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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, 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 for all your prayers and kindness during Tim's illness. Words can not express how much your thoughfulness means to me.

-Tyna Eggert

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.











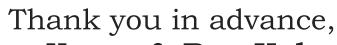
Please join us for our Thanksgiving Day Service Wednesday, November 24th at 7:00 pm



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.



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

Kimmey 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

5 6 7 Robert Keeler 16 Liz Freiburger Devan Lazaro 17

Lisa Mullarkey Matt Fuller 25 Paul Sulak

Rachel Picek 27 Ron Kolar Bob Dame 28 Doris Svec 11

Sarah & Chris Arata -November 8th, 2014







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