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# ASSUMPTION GROTTTO NEWS

## ASSUMPTION GROTTTO CHURCH

November 15, 2020



*Our Lady of Lourdes  
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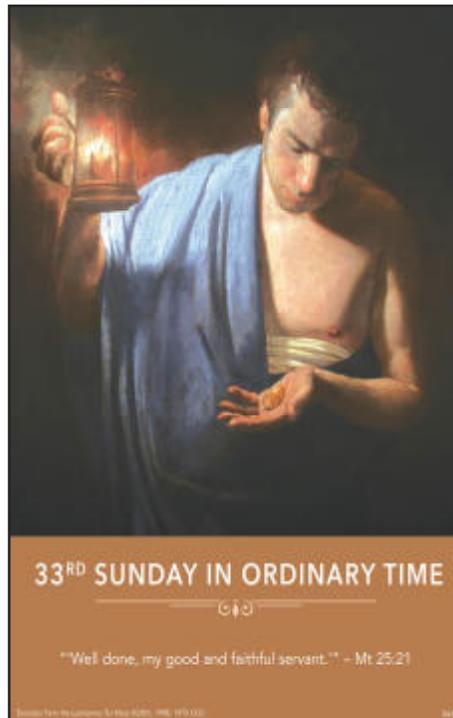
### A Vicarious Descant

Like last week's parable of the five wise and five foolish virgins, today's parable uses the material things and activities of the world to teach about the spiritual things of heaven. We are approaching the end of the Gospel according to St. Matthew and the parables of the Lord are more and more focused on the "eschaton"—the end times and the life to come.

The talents represent grace and were given to the servants by the master. Grace is God's free and undeserved gift to us that God gives to respond to our vocation to live as His adopted children. Actual grace helps us conform our lives to His will. Sacramental grace which includes the conferring of charisms, or the graces that each of us receives according to our state in life—are gifts of the Holy Spirit to help us live out our Christian vocation (CCC Glossary).

The servants did not ask the Master for the talents, yet they were accountable for them. Few of us asked to be baptized, since most of us were baptized within a few days of our birth. Even those of us who were baptized as adults were called to enter the Catholic Church by God's grace: "You did not choose me, but I chose you and appointed you that you should go and bear fruit and that your fruit should abide" (John 15:16).

The word "talent" has many meanings in the ancient world. Different bible scholars consider it to be differing amounts: Fr. Haydock in the 18<sup>th</sup> century believed it was about 187 Pounds Sterling plus 10 shillings. Other scholars say it was the



amount of wealth that would typically be earned during a person's entire lifetime. Spiritually speaking: grace is given to each of us at baptism, but if we bury that grace in the ground and do not set about increasing that grace through a life in Christ through prayer and the Sacraments, then we risk losing heaven and being thrown in the "the darkness."

St. Paul tells us in his Letter to the Ephesians: "But God, who is rich in mercy, out of the great love with which he loved us, even when we were dead through our trespasses, made us alive together with Christ (by grace you have been saved), and raised us up with him, and made us sit with him in the heavenly places in Christ Jesus, that in the coming ages he might show the immeasurable riches of

his grace in kindness toward us in Christ Jesus. For by grace you have been saved through faith; and this is not your own doing, it is the gift of God (Eph 2:4-8).

The servants did not seem to be specifically told what to do with the talents, yet their state in life gave them sufficient knowledge of what to do. Each of us have been given adequate means within our state in life to cooperate in the fullest measure with God's grace. Our efforts alone cannot increase God's immeasurable gift of grace. God has ordained that we do not "go it alone" on this earth. The servants couldn't make their own money, they had to have that "spiritual commerce" within the Church and as part of the Communion of the Saints.

Fear distorts our perception of God. "I was afraid" the wicked servant said. And that fear led him to renounce an unmerited gift without which no increase is possible. Instead of seeking an increase of the grace given, the wicked servant buries it in the ground. He invested his master's talent, but in the things of the world, and not in the things of heaven. He buried that which was given to him and meant to increase and it served the master not at all.

The original Greek actually says, "Take back what is yours" not "Here is your money back." It sounds more like, "Take back the salvation you freely won for me and bestowed upon me out of your great love."

