daylight Saving Time ends on  
**Sunday, Nov 7th**, and most people  
will move their clocks back an hour  
before going to bed on  
Saturday, November 6th

Please note our faithful crew of helpers will be  
decorating the chancel Christmas Trees on  
**Saturday, November 27th at 10:00am**. If  
you're free and have good balance, come help  
us to beautify the chancel in celebration of  
Christ's birth.

Thank you in advance,  
**Nancy & Ron Kolar**



## *Keeping you in our thoughts and prayers*

**Lesley Arca**

**Peggy Barbieri**, friend of Heidi and Myrna Garton

**Ann Cannon**, friend of Doris Svec

**Jennifer Cinelli**, niece of John Huebner

**Nancy & Kent Cloninger**

**Jerry Cohen**, husband of Tracy Cohen

**Tiia Corzine & unborn child**

**Isaac Defee**, friend of the Claster family

**Blake Donegan**, grandson of John & Lois Flood

**John Donegan**, friend of John & Lois Flood

**Liz Dzengeleski**, friend of Linda McGuire

**Sarah Figueroa**, friend of the Claster family

**Richard Flatley**, Vietnam Veteran - WS Post

**John Flood**

**Phyllis Floyd**

**Christine Fry**, daughter-in-law of Bill & Betty Tanzer

**Laurie Georgas**, friend of Judy Latman

**Cassie Gray**, cousin of Paul Sulak

**Joanne Hass**, mother of Glen Hass

**Jack Hockman**, friend of Linda McGuire

**Lin Johnson**

**Kooy Family**, friends of Eleanor Kulaga

**Mary Jane Kowal**, family member of Peggy Keeler

**Eleanor Kulaga & Family**

**Jack Lapice**, cousin of Doris Svec

**Steve Latman**

**Gail Loos**, friend of Karen Hayes

**Sonny Mansor**, friend of Joey Keeler

**Bruce Mazurkiewicz**, cousin of Tyna Eggert

**Rod McInerney**, friend of Pat Schlueter

**Debra Muir**, daughter of Ron & Nancy Kolar

**Lisa Mullarkey**

**Cathy Muszynski Cox**, friend of the Blessman family

**Dorothy Neugebauer**, friend of Nancy & Ron Kolar

**Joyce Oberst**, sister of Sue Napolitano

**Shawn O'Farrell**, friend of Doris Svec

**Levi Olson**, cousin of Paul Sulak

**Leah Picek**

**Jürgen Pietzsch**, cousin of Jennifer Claster

**Eileen Plate**, friend of Linda McGuire

**Kurt Seehofer**, son of a friend of Pastor Zickler

**Adam Skelton**, grandson of a friend of Pastor Zickler

**Kimmy Skelton**, daughter of a friend of Pastor Zickler

**Shirron Reid**, daughter-in-law of Jim & Ruth Reid

**Sharon Riordan**

**Judy & Kurt Steiner**, family of Nancy & Ron Kolar

**Don & Gayle Steele**

**Ted, Megan & Gideynn Torreson**, family of Chris Krohe

**Noah (Picek) Tovar**, great-granddaughter of the Floods

**Jennifer Voelker**, friend of Pat Schlueter

**Zachary Vossoughi**, g.grandson of friend of Dave Haffner

**Mike Walters**, friend of Donna Perkowski

**Nancy Wolff**, sister of Tyna Eggert

**Katherin Wong & unborn son**, daughter of Mark Rehn

## *Please remember our shut-ins in your prayers*

**Karla Bergenthal - Eleanor Kulaga**

**Suzette Olszewski**

## November Birthdays!!

**Jackson Tribuzio** 2

**Liz Freiburger** 5

**Lisa Mullarkey** 6

**Paul Sulak** 7

**Ron Kolar** 8

**Doris Svec** 11

**Jessica Ayers** 13

**Robert Keeler** 16

**Devan Lazaro** 17

**Matt Fuller** 25

**Rachel Picek** 27

**Bob Dame** 28

**Joe Elvin** 30

## November Anniversaries!!

**Gayle & Don Steele** -November 6th, 1982

**Sarah & Chris Arata** -November 8th, 2014

**Jennifer & David Claster** -November 15th, 2002