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Spiritually Speaking
Father Thankachan Joseph

Caution – be prepared

As we near the conclusion of this year and move towards the New Year, the theme for our reflections and meditation is clear and vivid: "Caution – Be Prepared."

During the course of a single week, we hear a lot of words, but how many of them are worth remembering? Every Sunday we hear the words of Christ, words that were written down by the people who knew him and were preserved for us over the centuries by the Church. Thus, Christ's promise has come true: "All things will pass, but my words will remain." How well do we listen to His words, and how hard do we try to practice them in our lives? Today the readings direct our attention to the end of time. We are promised that if we are faithful and loyal to the commandments and teachings of Christ, we shall not be destroyed. We are told that the one great sacrifice for sins has been made and we must cling to the Lord. God will gather His elect, and we must be ready.

Many people live in fear of the end of the world, the end of time, the great gathering of people by the Lord. The fear comes because there is always the possibility that we may not be counted among those who are chosen. "Then the King will say to those on his right hand, 'Come you whom my Father has blessed, take as your heritage the kingdom prepared for you since the foundation of the world'" (Mt 25:34).

The Book of Daniel (12:1-3) describes the prophet's vision of the end of time. It introduces the belief in a resurrection of the dead and the notion of retribution after death. "Many of those who sleep in the dust of the earth shall awake; some shall live forever; others shall be an everlasting horror and disgrace" (12:2). This is the kind of statement that causes us a bit of fear. We hope that we will be among those who shall live forever. If we look at Scripture as a whole, this possibility of hell, of being rejected, is always there. On the other hand, it is never the great focus of Scripture. The focus is, rather, to emphasize God's everlasting love for us, God's desire that all be saved, God's walking with us to lead us into the Kingdom of Heaven. While we should always be aware of our capacity to reject God and His ways, we should be more aware of God's love for us and should try to respond to that love. God invites us to know His love, His saving power, His delight in us.

The Letter to the Hebrews (10:11-14) states that a high priest cannot make a complete alteration for our sins. Neither you nor I can atone completely for our sins. It takes Jesus, who is God and man, to make the one sacrifice for sins that never needs to be repeated. Sin is overwhelmed in Christ Jesus. Sin is only overcome when we become one with Christ Jesus.

The Gospel of Mark (13:24-32) deals with the eschatological dimensions of the Kingdom of God. It is all about the final coming of the Lord and the fact that no one knows the day or the hour. How often we hear predictions based on Scripture about when the end of the world will happen; however, in the words of the Lord: "But of that day or hour, no one knows, neither the angels in heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father" (13:32). The challenge is not to know when the end is coming but to live today as if the end will be right now. There is no sense in pretending with God. God knows our hearts and our minds, even more than we do. We must simply get on with living now as if this is our last moment—with no fear and no upset, completely trusting in the love of the Lord.

I am reminded of a beautiful quote of Mother Theresa of Calcutta, printed and kept in the sacristy of all the convents of Missionaries of Charity: "Priests, offer this Holy Eucharist as if your First Mass, your last Mass, and your only Mass." Reminds everyone about the shortness of life and to be prepared to reach the destination. Observing the commandments of God and Love of neighbor are the easiest way to reach our destination. God doesn't ask for 100% success, only our best efforts.

MONDAYS AT 5:00 P.M.

Morrow County Wheat Growers and livestock producers gather for joint meeting



(l-r) Oregon Wheat Growers League Vice President, Erin Heideman, Morrow County Wheat Growers President, Jake Lindsay, and Oregon Wheat Commissioner, Brent Martin, at the annual county meeting in Heppner this past week.

Heppner, OR — Morrow County Wheat Growers and Livestock Growers came together last week for a successful joint meeting held at the historic Giliam-Bisbee building in Heppner. The event brought together agricultural producers from across the county, fostering collaboration and knowledge-sharing aimed at improving local farming practices. The Wheat Growers kicked off the day with their morning meeting, where participants discussed industry trends, shared best practices, and heard from presenters on innovative strategies for crop management and soil health. Following the morning session, attendees enjoyed a lunch of DeSpain Pizza, generously sponsored by AniPro. In the afternoon, the focus shifted to the Livestock Growers, who explored topics relevant to animal

husbandry, sustainability, and enhancing livestock productivity. The event provided an invaluable opportunity for local producers to learn from experts and each other while building camaraderie within the agricultural community. "We appreciate the growers who attended and our presenters for the event," said Jake Lindsay, President of the Morrow County Wheat Growers. "It's encouraging to see growers working to improve their craft and farming practices. Events like this are crucial for advancing agriculture in our county." The joint meeting marks another step forward in strengthening local agricultural practices through shared knowledge and resources, ensuring the continued success and resilience of Morrow County's wheat and livestock industries.

Morrow County Chronicles



Murray's workers Terry Felda, Devin Hurlburt, and Aileen Wilson with the Morrow County Chronicles. -Photo by Kay Proctor.

Terry Felda, Devin Hurlburt, and Aileen Wilson, employees at Murray's Heppner Pharmacy look over one of the 2024 Morrow County Chronicles available for purchase at their location. The new issue has seven articles authored by Doris Brosnan, Heidi Turrell-Carr, Pat Wilcox Kennedy, Rene Monahan Durfey, Dick Sargent, and Don Eppenbach with historical photos. Published by the Morrow County Historical Society with the help of a grant from the Morrow County Cultural Coalition, the Chronicle is also sold at

the Bank of Eastern Oregon Heppner, Ione, Boardman, and Irrigon branches. Current and past issues may be bought at the Morrow County Heritage Museum in Heppner or by contacting Kay Proctor, MCHS President, at kayproctor@gmail.com. For information on how to purchase a complete set of all 41 issues downloaded to a thumb drive, contact Chronicle Editor, Bill Monagle at charlesmonagle@yahoo.com. The public libraries in Irrigon, Boardman, Ione, and Lexington have donated issues for perusal.

Nichols finishes 6th at state



Lily Nichols, a Heppner high school athlete, garnered a commendable 6th place finish in the state track competition last weekend at Lane Community College in Eugene. Competing among top-tier athletes, Nichols showcased her skill and determination, earning recognition in the highly competitive event.

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Town of Lexington

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Wednesday – Garlic Parmesan grilled chicken wrap

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