Fear can prevent a person from fulfilling God's will. The wicked and lazy servant certainly knew on what basis he would be called to give an accounting one day, just

Mass Intentions  for the Week

**Monday, - November 16 2020**

7:30 a.m.— The Deceased Family of Nancy McAuley

**Tuesday, - November 17, 2020**

7:30 a.m.— The Korzeniewski Family (L&D)

**Wednesday, - November 18, 2020**

7:30 a.m.— Ann Sandberg (L)

**Thursday, - November 19, 2020**

7:30 a.m.— Helen Szumplawski (D)

**Friday, - November 20, 2020**

7:30 a.m.— Fr. Boleslaw Lipczewski (D)

**Saturday, - November 21, 2020**

7:30 a.m.— The Faithful Departed in the Grotto Cemetery

4:00 p.m.— Special Intention

**Sunday, - November 22, 2020**

6:30 a.m.— Special Intention; 9:30 a.m. — People of the Parish; 12:00 p.m. —Special Intention

*“When we leave the holy banquet of Communion, we are as happy as the wise men would have been if they could have carried away the infant Jesus.” -St. John Vianney*

*“We find ourselves in this earth as in a tempestuous sea, in a desert, in a vale of tears. Now then, Mary is the Star of the Sea, the solace of our desert, the light that guides us towards heaven.”— St. John Bosco*

*“Since love completes all, makes all hard things soft, and the difficult easy, let us strive to make all our acts proceed from love.” — St. Arnold Janssen*

*“The true measure of loving God is to love Him without measure.” — St. Bernard of Clairvaux*

*Mass Servers*

**Saturday, November 21, 2020**

4:00 p.m. D. Bastuba, J. Praet, J. Cline

**Sunday, November 22, 2020**

6:30 a.m. R. Jacek, M. Pomeroy.

9:30 a.m. K. Garavaglia, A. Santine, M. Grado, J. Prevo, D. Grado, C. Bueche

12:00 p.m. M. Chambers, A. & M. Arrigoni, A. & W. Remske, G. Welsing, J. & D. Berch

**Readings for the week of November 15, 2020**

**Sunday:** Prv 31:10-13, 19-20, 30-31/Ps 128:1-2, 3, 4-5 [cf. 1a]/1 Thes 5:1-6/Mt 25:14-30 or 25:14-15, 19-21

**Monday:** Rv 1:1-4; 2:1-5/Ps 1:1-2, 3, 4 and 6 [Rev 2:17]/Lk 18:35-43

**Tuesday:** Rv 3:1-6, 14-22/Ps 15:2-3a, 3bc-4ab, 5 [Rev 3:21]/Lk 19:1-10

**Wednesday:** Rv 4:1-11/Ps 150:1b-2, 3-4, 5-6 [1b]/Lk 19:11-28

**Thursday:** Rv 5:1-10/Ps 149:1b-2, 3-4, 5-6a and 9b [Rev 5:10]/Lk 19:41-44

**Friday:** Rv 10:8-11/Ps 119:14, 24, 72, 103, 111, 131 [103a]/Lk 19:45-48

**Saturday:** Rv 11:4-12/Ps 144:1b, 2, 9-10 [1b]/Lk 20:27-40

**Next Sunday:** Ez 34:11-12, 15-17/Ps 23:1-2, 2-3, 5-6 [1]/1 Cor 15:20-26, 28/Mt 25:31-46

*“Virtue is nothing without the trial of temptation, for there is no conflict without an enemy, no victory without strife.” -Pope Saint Leo the Great*

*“It is from Mary that we must look for the grace of a happy death. This is very evident since the grace of final perseverance is the most important of all graces, in as much as it efficaciously consummates the work of everyone’s salvation.” -Pope Benedict XV*

*“When we contemplate the sufferings of Jesus He grants us, according to the measure of our faith, the grace to practice the virtues He revealed during those sacred hours.”— St. Angela Merici*

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**SUNDAY MASSES:** Saturdays at 4:00; Sundays at 6:30, 9:30 (Tridentine), & Noon

**HOLY DAY MASSES:** 6:30, 9:30 (Tridentine), Noon & evening at 7:00 p.m.

**WEEKDAY MASSES:** Monday-Saturday 7:30 a.m. (all Tridentine).

**CONFESSIONS:** Saturday 2:30-3:30, Sunday 9:00 & 11:30 a.m.

**BAPTISMS:** Every Saturday after the 4:00 p.m. Mass or Sunday after the Noon Mass. Arrange at the Rectory Office.

**BLESSING FOR EXPECTANT MOTHERS:** After the Noon Mass on the first Sunday of the month.

**REGISTRATION:** Visit the Rectory or call for a form to be sent out to you.

*“The Lord manifests Himself to those who stop for some time in peace and humility of heart. If you look in murky and turbulent waters, you cannot see the reflection of your face. If you want to see the face of Christ, stop and collect your thoughts in silence, and close the door of your soul to the noise of external things. — St. Anthony of Padua*

*“I fix the gaze of my soul upon Jesus Crucified; I do not expect help from people, but place my trust in God. In His unfathomable mercy lies all my hope”- St. Faustina*

**A Vicarious Descant (continued)**

as we know that we will “all appear before the judgment seat of Christ, so that each one may receive recompense, according to what he did in the body, whether good or evil” (2 Cor 5:10). But we are not called to live in fear: “for God did not give us a spirit of timidity but a spirit of power and love and self-control” (2 Tim 1:7).

