

THIRTY-SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

NOVEMBER 12, 2023

“See what love the Father has bestowed on us that we may be called the children of God.”

— 1 John 3:1

REFLECTION

In the parable of the ten virgins, Jesus emphasizes the significance of being prepared and vigilant. The main message is readiness. We cannot depend on others to get us ready. Our responsibility is to be prepared in our faith, relationships, or personal pursuits. The wise virgins brought additional oil to ensure they would not miss the bridegroom, and we should also take necessary steps to be fully prepared for our own lives. We need to be wise enough to remain ever prepared: Wise Christians find Jesus in the most ordinary experiences of daily living — in the people they meet, the events that take place, and the situations in which they find themselves — and they carefully make their daily choices for God. They are ready to put the commandment of love into practice by showing kindness, mercy and forgiveness. Let us be sure that our Lamps are ready for the end of our lives: Spiritual readiness, preparation, and growth are the result of intentional habits built into one's life. The parable warns us that there are certain things which cannot be obtained at the last minute: a) a good relationship with God, b) good character, c) merits from good deeds of sharing, forgiving love and humble service done to others. In the parable, the wise virgins brought extra oil to symbolize their readiness to meet God. Similarly, we must prepare for meeting God, whether at the end of our lives or the Second Coming. Remember, at the final judgment, there will be no depending upon the resources of others, no begging or borrowing of grace. Some are used to depending upon others' prayers, others' gifts, others' compassion and others' Faith. But there are certain things we must win or acquire for ourselves for we cannot borrow them from others. Close relationship with God is the most important thing. The parable implies that we should attend to duties of the present moment, preparing now rather than waiting until it is too late.

TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading — John's vision of a vast throng from every nation and people, whose robes had been made white in the blood of the Lamb (Revelation 7:2-4, 9-14).

Psalm — Lord, this is the people that longs to see your face (Psalm 24).

Second Reading — By God's love, we may be called God's children (1 John 3:1-3).

