

Thirty-second Sunday in Ordinary Time

November 8, 2020

Stay awake, for you know neither the day nor the hour.

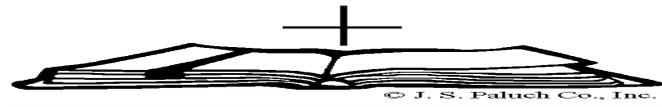
— Matthew 25:13

EXPECTING THE UNEXPECTED

If it ever crossed your mind that Jesus was somewhat lacking in a sense of humor, today's Gospel should belie any such notion. Jesus' story of the five wise and five foolish bridesmaids is downright hilarious. The circumstances of the story were surely familiar to Jesus' listeners, just as they are—if we think about it—to us. Weddings never, ever start on time. There's always a delay. Buttons pop off at the last minute. Flowers wilt. Cars full of wedding guests get caught in traffic. Soloists contract laryngitis. Brides or grooms or priests show up late! So the only reasonable way to approach a wedding is with a sense of humor, to realize that something probably will go awry, and, when that happens, to smile about it.

Jesus tells this funny story to encourage us to be watchful, yes; to be ready, yes. But he does not tell it to make us dour and somber. The heavy-hearted tremble, waver, lose sight of their place and purpose, and fall asleep. The lighthearted know that the unexpected will happen—is bound to happen—so they are awake in their place and ready in their purpose when it comes.

Mass Intentions



Sat., Nov. 07, 4:30 p.m. Dennis McCloskey, Huval Family, Louis Perschall Sr., Willo Lindsey Crawford, Jack Sharp, Gene LeBlanc, Richard A. Letsch, and for the living: Special Intention, Karge Family, Fr. Vincent Phan and Gene Grabbe

Sun. Nov. 08, 7:30 a.m. Parishioners

Sun., Nov. 08, 9:15 a.m. Carol Pieri

Sun., Nov. 08, 11:00 a.m. Marie Duhon, Nick Sita, Doris M. Letsch, Richard W. Letsch, Ruthi Olson, Jack Sharp, Lorraine Agnes Campbell, Gary Callais and for the living: Andrew Danenhower

Mon., Nov. 09, 8:00 a.m. Frank Minyard

Tues., Nov. 10 NO MASS

Wed., Nov. 11, 8:00 a.m. Magnolia Murphy

Thurs., Nov. 12, 8:00 a.m. Joseph Legnon

Fri., Nov. 13, 8:00 a.m. Pat Delaune

POPE FRANCIS' NOVEMBER PRAYER INTENTION

"We pray that the progress of robotics and artificial intelligence may always serve humankind."

PRAYER LIST

Rosalind Baham
Fred Kopfler
Kenneth Vicari
Roy M. Piazza
Pam Strander

Scott St. Romaine
Louise Cashmere
Yolanda Bourgeois
LeLe Kopfler
Roxanne Troxclair



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THE CANDLES BURN IN HONOR OF:

Sanctuary: David Tucker

Blessed Mother: Viola Bradford

St. Joseph: Nick Peters

St. Ann: Alexander Bradford

If you would like to honor your intention by burning a 7-day candle please call 796-3806.

SANCTUARY FLOWERS ARE IN MEMORY OF *Carol Pieri and Earline Mauthe*

+ TWO BECOME ONE +

Wedding Banns are announced between

Joe Pieri

and

Katie Mauthe

PRAYER FOR PROTECTION FROM CORONAVIRUS

LET US PRAY,

Loving and faithful God, the coronavirus reminds us that we have no power, and we are dependent on you. We place ourselves in your loving hands. Give eternal rest to all who have died from the virus. Place your healing hand on those who are ill and give your protection to us in this time of fear and uncertainty. Calm our fears and help us to trust you as our faithful God. Enlighten our government and Church leaders as they are faced with important decisions. Give blessing to those in health care and protect them. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Our Lady of Prompt Succor hasten to help us. Blessed Francis Seelos, pray for us. **AMEN**

ANNUAL THANKSGIVING FOOD DRIVE

The Knights of Columbus is conducting its annual thanksgiving food drive from now until November 22nd to benefit the Northshore Food Bank. This charitable organization is making a positive impact in our communities by helping to feed hungry families, especially during the pandemic. They can do this through the help and support of individuals like you and they are incredibly grateful for your help. St. John's has been extremely generous by donating food items to the food bank on an ongoing basis. We, again, appeal to your generosity and ask you to support this year's thanksgiving food drive. Please pick up an empty food bank paper bag from the tables near the entrances of Jonathan Hall, fill it with non-perishable food items, and return the bag by Sunday, November 22nd. Items particularly needed are canned goods, dry beans, peanut butter, and rice, but any non-perishable food would be really appreciated.

ADVENT AND CHRISTMAS REFLECTION

Please join us as our parish does an Advent and Christmas Season Reflection on Pope Francis's new encyclical, "Fratelli Tutti (on fraternity and social friendship). The study group will meet, over a period of seven weeks, in Odilo Hall at 6:00 p.m., beginning Sunday, November 29th and concluding on Sunday, January 10th. We will read approximately twenty pages per week and prayerfully discuss in our weekly sessions. If you are interested in joining our study group, please text George Hemelt at 504-616-3926 and let him know if you need a copy of the encyclical (the cost is \$20.00). To ensure that we get the encyclicals for the first session, please contact George by November 15th.

THANK YOU

The Altar Society would like to thank the parishioners for the donations to the All Saints flower fund. Your continued support allows us to decorate the church for holy days enhancing our liturgical experiences.

MASKS

This is a friendly reminder that wearing a mask is still mandatory whenever one goes out in public. There is no exception for churches. Therefore, I am asking everyone (8 years of age and older), to please wear a mask when you come to Mass at St. John's. I have been grateful for our parishioners' willingness to do their part with respect to this coronavirus situation, and I thank you for your ongoing support. I continue to keep all of you in my daily prayers. Fr. Vincent

SAINT OF THE WEEK

Saint Frances Xavier Cabrini (1850-1917)

Burly longshoremen glared at the woman in widow's dress who interrupted their drinking to beg money, in broken English, for her orphanage. The bar exploded in laughter as one man responded by spitting in her face. "That was for me," the woman smiled. "Do you have anything for the children?" Given today's national debate, could it be as much God's sense of humor as God's will for our sanctification that our first American saint should be an immigrant and naturalized citizen? Frances Cabrini, adopting the name Xavier, confided to Pope Leo XIII her longing to follow her Jesuit patron to Asia. But the Pope replied, "Not East—West!" So she and her Missionary Sisters of the Sacred Heart exchanged exotic dreams of China for the impoverished reality of Italian ghettos across the United States and Central and South America. Before her death, Frances had founded seventy educational, health care, child, and family service institutions. Today, from Siberia to Ethiopia, in sixteen countries, Mother Cabrini's sisters and lay associates embody her practical spirituality: "Let's get to work! We'll have eternity to rest!"

REMINDERS

First Saturday Mass at 8:00 a.m.

Weekly Wednesday Adoration, 8:30 – 9:30 a.m.

First Friday Adoration Benediction, 8:30 – 9:30 a.m.

Men's Study Group in Odilo Hall, Thurs. 7 p.m.

Knights of Columbus meet Thurs., Nov. 12th, 7 p.m. in Odilo Hall

PSR classes every Wednesday, 6:15 - 7:30 p.m.

On Monday, November 9th at 9:00 a.m. in Odilo Hall, our Church history class will continue our study of the Crusades. We will also look at the great Saint and Doctor of the Church, St. Bernard of Clairvaux and the ongoing struggle between the Church and secular authorities.