

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 15, 2020
33RD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

5:00PM Dominick DiPaolo
10:00AM Giacomo, Genoveffa &
Rocco Suriano
Anton Cavlov
12:00PM Rose Bellobuono

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 16
ST. MARGARET OF SCOTLAND &
ST. GERTRUDE

11:00AM Franica Frantin
Rosemary & John Della Rosa, Sr.

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 17
ST. ELIZABETH OF HUNGARY

11:00AM Giovanni E. & Maria Tarabocchia
Marciano Del Rosario

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 18
DEDICATION OF THE BASILICAS OF
STS. PETER & PAUL; ST. ROSE
PHILIPPINE DUCHESNE

11:00AM Carmine & Antonia Osso
Antonio Buonsanto

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 19

11:00AM Kathryn Mucci
Tony Hroncich

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 20

11:00AM Teresa Kuchich
Giovanni D'Urso

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 21
PRESENTATION OF THE BLESSED
VIRGIN MARY

11:00AM Luis Gomez
5:00PM Sottile & Sariti Families

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 22
OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, KING OF
THE UNIVERSE

10:00AM Matea Morin
Glenn Rome
12:00PM Anne Franes Lepis &
Anthony Dimino

ALTAR BREAD

In Memory of
Mary Tarabocchia

ALTAR WINE

In Memory of
Ghirardi Family

SANCTUARY LAMP

In Memory of
Mary Locuratolo

MASS CANDLES

In Memory of
Kenny Pinto

PREPARING FOR MASS

The readings for this Sunday are:

Prov. 31:10-13, 19-20, 30-31

The Proverb which extols all the virtues
which a worthy wife possesses.

Ps. 128:1-2, 3, 4-5

Blessed are those who fear the Lord.

1 Thess. 5:1-6

Paul reassures the Thessalonians that they
are "children of light."

Matt 25:14-30

The parable of the talents

THE POWER OF ACTIVE AND VIRTUOUS WAITING

When it comes to waiting, there are two types of people in the world those who are patient and active and those who are impatient and passive. People have an aversion to long waiting. In the Gospel Reading (Matt.25:14-30) our Lord Jesus Christ gave a parable that aptly captured this idea of waiting for a long time.

A master was embarking on a journey (to an unknown destination) and calling his servants he ENTRUSTED them his properties. To one, he gave five talents, to another two and to the third one: each according to his ABILITY. When he returned, he called for the rendering of accounts. The first and the second made five and two more respectively while the third person returned the talent with the excuse that the master is wicked and would reap where he did not sow and that was why he left the talent under the earth without investing it.

In the conclusion, the first two were called GOOD and FAITHFUL SERVANTS and on account of their faithfulness they were given higher investments to look after. On the contrary, the third servant was called a WICKED and LAZY servant and what he had was taken and given to the person who had more. Furthermore, he lost his place in the master's employment.

If we look at the parable with a critical eye, we will discover that what really happened was that in the first place, the third servant felt that the master would take a long time before coming and he went off on a self-imposed break but was surprised that the master came back at a time he didn't expect. Secondly, he was idle within the period; in fact, the master called him LAZY SERVANT.

His answer was a very unreasonable one. He called the master a demanding person maybe because he gave him one talent, but he forgot that it was given to him according to his ability. Often, we are jealous of the gifts and talents of others forgetting that they were given to them according to their abilities. We often neglect the talent we have and busy ourselves with envy over those of others. If he did nothing with one talent, there is no guarantee that with five talents he would do great.

The instruction of St. Paul in the Second Reading (1 Thess. 5:1-6) appears like a direct reply to the third servants and to all those who partake in the meal of idleness and passive waiting. St. Paul's admonition has a lot to do with patient and active waiting as the coming of the Lord will be like that of a THIEF IN THE NIGHT. Thieves come in the night when people are restful and inactive. That is why we set up security measures at night to alert us about anything that goes wrong. To be actively waiting is to be under the light while passive waiting presupposes darkness.

The First Reading (Prov.31:10-13:19-20.30-31) goes further to give us a practical guide on what is expected to be the patient and active waiting if you like the VIRTUOUS WAITING. It is instructive to know that a virtuous wife was used to exemplify this; why? Here we are presented with a "wife" which means she is bound faithfully to a husband. The same way the servants in the Gospel Reading were under a master.

As we march into this last but one week of the calendar year, let us bear in mind that we are required to activate virtuous waiting disposition in anticipation to the coming of the Lord. The most expedient thing to do is to go about doing good like our Lord Jesus Christ (Acts 10:38). Furthermore, we have the Christian duty and obligation to pray for our nation now for peace and unity beyond the election and election results. Let us remember the motto of the great seal of the nation that says, "E Pluribus Unum" (out of many, one).

Have a blissful Sunday and a wonderful week ahead.

Fr. Bonnie

PARISH SUPPORT

Thank you for sharing the gift of your treasure so that we can continue to do God's work here.

November 8, 2020

Sunday Collection

\$4,325.00

"Well done, my good and faithful servant. Since you have been faithful in small matters, I will give you great responsibilities." – Matthew 25:21

God calls us to nurture and develop the gifts He has given us and then generously return a portion with increase. He does not want us to waste or hoard the gifts He has given us. He expects us to grow our gifts, use them wisely and be generous with them. Unfortunately, many of us are not generous in proportion to all that God has given us.



CHRISTMAS WREATHS

We will again be selling Christmas Wreaths. Each wreath is stunningly decorated with pinecones, ornaments and a large red bow. Wreaths are \$18.00 each. Wreaths will be ready for pick-up on November 28th and 29th and December 5th and 6th after all the Masses. Proceeds will benefit the renovation of the Rectory. Wreaths must be paid in full when ordering.

