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Stewardship Bulletin Announcements

**NOVEMBER 14, 2021 — THIRTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
DN 12:1-3; PS 16: 5, 8-11; HEB 10:11-14, 18; MK 13:24-32**

Today's readings are in stark contrast to the joy of the holiday season that is fast approaching, warning us instead of dark times ahead and our inevitable judgment day.

The first reading from the prophet Daniel describes a time "unsurpassed in distress since nations began" and warns that "many of those who sleep in the dust of the earth shall awake; some shall live forever, and others shall be an everlasting horror and disgrace." The second reading, from Hebrews, speaks of Christ who "waits until his enemies are made his footstool."

However, when we firmly establish for ourselves as individuals — as a family and as a parish that we will give to God the first and best portion of our Time, Talent, and Treasure — the warnings we read in the Scriptures today should be no cause for alarm. Instead, we can view these words as encouragement — "Keep Calm and Steward On," no matter what comes our way.

One of the blessings of a stewardship way of life is that in challenging times, whether in our homes or workplaces or even our beloved Church itself, we can take great comfort in knowing we have a concrete plan to keep our priorities in proper order. And, when we put God first in all aspects of our lives, we will experience the peace that He gives that surpasses all understanding.