Thirty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time (C)

Gospel text (*Lk* 21:5-19): While some people were speaking about how the temple was adorned with costly stones and votive offerings, Jesus said, "All that you see here— the days will come when there will not be left a stone upon another stone that will not be thrown down." Then they asked him, "Teacher, when will this happen? And what sign will there be when all these things are about to happen?" He answered, "See that you not be deceived..."

Hope: "disenchantment" has an eschatological dimension

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Today, the symptoms of disenchantment are varied, but perhaps the clearest ones are the "incantations made- to- measure": the enchantment of the technique which always promises better things, the enchantment of an economy that offers almost unlimited possibilities in all aspects of life that are included in the system, the spell of minor religious proposals, tailored for every need.

The disenchantment has an eschatological dimension. It strikes indirectly, by disregarding all definitive attitudes and, instead, it proposes those little charms that become "islands" or a "truce" against the lack of hope in the progress of the world in general.

-Hence the only human attitude to break these enchantments and disappointments is to place ourselves before the last things and ask ourselves: our hope, is it going well uphill or badly downhill? And then the question arises: can we respond? Do we have, as Christians, the word and the gestures that mark the way for hope for our world?