



**THEME: BY ENDURANCE WE  
GAIN OUR SOUL**

**GOSPEL: Luke 21:5-19**

<sup>5</sup>When some were speaking about the temple, how it was adorned with beautiful stones and gifts dedicated to God, he said, <sup>6</sup>"As for these things that you see, the days will come when not one stone will be left upon another; all will be thrown down."<sup>7</sup> They asked him, "Teacher, when will this be, and what will be the sign that this is about to take place?" <sup>8</sup>And he said, "Beware that you are not led astray; for many will come in my name and say, 'I am he!' and, 'The time is near!' Do not go after them."<sup>9</sup> "When you hear of wars and insurrections, do not be terrified; for these things must take place first, but the end will not follow immediately."<sup>10</sup> Then he said to them, "Nation will rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom; <sup>11</sup>there will be great earthquakes, and in various places famines and plagues; and there will be dreadful portents and great signs from heaven."<sup>12</sup> "But before all this occurs, they will arrest you and persecute you; they will hand you over to synagogues and prisons, and you will be brought before kings and governors because of my name. <sup>13</sup>This will give you an opportunity to testify. <sup>14</sup>So make up your minds not to prepare your defense in advance; <sup>15</sup>for I will give you words and a wisdom that none of your opponents will be able to withstand or contradict. <sup>16</sup>You will be betrayed even by parents and brothers, by relatives and friends; and they will put some of you to death. <sup>17</sup>You will be hated by all because of my name. <sup>18</sup>But not a hair of your head will perish. <sup>19</sup>By your endurance you will gain your souls.

**ENTERING AND WELCOMING**

\*Make the children to stand in a circle and hold their hands together.

\*Bring to their mind that Jesus is standing in middle of the circle. Wish Him. Prompt them to close eyes for talking to Jesus in prayer.

\*Say a prayer in children's own words or do 'Our father' and 'Hail Mary' together

\* **The Sorry Prayer: (Optional)**

Ask the Children to reflect on the past week and reflect on whether they would like to say sorry for anything they have done or said to someone, that must have hurt Lord Jesus.

(After each prayer, respond: Lord have mercy.)

**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**

**WELCOMING THE GOSPEL: ALLELUIA**

**A READING FROM THE HOLY GOSPEL ACCORDING TO ST. LUKE**

**ST. LUKE 21:5-19**

Response: Glory to you, O Lord

READ THE GOSPEL (given in the side)

The gospel of the Lord

Response: Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ.

**ACTIVITY:**

Blowing Paper balls through a defined path to reach a destination.

The determination and endurance to play the game is stressed in the message given at last.

## GOSPEL REFLECTIONS

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Last week, Jesus helped us in knowing about Eternal Life and how we will be like in the everlasting life. He made clear to us about a life that we are going to reach through Jesus. This life is the final one and we will never change anymore.

This week Jesus speaks to us about the Signs of times, Challenges that we face for bearing His name, not to be afraid, to be strong in faith and endure everything by testifying to Jesus. Do everything realizing the eternal reward waiting for us.

**Prompt the response of kids by introducing a scenario of RACE or ATHLETES. Waiting for their response each time.**

Have we ever taken part in a race? The endurance and faith we have during the race, the determination and vigilance in keeping the rules, all will be so well taken care of because we know the achievement or reward, we get if we win the race.

No matter what all hardships or struggle arise or discouragement we will face, we endure all of it in determination. We won't consider the beauty of the racecourse or the importance of the venue.

In today's story, As the disciples of Jesus got carried away by the fascinating Jerusalem temple whose walls were made of precious offerings, Jesus warns them that these material things will stumble down soon. This made the disciples curious to know the signs of such times. We are often curious in the same way, instead of working towards the reality we are thirsty for knowing times, like what next etc rather than doing the present things.

Jesus asks his friends not to be misled. Seek wisdom from the Lord always and walk in the real way, JESUS and to endure the trials and sufferings that will come while running this life race following him...but never be misled or get carried away by false things

We might be finding it challenging to sit for prayer, or might have felt boring or meaningless in doing things for Jesus' name or might have had challenges among friends in keeping faith in Jesus. But Jesus asks us to seek His wisdom in such challenges and pray to have a personal touch of Jesus, so that we sit for him and wait for

him in real trust and love. HE also asks us to pray for those whose faith is challenged due to various trials.

Jesus assures not to worry on the discouragement or challenges that we will face but instead wait on the Lord, whose wisdom will stand and speak for us. Endure everything in faith to gain the soul, the final reward of eternity.

'Do you not know that in a race the runners all compete, but only one receives the prize? Run in such a way that you may win it. Athletes exercise self-control in all things; they do it to receive a perishable wreath, but we an imperishable one.' (1 Corinthians 9:24-25)

### **VERSES TO REMEMBER (WRITTEN ON THE WHITE BOARD):**

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*"not a hair on your head will be destroyed.  
By your perseverance you will secure your lives."  
-Luke 21:19*

### **INTERCESSION PRAYERS:**

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If children have any personal prayer intentions, we pray for them.

And in response we pray: **Lord in your mercy, hear our prayers.**

**In this month of November let us pray for all those loved ones who have passed away this life through hope in Jesus.**

### **FINAL PRAYER:**

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**Dear Jesus, increase our faith, give us the grace to walk in your light trusting in your everlasting protection so that we endure all challenges that stops us from getting to you; bearing your name in faith. In Jesus name we pray, Amen.**

**Children re-join the Holy Mass.**