



# WEEKLY GOSPEL REFLECTION



## 33<sup>RD</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME, CYCLE B

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This reading is a stark reminder that we live in a mortal world, a world that someday will come to an end. Not even the wisest of men and women can predict when this might be, but assuredly even they will pass away without knowledge of the time or place.

Everything in our life and in our world is subject to change. No matter how permanent our mortal possessions may seem, not even they can prevent our eventual end. This gospel calls us to collect our thoughts on our eternal gifts. Love is the gift that endures the test of time; love in relationships, foremost among these family and fellow pilgrims on our journey to the New Jerusalem.

Reflect on this, and pray that a peace that only Jesus Christ gives might be yours, no matter the challenges that lie before you. Wear this as a mantle of peace, and you will have it to share with others. Be a witness to this daily confidence of trust, then you will project in your actions assurances that nothing can change the love of those who love us.

As Saint Paul wrote to Timothy, *“God gave us a spirit not of fear but of love.”* Spirit of love, give me the mind of Jesus. Teach me the wisdom of God.

“But in those days, after that suffering,

the sun will be darkened,  
and the moon will not give its light,  
and the stars will be falling from heaven,  
and the powers in the heavens will be shaken.

Then they will see ‘the Son of Man coming in clouds’ with great power and glory. Then he will send out the angels, and gather his elect from the four winds, from the ends of the earth to the ends of heaven.

“From the fig tree learn its lesson: as soon as its branch becomes tender and puts forth its leaves, you know that summer is near. So also, when you see these things taking place, you know that he is near, at the very gates. Truly I tell you, this generation will not pass away until all these things have taken place. Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away.

“But about that day or hour no one knows, neither the angels in heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father.”