

Thirty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

November 7, 2021

The Book of Hebrews is thought to be a sermon given to the new community of Christians. They are young in the faith, and with persecutions occurring throughout the region of Rome, Retaining the faith could be a frightening and challenging endeavor.

So, this unknown author hopes to give encouragement to this young church community by writing this sermon for their ritual gatherings. First, we must understand that it was common in these days to believe that the Risen Christ would be returning "In their lifetime". So, their hope was immediate. They believed in the Second coming of Christ to be soon.

We too are the "waiting community" ... we too await the presence of Christ. We need not fear the persecutions of their day. Yet our challenges are our own doubts. Our hope lies in our practice of prayer and contemplation. Our challenge is our willingness to spend time in stillness and solitude. Today Christ must be encountered within. Let us look to the beauty of Creation, to the wonder of all life. Let us approach that throne of Grace where we will find Peace and Hope.