Moreover, God has not only given us the talents, but placed in our lives the very people who will show us how to increase those talents to the glory of God. We already share that communion with those who will allow us to invest these freely given graces and thereby render unto God what He has asked of us. This is accomplished firstly through the Church and our share in the Communion of the Saints. It is the saints in heaven who we call upon to intercede for us—especially our Blessed

Mother. It is out of neglect that the worthless and lazy servant does not look to those who were given more. That is our obligation to look to the saints and the perennially true teachings of the Magisterium—those to whom much has been given and those who set an example of perfect charity.

We are called each day to renew our fidelity to God through ways great and small. And, yes, there is a practical, temporal component of this parable: we are to use the goods we have been given in the manner that honors God. We are to look to those who have been given much to show us how to do this. We are to remain faithful stewards of God's many gifts that we may reap an abundant reward in heaven.

Forty Hours Devotion is yet another treasure given to us by the Church. In these days of uncertainty and the powerful temptations to discouragement and anxiety, we turn to God in praise, adoration and thanksgiving. This is done in a more perfect way when we call upon our Blessed Mother—God-bearer and Patroness of the United States—and beg

her to intercede for us and our nation. Do not neglect a single moment in these days to pray for our country that we will as a nation “turn back to God.” We should be offering continuous Rosaries and participating in the many novenas and other prayers being offered around the world. “If my people who are called by my name humble themselves, and pray and seek my face, and turn from their wicked ways, then I will hear from heaven, and will forgive their sin and heal their land” (2 Chron 7:14).

**Come and Visit the Assumption Grotto to Secular Carmelites.** If you would like to be a part of a Fraternal Community, be inspired by Carmelite Saints, seek the face of God through contemplative prayer, and have a special devotion to our Blessed Mother, call *Paula Zurawski* at 586.463.1770 and leave a message **to schedule a visit with the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary Discalced Carmelite Seculars**, at Assumption Grotto, in Detroit. We meet on the First Saturday of each month, beginning with a Communion Service at 8:30 am. The richness of Carmelite teachings and spirituality will still the restlessness of your heart as you learn to rest in the Lord. We look forward to meeting you!

**Seven Sisters Apostolate**

See the flyer on the side tables of the church for more information on our three parish Seven Sisters Groups. The groups are organized to pray for Archbishop Vigneron, Fr. John Bustamante and Fr. Perrone. We are in need of more women willing to commit an hour a week for one of our priests as a substitute or alternate. The Holy hour may be done in a parish church near you, anytime on the day you are assigned. Please call and leave your name at the rectory if God is calling you to assist our priests in this Apostolate. For more information on the Seven Sisters Apostolate go to their website: <https://sevensistersapostolate.org/home>

**The Fr. John A Hardon 36 Week Advanced Marian Catechism Course** will begin on Saturday, January 9<sup>th</sup> at 1 p.m. in the Shrine Lounge. You must have a certificate that you completed the Basic 16 Week course in order to participate. All class course materials must be purchased in advance. The class will meet every other Saturday completing one chapter every two weeks. This gives a sufficient time for busy Catholics to reflect and study. For more information on the Advanced or Basic Courses, or if you need to purchase the course materials, leave your name at rectory and someone will contact you.

**Morning Offering** “O Jesus, through the Immaculate Heart of Mary, I offer you all my prayers, works, joys and sufferings of this day, for all the intentions of your Sacred Heart, in union with the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass throughout the world, in reparation for my sins, for the intentions of all my relatives and friends and in particular for the intentions of the Holy Father” (from “Manual of Prayers,” Midwest Theological Forum).

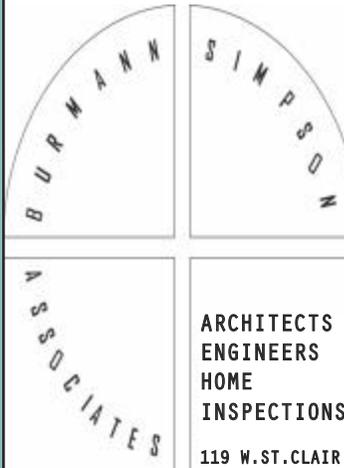


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