

Parish Bulletin for Our Lady of Perpetual Help And St Jude's

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November—Month of Poor Souls

Robert Baden Powell founded the Boy Scouts over one hundred years ago. The motto he chose for the organization was, "Be prepared." This motto happened to have the same initials (B.P.) as his own name, Baden Powell, and this was no accident. Once he was asked about the motto, "Be prepared for what?" "Anything!" was the answer. This motto has guided scouts in the organization for more than a century, and it is similar to the gist of the gospel today. The parable Jesus tells in today's gospel may seem at first glance to be un-Christian. Why wouldn't the five who have oil share theirs with the five who do not have oil? But that's the wrong question. A better question would be, why weren't the five who have no extra oil prepared? They knew enough to bring their lamps, but they did not bring reserve flasks of oil. They had not anticipated that they would need more oil than what their lamp could hold. Rather than share, leading to a situation where nobody would have enough oil, the "wise" ones told the "foolish" to go get their own oil. And when they were gone, doing just that, the groom appeared, the guests entered, and the doors were locked. When the "foolish" ones returned, the master said he did not know them and they were not allowed in. Their cry of "Lord, Lord" calls to mind other passages in this gospel where people cry "Lord, Lord," only to hear the master reply that he does not know them (7:21-23; 25:31-46). The motto "Be prepared" seems particularly apt here, and it reflects the attitude of many other parables in the Gospel of Matthew. Though Christians often imagine a forgiving God, that concept needs to be squared with the parables we read, such as the one we have today. Why didn't the master simply let the "foolish" ones in? Is it really that important that they forgot to bring extra oil? Does the punishment fit the crime, so to speak? Again, these questions come readily to mind, but they are not the focus of the story. Instead, the point of the parable is "preparedness" with respect to the coming of the "Lord." And this likely reflects the situation in the Matthean community. This is the same gospel that gives us the parable of the weeds and the wheat growing together. Matthew seems to be aware that the church is a mixed bag of the wise and the foolish, those prepared for the Lord's coming and those who are unprepared. It's not for one group to throw out the other. God will allow those to enter whom he will. The ill-prepared, hoping on that day for someone else to bail them out, will not be allowed to enter.

The meaning of Jesus' parables can be difficult to discern. And the meaning is polyvalent. One can read into them almost anything. The parable we read today should be a clarion call to "be prepared" for the coming of Jesus at the end times. And even if we think the end times are far, far away, my own personal end (death) may come when I least expect it. So it can be a fruitful exercise to read these parables in terms of my own death: Am I prepared for that? How would I live on this earth if today were my last? Or if this week were my last? Would my priorities shift? This kind of exercise can clarify our own priorities and behaviors. Jesus reminds us that the fools are the ones who were not prepared for the coming of the master. Let us be like the wise ones, attentive to the coming of the Lord, for we know not when that day might be.

A Special Thank you for those who sent cards and wonderful cabbage, dumpling, pork dish for **PRIEST APPRECIATION SUNDAY**, the last Sunday of October. It was greatly appreciated.

Adoration on Tuesday Evening from 5pm to 9pm at OLPH

32th Sunday Ordinary Time A

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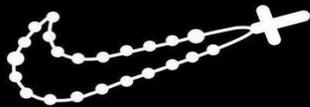
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PRAY FOR THE DEAD

+Diane Majkrzak—2019-11-12
+Fr Leo Kinney—2019-11-11
+Fr Gerald McCarthy—2019-11-25
+Carla Sletten—2019-12-04
+Fr Larry Haas—2019-12-08
+Frances Fetter—2019-12-17
+Dorothy Rakoczy—2020-01-28
+Gladys Trytten—2020-03-14
+Dwight Sears—2020-09-04
+Robert Berthold
+Mary Leddige—2020-10-09
+Catherine J Berg—2020-10-17
+James Schaefer—2020-10-22
+Fr Jeffrey Wald—2020-10-26

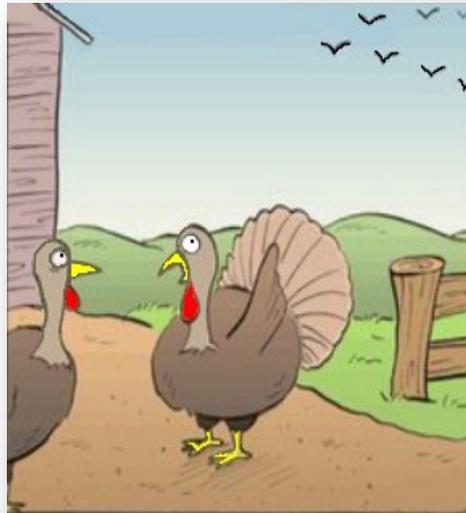
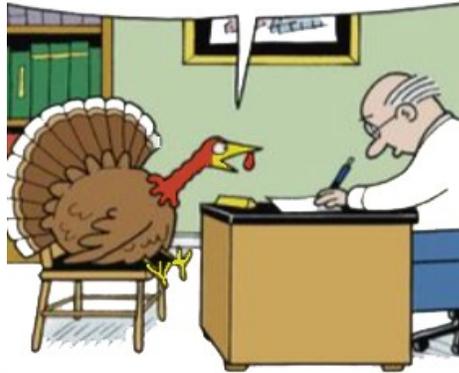
NOVEMBER & DECEMBER SCHEDULE

5P SAT: OLPH
830A SUN: OLPH
1030A SUN: SJ



JUST PRAY IT †

...AND FARMER BROWN GETS NOTHING IF I DIE UNDER SUSPICIOUS CIRCUMSTANCES...

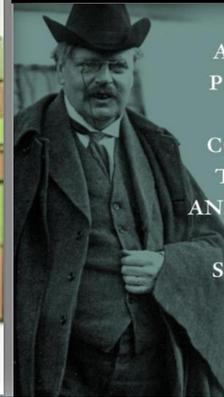


"Before the end of November, we need to learn to do that."

MASS INTENTIONS

November 2020

07—OLPH +Ralph Grembowski by L/P Kuster
08—SJ+Diane Majkrzak by K/V Krogstad
10—OLPH Andrew Umterseher by J/K Umterseher
11—SJ +Rose Schumacher by P/B Adams
12—OLPH +Carla Sletten by L/N Lovseth
13—SJ +Diane Majkrzak by F/S Argenziano
14—OLPH +Kate Adam by F/S Argenziano
15—SJ +Millie Leddige by Mary Adams
17—OLPH +Ardell Vonesh by AGM Vonesh
18—SJ +Bernard West by P/B Adams
19—OLPH +Stuart Henningsgard by R/L Henningsgard
20—SJ +Tom Meagher his dad
21—OLPH +Frank & Irene Argenziano by F/S Argenziano
22—SJ +Avis Majkrzak by her family
24—OLPH +Ardell Vonesh by AGM Vonesh
25—SJ +Donna Weber by her family
26—OLPH +Leonard Colee by P/K Cunningham
26—SJ +Donna Weber her family
27—SJ +Margaret Meagher by her husband
28—OLPH +Carla Sletten by L/N Lovseth
29—SJ +Rose Schumacher by P/B Adams



A CATHOLIC IS A PERSON WHO HAS PLUCKED UP COURAGE TO FACE THE INCREDIBLE AND INCONCEIVABLE IDEA THAT SOMETHING ELSE MAY BE WISER THAN HE IS.

G. K. Chesterton

OPEN YOUR HEART

CONSIDER THE PRIESTHOOD



"My **GRACE** is sufficient for you, for my **POWER** is made perfect in weakness."

2Cor 12:9

Consider the Priesthood



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