

MORNING PRAYER

Tuesday, Thirty-fourth Week in Ordinary Time

**Steadfastness is the character of a person who simply loves
and inspires a sense of confidence and trust in another,
even when things don't seem to be going well.**

Daniel 2:31-45

Daniel interpreted the dream of Nebuchadnezzar. The meaning of the dream was that there would be a succession of kingdoms and none of them would last. Finally, God will raise up a Kingdom that will endure and will absorb all other kingdoms. The kingdom which God raises will never end.

Daniel 3:57-61

**Bless the Lord, all you works of the Lord,
Praise and exalt him above all forever.
Angels of the Lord, bless the Lord,
Praise and exalt him above all forever.**

Luke 21:5-11

Jesus had just pointed to a widow and her simple offering as an example and inspiration for all. The widow's simple gift involved great sacrifice. She gave out of her want and not from the surplus. Even as they listened to the call for simplicity, generosity, and sacrifice, they could think only about the glory of the temple adorned with expensive stones and ornaments. The pillars of the porches in the temple were made of single blocks of white marble, forty feet high. The most famous among the ornaments was the great vine made of solid gold.

Their comment on the splendor of the temple moved Jesus to prophecy. He told them that these stones and ornaments would not endure. They would all be pulled down and destroyed. To the Jews it was unthinkable that the glory of the temple would be shattered to dust. Jesus called his listeners to be watchful and learn to read the signs of the time.

Do not seek glory in things that do not last. Seek glory in enduring lasting things which are of God and from God!

Be alert! Stay awake! Be watchful! Read the sign of the times! Prayerfully listen and discern what God is saying to you now!

Saint of the Day, November 28 - Saint James of the March and 14 other saints are remembered this day.

St. James of the March was born Dominic Gangala in early 1390 to a poor family in the March of Ancona in central Italy. As a child, he began his studies at Offida under the guidance of his uncle, a priest, who soon afterwards sent him to school in the nearby city of Ascoli Piceno. He later studied at the University of Perugia where he took the degree of Doctor in Canon and Civil Law.

He entered the Order of Friars Minor in Assisi in 1416 and took the name Jacobus (James in English). During his novitiate, he practiced all virtues so well that he became a model of religious perfection. Soon after his ordination, he was sent out as a missionary. He traveled through Italy, Dalmatia, Croatia, Albania, Bosnia, Austria, Bohemia, Saxony, Prussia, Poland, Denmark, Norway, Sweden, and Russia for over 50 years. During the years 1427 and 1428 he preached in Vienna, Augsburg, Ratisbon, Ulm, Limburg, Brandenburg, and Leipzig. He spent the last three years of his life in Naples, and died there on November 28., 1476.

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