SUNDAY MASSES

Sunday Masses will be at 5:00PM on Saturday and on Sunday at 10:00AM and 12 Noon. We can now accommodate up to 150 persons at each mass. When you attend mass, you must wear a mask before you enter the Church and leave it on for the whole mass. Also, please sanitize your hands when entering the Church with the hand sanitizers found at the elevator entrance. Please do not take off or lower your mask when you approach the priest for Holy Communion. Take the Communion in your hand and step aside and lift your mask as you return to your seat.

Once again, please consider whether you are “at risk” and make a good choice about whether or not to attend mass. I remind you that the Archbishop has indefinitely dispensed all Catholics from their “Sunday obligation” so do NOT feel compelled to attend mass out of fear. If any of you is feeling “under the weather” or running a fever, we ask you please DO NOT come to the church. You may be jeopardizing the life and health of others.

MARRIAGE MOMENTS

“When one finds a worthy wife, her value is far beyond pearls.” (Proverbs 31) Is the Bible sexist? What about those worthy husbands? One’s worth cannot be measured in money or gems. Share one comical and one serious example of each other’s worth.

PARENTING POINTERS

Tired of monitoring online schooling for our kids? Schedule a play break over Thanksgiving that does not involve screens. Try a family board game or take a walk in the woods together. Learn from each other and nature.

CORONA VIRUS PRAYER

St. Vincent de Paul, our father and model, throughout your life you wished to imitate Jesus, the missionary and servant. In your time you confronted the plague, the illness of the people. Intercede now with the Holy Trinity on behalf of all the nations on earth visited by this modern scourge. Help the bodies and hearts of all victims. Strengthen caregivers, be close to all neighbors, and enlighten researchers. Walk with those approaching the portals of death.

As you gave strong and ardent advice to struggle against evil, so now come to our aid! Teach us how to expose our lives for the weakest among us and strengthen us to help them better with fearless perseverance. With the sole desire of aiding them in their needs, open our spirits to God’s infinite providence.

Let us endow it with his total will for action. Inspire in us, also, obedience to our leaders, as we now place ourselves in your hands, confident and fortified with genuine feelings of dedication and zeal for our sisters and brothers. Amen.

ADVENT OF GIVING

Due to the Covid-19 Virus Pandemic, we have decided not to have the traditional Christmas Give-Away for needy families. Instead, we would appreciate Gift Cards to Walmart or Target, Visa, Master Card or American Express.

MISSALETTES FOR ADVENT-LENT

New Missalettes for Advent through Lent are on sale at the rectory for \$3.00 each. We will not be able to put the books into the pews during this pandemic. If you wish to have a book to follow along with the mass, please purchase your own. All books contain weekday and Sunday readings.

MASS BOOK FOR 2021

The Mass Book for 2021 will open on Wednesday, November 18th from 9:30AM-3:00PM in the Church Hall. **ONLY REGISTERED PARISHIONERS WILL BE ABLE TO BOOK THREE MASSS. All others will be turned away until after the New Year.**

HOW TO REPORT ABUSE

The Archdiocese takes very seriously any and all allegations of sexual misconduct by members of the clergy, Religious and lay staff of the Archdiocese. We encourage anyone with knowledge of an act of sexual misconduct to inform us immediately so that we may take appropriate action to protect others and provide support to victims of sexual abuse.

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK OF THE PARISH

Ann Callagher, Caroline Craven, Felicia Martello, Arianna Cappola, Doris Levy, Cindy Simeone Reynolds, Baby Juliette Payne, Brian Hone, Cora Shaffer, Baby Michael, Cesar Valdecantos, Kay Tak, Michele Spino, Evelyn Rodriguez, Barbara Snow, Mary Iannaccone, Doris Portillo, Teresita Zafrantanos, Ann Marie Applegate Tatiana Flores, Christopher Nash, Pat Romano, Donna Carrajat, Tony Martello, Little Gabriel, Rachel Rocks, Sean O’Connor, Vladimir Drobikov, Louanne Mitchell, Colleen Meyers, Domenick Deodino, Rosemarie Liversidge, Christine Caruso, Patrick Bove, Camille Moglia, John Keegan, Kay O’Connor, Anthony Martini, Pantaleon Domingo, Conrado Trinidad, Joanne Kaiser, Patricia Warren, Ramon Villavicencio, Danilo Bonifacio, Daniel Johnson, Ryan Cariddi, Laura Cipullo, Richard Allen, Anthony Martello, Jr., Miguel Madera, Joe Villani, Lisa Mutchler, Elizabeth Chan, Benjamin Yap, Henry Yap, Anthony McCluskey, Jane Kim Estantino, Mike Hromin, Nancy Manto, Roy Regaspi, Gloria Marquez, David Barmore, Drew Johnson, Kunaim Emelyanesko, Kathy Santiago, Vinny Franco, Baby Grayson DiNatale, Kathie Gumb, Michael O’Connor, Patrick Shanley, Perry Bonaguaro, Rev. John Renard, Louise O’Connor, Cathleen McLaughlin, Fran Barbato, Jared Lanzaloto, Joel Rivera, Angelica Colavito, Jemifer Van Dam, Angelina Cozzitorto.

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE DECEASED OF THE PARISH

Ana Tarabocchia.

**“DON’T MOURN OVER YOUR
BAD DECISIONS, JUST START
OVERCOMING THEM WITH
GOOD ONES!”**

