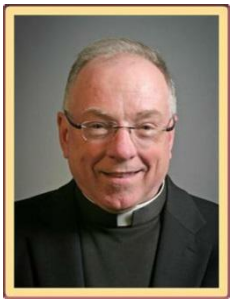
This Week's Message from Fr. Amesse November 8, 2026



In Matthew's Gospel (25:1–13), Jesus tells the parable of ten young women waiting for the bridegroom. Five were wise and brought extra oil for their lamps. Five were foolish and brought none. When the bridegroom finally arrived, only those who were prepared were able to enter the wedding feast. Jesus ends the parable with a warning: “Stay awake, for you know neither the day nor the hour.”

What is Jesus trying to tell us? I think He is reminding us that we cannot take our relationship with God for granted. We sometimes think there will always be more time. More time to pray. More time to forgive someone. More time to return to the Church. More time to make things right. But none of us knows how much time we have.

The oil in those lamps reminds me of our faith. It needs to be nourished. We do that through prayer, receiving the Eucharist, going to Confession, and showing kindness and mercy to others. We cannot borrow someone else's faith. We must develop our own relationship with Christ.

November is a month when we remember those who have died. Perhaps that makes this Gospel especially meaningful. Our lives on earth are not forever, but Jesus promises us something greater. The question is not simply whether we are ready to die. It is whether we are ready to meet Christ. Let us keep our lamps burning through the way we live each day.

I remember you at Mass.