

NOVEMBER 15, 2020

Saint John *the* Baptist

CATHOLIC CHURCH

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Parish Office Hours
Monday, Wednesday, Friday
9:00 am to 2:00 pm

Outreach Ministry Hours
Monday and Wednesday
9:30 am to 2:30 pm

Confessions
Saturday 3:30 pm or by appointment.

Weekend Mass Schedule
Saturday 4:00 pm
Sunday 8:30 am

Weekday Mass Schedule
Monday 8:00 am
Wednesday 8:00 am

“**M**aster, you gave me five talents. See, I have made five more.’
His master said to him, ‘Well done, my good and faithful servant.
Since you were faithful in small matters, I will give you great
responsibilities. Come, share your master’s joy.’”

— Mt 25:20b-21

Excerpts from the Lectionary for Mass ©2001, 1998, 1970 CCD.



Monday, November 16th

8:00 am For the People of St. John the Baptist and Sacred Heart Parishes and Their Benefactors

Tuesday, November 17th

8:30 am Mass at Sacred Heart FC

Wednesday, November 18th

8:00 am + Jim Madix

Thursday, November 19th

8:30 am Mass at Sacred Heart FC

Saturday, November 21st, *The Presentation of The Blessed Virgin Mary*

4:00 pm ++ Don and Mary Jackson

Sunday, November 22nd, *Our Lord, Jesus Christ, King of the Universe*

8:30 am ++ Tony and Karen Hable

10:30 am Mass at Sacred Heart FC

Liturgical Assignments


Saturday, November 21st 4:00pm Mass

Lector Lyn Corrigan
EMHC Mike Corrigan
Servers Greg Toohill and Sofia Calvert
Usher/Greeters Paul Nothnagel, Mike and Lyn Corrigan

Sunday, November 22nd 8:30am Mass

Lector Linda Kilgarriff
EMHC Jim Kilgarriff
Servers Olivia and Aiden Petersen
Usher/Greeters Susie Alexander and Sharon Kielar

Collection Counters this week are **Dennis Madix and Nancy Horsley.**
Thank you for serving in this way.



Saturday, November 7th 4:00pm and Sunday, November 8th 8:30am	
Sunday Envelopes.....	\$2,065.00
Loose	\$ 208.00
Total Collection.....	\$2,273.00
Outreach	\$1,398.00

CHRISTMAS Food BASKETS

Throughout the month of November we will be collecting canned fruit. Each year the Churches in Clinton attempt to help make the Holy Season of Christmas a little brighter by assembling boxes of food for those who are in need in our community. Christmas brings with it many stressors. Children write letters to Santa asking for all sorts of gifts. Families often have to choose how to make Christmas a memorable event for families. Our effort in assembling these baskets of food is to help eliminate one thing for families to worry about - food for the table. Please help make Christmas a little brighter by bringing canned fruit or making a monetary contribution in one of the envelopes available at the doors of the Church. All donations are greatly appreciated.



WORKING ON THE MARGINS



CATHOLIC CAMPAIGN FOR HUMAN DEVELOPMENT

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Next week there will be a special second collection for the annual Catholic Campaign for Human Development. Forty million people in the United States live in poverty. This collection supports programs that empower people to identify and address the obstacles they face as they work to bring permanent and positive change to their communities. Learn more about the Catholic Campaign for Human Development at www.usccb.org/ccbd/collection.



We remember ++Tony and Karen Hable - RIP 2017

St. Rose Philippine Duchesne

Feast Day—Nov. 18, 2020

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St. Rose Philippine Duchesne was a woman who left family, homeland, and familiarity to come to the New World (United States) because she loved God and wanted more souls to know the great love God has for them. She was born in 1769 in the ancient beautiful city of Grenoble, France.

In 1818 the forty-eight-year-old Duchesne's desire to work with and minister to Native Americans was recognized by the Bishop of Louisiana, Louis William Dubourg. She was granted permission to travel to St. Louis in Missouri Territory with four other nuns. Before embarking on the six-month journey, she wrote to her cousin Josephine, "When my thoughts revert to what I am leaving in France—all that is dear to me—I put them aside, being intimately convinced that, as I have desired only one thing—to answer God's call and abandon myself to His Providence—so the voyage and the trials ahead will never be as great as the help I may confidently expect from him."

After a stormy voyage, Duchesne and her fellow nuns arrived in New Orleans, and then traveled upriver by steamboat to St. Louis, a frontier trading post located at the confluence of the Missouri and Mississippi rivers. Upon arrival, Duchesne learned that they would not be staying in St. Louis. Instead, she and her companions received orders to settle in St. Charles, a tiny village twenty miles to the northwest. Most upsetting of all was the news that Duchesne would not be working with Native Americans. Contrary to Bishop Dubourg's initial promise, he instructed Duchesne to open a school to educate American and French Creole children, not Native American children.

Duchesne and her fellow nuns opened their school in a humble building that also served as their living quarters. It was the first free school established west of the Mississippi River. Students received instruction in reading, writing, mathematics, and the tenets of Christianity.

In 1841 the elderly Duchesne traveled to Kansas to minister to the Potawatomi tribe, fulfilling her dream of working with Native Americans. The Potawatomi called her "Quahkah-ka-num-ad," or "Woman Who Prays Always." Sadly, Duchesne's health faltered, and she reluctantly returned to St. Charles, Missouri, where she continued to advocate on behalf of the less fortunate.

After years of poor health, Rose Philippine Duchesne died on November 18, 1852, in St. Charles. She became a Catholic saint when she was canonized on July 3, 1988, by Pope John Paul II.



Today's verses in the opening of the Gospel parable is often translated as talents. A talent was a measure of money. And, comparatively speaking, it was no small sum of money. One talent could be valued at thousands in today's dollars. What the contemporary reader will likely miss, and what the ancient Jewish reader would have caught immediately, is the connection to heaviness: a talent was weighty, and five talents was massively heavy. Heaviness would have brought to mind the heaviest weight of all, which was the mercy of God.

The situation: the rich man who gives talents to three of his servants and then sets out on a journey. Upon his return, he assesses the situation and discovers that the servant to whom he had given five talents had invested them fruitfully and that the servant to whom he had given three talents had done the same. But he finds, to his chagrin, that the slave to whom he had entrusted one talent had simply buried the wealth and had garnered neither gain nor interest. Angered, he orders that the one talent be taken from the timid servant and given to the servant who had invested most boldly.

A problem is with the timid servant who buried his talent. It is not that he was an ineffective venture capitalist but that he fundamentally misunderstood the nature of what he had been given. The divine mercy—received as a pure gift—is meant to be given to others as a pure gift. Buried in the ground, that is to say, hugged tightly to oneself as one's own possession, such a talent necessarily evanesces. And this is why the master's seemingly harsh words should not be read as the punishment of an angry God but as an expression of spiritual physics: the divine mercy will grow in you only inasmuch as you give it to others.

The talents given to the three servants are not so much monetary gifts or personal capacities; they are a share in the mercy of God, a participation in the weightiness of the divine love. But since mercy is always directed to the other, these "talents" are designed to be shared. In point of fact, they will increase precisely in the measure that they are given away.

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