

November 15, 2009

33 rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

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Daniel 12: 1 – 3

Hebrews 10: 11 – 14, 18

Mark 13: 24 – 32

Hebrews Chapter 10 vs. 1 – 18 concerns the exalted priesthood of Christ by the offering of only one sacrifice for all humankind. Today's reading of Hebrews vs. 10 - 14 & 18 addresses the priesthood of Christ – but not as a prophet or king. Christ sits at the right hand of God and is thus exalted by God (vs. 12). Christ becomes the advocate for all the people's benefit, especially those working toward living a consecrated life (v 14). This consecrated life is a disciplined life of good choices made for God's glory. The background for the good choices is set simply in the ordinary and everyday choices we make.

The daily choices are always about a turning to Christ. It is a constant conversion and reconciliation toward seeking personal forgiveness and offering compassion and mercy to those who need it most. When we do arrive at the place of our personal reconciliation, there is no remembrance of our sin. Catholic Social teaching is always about some conversion and reconciliation toward Christ so you can reach out – beyond your comfort zone and do what is needed to make this world a bit better while you can.

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