

THE LORD IS COMING...

We are approaching the end of the liturgical year, a moment already foretold by the prophet Malachi.

The liturgical year consists of 34th Sundays; today we celebrate the 33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time, which indicates that we only have one more Sunday to conclude this cycle of celebrations in our faith and as a Christian family Next Sunday, we will celebrate the feast of Jesus Christ as King and Lord of the universe.

This is why the readings have an eschatological tone; that is, they invite us to reflect on the end times, on the second coming of Our Lord Jesus Christ.

Some scholars of the faith call this moment the Parousia, which means the arrival of the Lord, or the presence of the Lord.

The readings are not intended to create panic or fear among us, but rather invite us to be attentive to what is happening around us, to ask ourselves how we have lived our faith throughout this year. And at the same time, they invite us to reflect on the fact that everything has a beginning and an end.

But it is not for us to know when the end of time will be, or the end of the world, which are two completely different things. What should concern us is to lead a holy life, a life as disciples of Jesus, totally converted to him.

Our faithfulness to Christ will often be tested by persecution, criticism, or censure; however, we are invited to maintain our steadfastness in faith despite the difficulties.

The persecution of Christ's disciples is due to the world's rejection of Christ's message; it is bothered by the fact that the kingdom of God is becoming present in every heart.

But we must not fear; in Christ we have victory, and his lordship will be present in all creation.

This Sunday would also help us to reflect on how we use our time wisely, what actions in our lives demonstrate that the kingdom of God is already present.

We pray to the Virgin Mary, that through her prayer, she may obtain for us fidelity to Christ and perseverance in our faith.