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SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 15, 2020

33RD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

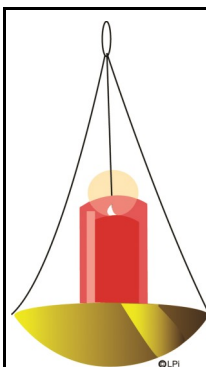


“Well done, my good and faithful servant.” – Mt 25:21

PRAYER LIFE



Monday 8:00am	11-16-20 Margaret Crowe rq by Colleen Quinn
Tuesday 8:00am	11-17-20 Charles Waugh rq by Marlene Shannon Mogila rq by Marlene
Wednesday 8:00am	11-18-20 Stephanie Coonan rq by Loving Family
Thursday 8:00am	11-19-20 Charles Sleis rq by Loving Family Kelly Dand rq by Loving Friend Joseph Gradante rq by Colleen Quinn
Friday 8:00am	11-20-20 Debbie Walters rq by Colleen Quinn Michael Goggins rq by Loving Family
Saturday 5:00pm	11-21-20 Daniel Bozza rq by Loving Family Helen O'Donnell rq by Loving Sister Pat & Children
Sunday 8:00am	11-22-20 Richie Tringali rq by Degan Family Virginia Calicchio rq by Loving Family Virginia Krasovec rq by Susan & Patrick Trollan Thomas Sauickie Jr. rq by Loving Family St. Ann's Purgatorial Society
10:30am	
6:00pm	



THE SANCTUARY LAMP

The Sanctuary Lamp is available for special intentions. The Lamp burns weekly for deceased members of a family or requests for a special intention. The donation is \$20. Please call the Rectory for further information.. This week's Sanctuary Lamp burns for

Parishioners of St. Ann

FALL SCHEDULE



Masses Mon - Fri 8A, Sat 5P, Sun 9A.

Office Hours Mon - Fri 9A - 1P.

Church Hours Mon - Fri 8:30A - 12P.

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DAILY READINGS

Follow the daily readings from home or during Mass.

WEEKLY PRAYER

READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF NOVEMBER 15, 2020

SUN 11/15	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
MON 11/16	Rv 1:1-4; 2:1-5/Ps 1:1-2, 3, 4 and 6 [Rev 2:17]/Lk 18:35-43
TUE 11/17	Rv 3:1-6, 14-22/Ps 15:2-3a, 3bc-4ab, 5 [Rev 3:21]/Lk 19:1-10
WED 11/18	Rv 4:1-11/Ps 150:1b-2, 3-4, 5-6 [1b]/Lk 19:11-28
THR 11/19	Rv 5:1-10/Ps 149:1b-2, 3-4, 5-6a and 9b [Rev 5:10]/Lk 19:41-44
FRI 11/20	Rv 10:8-11/Ps 119:14, 24, 72, 103, 111, 131 [103a]/Lk 19:45-48
SAT 11/21	Rv 11:4-12/Ps 144:1b, 2, 9-10 [1b]/Lk 20:27-40
SUN 11/22	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

OBSERVANCES FOR THE WEEK OF NOVEMBER 15, 2020

Sunday:	33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time
Monday:	St. Margaret of Scotland; St. Gertrude, Virgin
Tuesday:	St. Elizabeth of Hungary, Religious
Wednesday:	The Dedication of the Basilicas of Sts. Peter and Paul, Apostles; St. Rose Philippine Duchesne, Virgin
Saturday:	The Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary
Next Sunday:	Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe

LIVE THE LITURGY

Inspiration for the week

God has entrusted his possessions to us. God's possessions are not earthly, physical things like ours: a home, bank account, personal items, and so forth. God's possessions are far greater and deeper. God's greatest possession is His very Self and it is precisely this pearl of great price that He bestows freely upon us. What are we going to do with it? Nourishing the fruits of wisdom is of the first order in determining how we are going to use what God has given. Understanding that His gift has not been given purely for our self-benefit is another. Wisdom asks us to broaden our horizons to embrace all avenues of human life, including the needs of the poor, the marginalized, and the needy. Manifested primarily in the virtues of faith, hope, and love, what God has entrusted to us can multiply exponentially if we invest His gift wisely and reap the greatest benefits. While it requires a great deal of focus and persistent hard work, we will experience tremendous joy when we realize just how much confidence God has in us. Not acting on something out of fear or lack of trust serves no purpose and is of no use to either God or ourselves.



Where
charity
is not found,
God cannot dwell.

