

Thursday, August 31, 2023
Thursday of the Twenty-First
Week in Ordinary Time



Good morning!

We read 1 Thessalonians 3:7-13, Psalm 90, and Matthew 24:42-51. Paul's Letter to the Thessalonians is one of the earliest Christian writings, written to first-generation Christians. These early Christian communities expected that Jesus would return in their lifetime. Here we are 2000 some years later and we are still waiting. We wait excitedly to see Jesus and to know that at his coming again, we will all live in the Kingdom of God. Jesus encourages us to stay awake and not fear his return. Jesus exhorts us to shake off complacency as we continue to live in his love and with one another. Sure, sometimes we feel distant, disheartened, weakened, or forgotten. Jesus wakes us up and reminds us he is still near. Like the Thessalonians, we await Jesus' return. May we too increase and abound in love for one another and for all so that our hearts may be strengthened and not be swallowed by the distractions of the world around us, but live in the faith of the many generations who eagerly awaited Jesus' return.

Peace,
RevKev

"Fill us with your love, O Lord, and we will sing for joy!"

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