

## **THIRTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

**NOVEMBER 19, 2023**

***“Blessed are you who fear the LORD.”***

***— Psalm 128:1a***

### **REFLECTION**

We all love receiving a nicely wrapped gift whether it is for our birthday or at Christmas. We open and unwrap the gift that has been kindly given to us. We thank the person who gave us the gift. Think how the person who gave us the gift would feel if we didn't open it; instead, we simply put it away and left it unopened. This is the situation that we are presented with this Sunday. This penultimate Sunday of the liturgical year reminds us not only of the end of the liturgical year but also of the end of all things and of the preparations we need to make to reach Heaven. The gospel this Sunday puts before us again the message of waiting and asks how we are waiting. A rich man, before he leaves for a business trip, calls three of servants and gives them each a sum of money. He gives them money according to the ability he sees in each of them. He simply gives them the money; he doesn't tell them what to do with it or how to invest it. He trusts them enough to let them decide how best to use what they have been given. The first two servants invest their money and so double the amount given. The third servant, for whatever reason simply buries his money in the ground. When the man returns, he calls in his servants and asks them to account for the money he gave them. The same way, we have all been given gifts and talents by God. The important thing is not what I have been given, but how I use what I have been given. God calls us, God loves and as we see in this gospel, God also trusts us. Our talents are not just for ourselves; they are meant to be used to proclaim the gospel and build the Kingdom of God. Just think of the trust God has in each of us and the risk he takes with us. This parable teaches each of us what to do during this time of waiting. Our waiting is not to be idle or passive. We are to live our daily lives in such a way that we use all the many gifts and talents God has given each of us. In the gospel, the man not only gave his servants money, he also trusted them with a big responsibility. Jesus has given each of us the same responsibility. Through our ordinary lives and through the use of our gifts, skills and talents, we are to show that we too are faithful servants. When the Lord does return, each of us will be held accountable for the use of our gifts and how we have lived our lives.

### **TODAY'S READINGS**

**First Reading** — The woman who fears the LORD is to be praised (Proverbs 31:10-13, 19-20, 30-31).

**Psalm** — Blessed are those who fear the Lord (Psalm 128).

**Second Reading** — Brothers and sisters, you are children of the light (1 Thessalonians 5:1-6).

**Gospel** — Since you were faithful in small matters, I will give you great responsibilities (Matthew 25:14-30 [14-15, 19-21]).

### **~~~~~PRAYER CORNER~~~~~**

#### **FOR ALL THE SOULS OF THE DEAD**

***O God, You willed that Your only begotten Son, having conquered death, should pass over into the realm of Heaven. I pray that all your faithful departed servants, who have left this earthly life, may join Your son, our Lord Jesus Christ, and gaze eternally on You, their Creator and Redeemer, in Heaven. Amen.***

### **SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES**

**Tuesday:** The Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary

**Wednesday:** St. Cecilia

**Thursday:** St. Clement I; St. Columban; Blessed Miguel Agustin Pro

**Friday:** St. Andrew Dunglac and Companions

**Saturday:** St. Catherine of Alexandria

### **MASS INTENTIONS**

**Monday:** *Funeral*

**Tuesday:** Johnny Mumbo Anniversary †

**Wednesday:** Starbuck's Mary Catherine Anniversary †  
St. Philomena, St. Joseph, and Infant Jesus and Holy Souls.

**Thursday:** No Mass

**Friday:** Birdie Sherlock Birthday †

Edward Straightener O'Hara Anniversary †

### **CONDOLENCES**

Fr. Prasad and the members of St. Edward Parish extend their deepest sympathy to the family of J.R. Riley.

### **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**

Two prisoners were making their escape over the jailhouse roof when one of them dislodged a tile.

“Who's there?” shouted a guard. The first prisoner replied with a convincing imitation of a cat's meow. Reassured, the guard went back to his rounds.

But then the second prisoner dislodged another tile. The guard repeated, “Who's there?”

“Another cat,” answered the prisoner.

## OUR GIFTS RECORD

	Offertory	Development
Last Week's Collection	\$2,495.00	\$1,483.00
Number of Families contributing	50	62
Total Pledge for 2023	\$160,375.00	\$163,292.00
Pledged to Date (42 Weeks)	\$140,361.00	\$142,374.00
Received to Date	\$123,153.00	\$96,501.00
Envelopes Outstanding	\$17,208.00	\$45,873.00

## LADIES OFFERTORY RECORD

Amount given last week	Amount given to Date in 2023
\$242.00	\$9,531.00

Twenty people contributed last week.

## PARISH LIFE CENTER HALL FUND WEEKLY REPORT

Amount given last week	Amount given to Date in 2023
\$210.00	\$50,465.00

Two people 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
\$7,159.00	\$19,882.00

POOR BOX totaled \$79.00.

6 CHILDREN contributed \$24.00.

## FLOWERS IN THE CHURCH ARE OFFERED BY:

1. Bryan Michael and Patricia Ann in thanks to the Holy Family for a prayer answered;
2. and a Parish Member in thanks to St. Expedite.

## THANKSGIVING DAY: NOVEMBER 23<sup>RD</sup>

Thanksgiving Day in America is a Day set aside each year for giving thanks to God for the blessings received during the year. It is also a Day of family gatherings and holiday meals.

***Father Prasad wishes everyone a Happy Thanksgiving Day!***

## THERE WILL BE NO MASS ON THANKSGIVING DAY

CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED The Church Office will be closed this *Wednesday, November 22<sup>nd</sup>* and *Thursday, November 23<sup>rd</sup>* in observance of the Thanksgiving holiday and will reopen *Monday, November 27<sup>th</sup>*.

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

The Banns of Marriage are announced for the first time for Jayden Carroll and Windsor Sherlock.

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 their donation 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 this weekend will be for the Campaign for Human Development.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION CLASSES for grades 1<sup>st</sup> – 8<sup>th</sup> 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.

## READERS

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

**Sat. Nov. 25<sup>th</sup>, 4:00 P.M.** Paris & Mary Martha  
**Sun. Nov. 26<sup>th</sup>, 10:00 A.M.** Lauren Ashley & Jimmy

## READERS – WEEKDAYS

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

## EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS - WEEKDAYS

**Monday** - Theresa Hun  
**Tuesday** - Jack's Mary Rita  
**Wednesday** - Julie Ann  
**Thursday** - Cathy Carroll  
**Friday** - Rosie Cat

## EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS – WEEKEND

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

## Sunday 10:00 A.M

**November 19<sup>th</sup>** Ned's Rose Marie  
**November 26<sup>th</sup>** Ned's Rose Marie