— ST. ALBERT THE GREAT —

WORSHIP & MEDITATION



FIRST READING

Charm is deceptive and beauty fleeting;
the woman who fears the Lord is to be praised.

Give her a reward for her labors,
and let her works praise her at the city gates.

(Prv 31:30-31)



PSALM

Blessed are those who fear the Lord. (Ps 128)



SECOND READING

For all of you are children of the light
and children of the day.

We are not of the night or of darkness.

Therefore, let us not sleep as the rest do,
but let us stay alert and sober. (1 Thes 5:5-6)

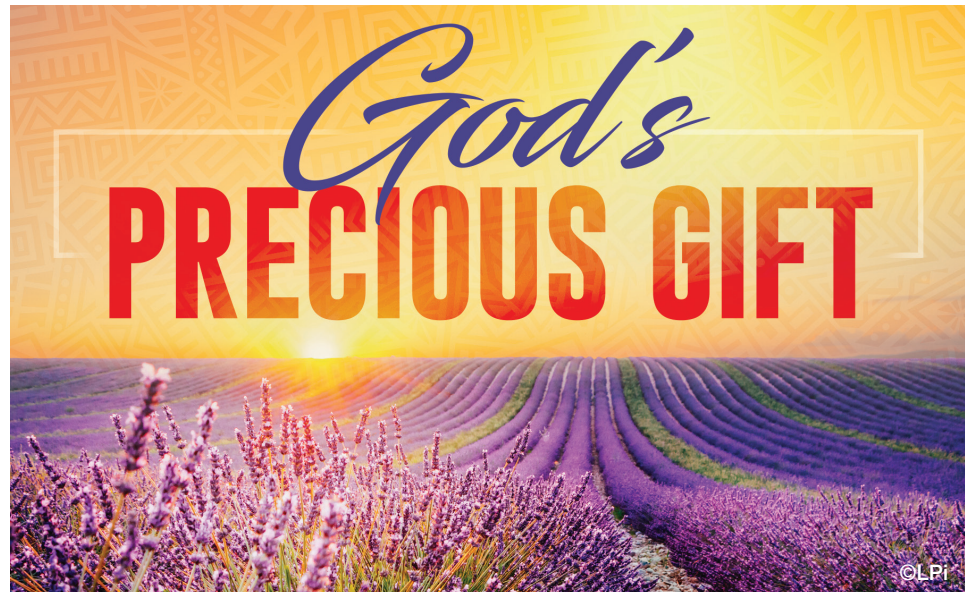


GOSPEL

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faithful servant. Since you were faithful in small
matters, I will give you great responsibilities.

Come, share your master's joy.'" (Mt 25:21)

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GOSPEL MEDITATION

Encourage Deeper Understanding of Scripture

God gives us the gift of His very self and asks us to invest it. Investing God's greatest gift of Himself wisely, allows God's kingdom to grow and flourish. God trusts us with this pearl of great price in hopes that it will produce abundant fruit. While God's gift of self is realized in the gifts of faith, hope, and love, they are not meant to be solely for personal benefit. They are intended to be shared and are at the heart of Jesus' blueprint for happiness, the Beatitudes.

When we properly invest God's greatest gift, His most treasured possession, we invest in the wellbeing of all of our brothers and sisters and the world in which we live. We take up most seriously our call to be stewards and properly manage, not only our own affairs, but the affairs of those around and before us. God has put tremendous confidence in us. Do we have that same confidence in God?

We often go the extra mile and put in the additional effort when it comes to those concerns closest to us: our families, friends, careers, home and securities. But when it comes to things that are not as close to us, we can become lax and less conscientious. Tending to God's treasure requires a great deal of focus and persistent hard work. It demands that I see the bigger picture, God's picture, in which self-sacrifice is a given as we labor for the establishment of God's kingdom, God's vision. Fear and a lack of trust can loom large, however. We are afraid of letting go of what is "mine" and apprehensive of jeopardizing what we have in order to venture into something bigger and more promising.

Fear and a lack of trust serve no purpose in God's kingdom. They benefit neither the person nor God. What is required is a courageous resolve that produces the fortitude necessary to stay the course and do what God is asking. Doing all in our power to cultivate the seeds of faith, hope, and love in our world, working diligently to put all of our relationships in proper order, becoming attentive to systems and ideologies that hurt and oppress people, being mindful of injustice, and laboring on behalf of the poor and the needy are at the core of what each of us is asked to do. It is how we invest God's most precious gift wisely. If persistent, alert and attentive, then life will gradually improve around us, there will be greater peace and we will experience joy.