Gospel — The Beatitudes: your reward will be great in heaven (Matthew 5:1-12a).

~~~~~PRAYER CORNER~~~~~

DEAR GOD

Dear God,

I know that I am not perfect,

I know sometimes I forget to pray.

I know I have questioned my faith,

I know sometimes I lose my temper,

But thank You for loving me unconditionally

And giving me another day to start over again.

Amen.

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Monday: St. Frances Xavier Cabrini

Wednesday: St. Albert the Great

Thursday: St. Margaret of Scotland

Friday: St. Elizabeth of Hungary

Saturday: The Dedication of the Basilica of Sts. Peter and Paul; St. Rose Philippine

MASS INTENTIONS

Monday: Fr. Anto 4th Anniversary †

Tuesday: In honor Infant Jesus of Prague and St. Joseph for all the sick and for all the holy souls in purgatory.

Petie Rabbit Anniversary †

Jimmy Gorman

J.R. for Healing

Bryan Jude Carroll

Wednesday: Bush's Bridget Anniversary †

Thursday: T.K. 4th Anniversary †

Friday: In honor of the Holy Souls and Precious Blood.

CONDOLENCES

Fr. Prasad and the members of St. Edward Parish extend their deepest sympathy to the families of:

Jay Jones Carroll, Jimmy Turner Riley, and Matt Slugger Sherlock.

CATHOLIC APPEAL OF SOUTH CAROLINA

The Catholic Appeal of South Carolina (CASC) is the primary source of funding for many critical ministries. We are impacting the lives of our brothers and sisters both spiritually and physically – but there is still much to do. We must continue to fund programs focused on charitable works, outreach, education, and evangelization. Every gift to the CASC allows us to continue to fulfill the mission that has been entrusted to us. Your participation is highly appreciated and let us reach our goal (\$19,882.00) by fulfilling the pledge and generous contribution. Thank you for your continued generosity and support.

JOKE OF THE WEEK

Little Johnny's new baby brother was screaming up a storm. He asked his mom, "Where'd we get him?"

She replied, "He came from Heaven, Johnny." "Wow!" he said. "I see why they threw him out."

OUR GIFTS RECORD

| | Offertory | Development |
|---------------------------------|--------------|--------------|
| Last Week's Collection | \$3,220.00 | \$2,907.00 |
| Number of Families contributing | 91 | 86 |
| Total Pledge for 2023 | \$160,375.00 | \$163,292.00 |
| Pledged to Date (41 Weeks) | \$137,335.00 | \$139,305.00 |
| Received to Date | \$120,714.00 | \$95,018.00 |
| Envelopes Outstanding | \$16,621.00 | \$44,287.00 |

LADIES OFFERTORY RECORD

| Amount given last week | Amount given to Date in 2023 |
|------------------------|------------------------------|
| \$256.00 | \$9,289.00 |

Thirty-three people contributed last week.

PARISH LIFE CENTER HALL FUND WEEKLY REPORT

| Amount given last week | Amount given to Date in 2023 |
|------------------------|------------------------------|
| \$50.00 | \$50,255.00 |

One person made a P.L.C. contribution last week.

BICENTENNIAL CAMPAIGN

| GOAL | \$165,000.00 |
|----------------|--------------|
| Total Pledged | \$210,300.00 |
| Total Received | \$71,565.00 |

CATHOLIC APPEAL OF SOUTH CAROLINA (BAA)

| Amount given to date | 2023 GOAL |
|----------------------|-------------|
| \$6,950.00 | \$19,882.00 |

POOR BOX totaled \$87.00.

9 CHILDREN contributed \$51.00.

FLOWERS IN THE CHURCH ARE OFFERED BY:

1. a Parish Member in thanks to St. Expedite.

BANNS OF MARRIAGE The Banns of Marriage are announced for the second time for Thomas Patrick Costello and Joslyn Sherlock.

FR. PRASAD will be leaving for India this Sunday, November 12th after 10:00 A.M. Mass and will return on Friday, December 15th. Please pray for him a safe journey to and from. Fr. Christopher, Fr. David, Fr. Gasper, Fr. Kentrugen, and Fr. Sebastian will be taking care of the masses and any other pastoral needs while Fr. Prasad is away.

WEEKDAY MASSES While Fr. Prasad is in India masses Monday thru Friday will be at 10:30 A.M.

THANK YOU to a parish member for a \$100 donation in thanks to St. Anthony and to three parish members for their donations in thanks to St. Expedite.

KEYBOARD & MUSIC CLASSES will be held on Tuesday at 5:00 P.M. in the Church. All those who are interested in practicing please come on Tuesday.

SINGING PRACTICE for the children will be held on Wednesday at 5:00 P.M.

SPECIAL COLLECTION The second collection next weekend will be for the Campaign for Human Development.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION CLASSES for grades 1st – 8th will be held on Monday from 4:00 – 5:00 P.M. in the Hall. It is the parent's responsibility to make sure their child attends Religious Education classes.

NOT ABOUT ME

*It's not about me, it's all about Him.
My God who loves me so.
I never have to fear or doubt
He's with me wherever I go.*

*His love is everlasting,
It never goes away.
No matter what I say or do,
His love is here to stay.*

*We must never forget the sacrifice
He made for you and me.
He gave His very own life
To give us eternity.*

READERS

Sat. Nov. 11th, 4:00 P.M. Leah & Dayna
Sun. Nov. 12th, 10:00 A.M. Lauren Ashley & Jimmy

Sat. Nov. 18th, 4:00 P.M. Julie Ann & Christina
Sun. Nov. 19th, 10:00 A.M. Lauren Ashley & Jimmy

READERS – WEEKDAYS

Monday - Lauren Ashley
Tuesday - Paris
Wednesday - Gracelynn
Thursday - Dayna
Friday - Natalie

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS - WEEKDAYS

Monday - Theresa Hun
Tuesday - Winnie Ann
Wednesday - Julie Ann
Thursday - Cathy Carroll
Friday - Rosie Cat

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS – WEEKEND

Saturday 4:00 P.M. **November 11th**
Right Theresa Hun
Left Cathy Carroll

Sunday 10:00 A.M

November 12th **November 19th**
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