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Living Catholic in the 808: Do We Need to Talk About the End Times?

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Each November, as we move towards the end of our liturgical year, the readings at Mass deal more and more with the “end times” and with Jesus’ second coming.

In many ways, our society has a fascination with this issue, as TV on zombies and movies about global apocalyptic events attest. Catholic Christians do not believe that some will be “taken” and others “left behind.” That said, reflecting on what happens “if” can still be a sobering, worthwhile spiritual exercise.

We may like vampire movies, but our society does not generally want to hear about the end times as Scripture proclaims it: that each of us will die, that Jesus will come again and that we will individually be judged and enter (or not) eternal life. Heaven and hell are not fashionable. But they are real.

Apocalyptic media, Scripture, Mass, time spent with Kupana, our own health scares. God helps us remember that life is precious, that life is fragile, that it is short and finite. I need help remembering that if I do not live for others, then my entire life is nothing. And, worse than that, if I do not live for others, I may spend eternity wishing I had.

So, yes, let’s talk about the end times.