LITURGICAL LIFE

RESPONDING *to the Call*

EVERYDAY STEWARDSHIP

Recognize God In Your Ordinary Moments

Buried in Your Backyard

I remember watching a television show about a high school that dug up a time capsule that students had buried 25 years earlier. They had buried it with the purpose of showing others many years later the trends of the day and how student life was at that time. It was a fun exercise and everyone — the current students as well as those now grown — laughed at the clothing styles, corny photos, and lack of technology from years ago.

I wonder how the former students felt about how they had grown in those 25 years. How many of them realized their high school dreams? Did they find their purpose in this world and feel fulfilled in life? Did they use the talents and gifts God gave them to really make a difference in the world?

We have all been given talents and gifts by God to be cultivated and offered back to Him and those around us for His glory. As time has passed, hopefully we have taken seriously our stewardship of these gifts. But sometimes out of fear, misunderstanding, or even apathy, we have taken one or more of our gifts and buried them, hiding them away from others and stifling all growth. This is no way to honor God and certainly not a path to fulfillment in life. If we have anything buried in our backyard, we might do well to dig it back up, clean it up, and begin building upon it. Like a time capsule, those things will not be buried forever. One day the giver of that gift will ask what you have done with it. When that day comes, I pray you don't need to find a shovel.

— Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS

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WHY DO WE DO THAT?

Catholic Life Explained:

Question:

The Bible says that Jesus condemned gambling, but I notice that so many parishes have them at festivals and other events. What's correct?

Answer:

Although Jesus speaks of our relationship with material wealth and the very human struggle with greed, the gospels do not include any specific instructions related to gambling. At the same time, the Church is very sensitive to the needs of those who might struggle with an addiction to gambling, and pastoral care should always be offered to those who struggle with this reality in their life.

While it is true that many parish or school communities include gambling or games of chance in festivals and fundraisers (e.g. bingo, roulette, ring tossing, dunking booths, etc.), there is nothing inherently wrong these sorts of events, given they are played fairly and within the limits of reason are not morally objectionable. As the Catechism of the Catholic Church reminds us: "Games of chance (card games, etc.) or wagers are not in themselves contrary to justice. They become morally unacceptable when they deprive someone of what is necessary to provide for his needs and those of others" (no. 2413).

As in all things, moderation and a sense of healthy limits should be applied to gambling and games of chance. For those who find themselves living with addiction to gambling, help is available in various 12-step and addiction recovery programs.

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**"After a long time the
master of those servants
came back and settled
accounts with them. The
one who had received
five talents came forward
bringing the additional
five. He said, 'Master, you
gave me five talents. See, I
have made five more.'"**

– Mt 25:19-20

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LITURGICAL LIFE

QUESTIONS OF THE WEEK

Invite Parishioners to Reflect and Respond to Scripture

First Reading

Our Jewish sage describes a model household that is governed by a wife's wisdom. What do you find appealing in this portrayal?

Second Reading

Paul speaks of the unknown day upon which Christ will return as coming "like a thief in the night" and as the inescapable "labor pains" of a woman about to give birth. Why do you think Paul uses such jarring imagery?

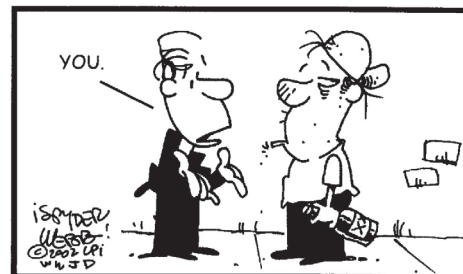
Gospel Reading

In his parable of the talents, Jesus teaches about the importance of using our God-given gifts faithfully and prudently. What would be a natural gift you have used well in your life?

**GOD SAVED US
AND CALLED US**
to live a holy life.

2 TIMOTHY 1:9

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LITURGICAL LIFE

3 EASY STEPS

To Keeping Yourself & Others Healthy!

We are cautioned to be especially careful during the Coronavirus outbreak. Here are some simple ways to keep sickness away.



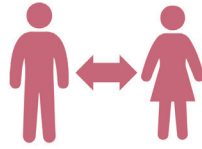
Wash Your Hands

Wash your hands for at least 20 seconds using soap and water. If you can't wash your hands, use hand sanitizer frequently.



Don't Touch Your Face

Especially around the eyes, nose and mouth. If you must sneeze, use a tissue or your arm.



Keep Your Distance

Practice social distancing during this epidemic and stay away from large groups. Instead, call, email or check up on family and friends using social media.

“Master, 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

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