



Our Parish COMMUNITY

November 15, 2020

Thirty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time (A)

Prv 31:10–13, 19–20, 30–31

1 Thes 5:1–6

Mt 25:14–30



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*Let us not sleep as the rest do,
but let us stay alert and sober.*

1 THESSALONIANS 5:6

Ready or Not, Here I Come

As children we called out this chant when playing hide-and-seek. However, it could very well describe the message of two of today’s readings. Paul reminds the Thessalonians that “the day of the Lord will come like a thief at night” (1 Thessalonians 5:2). The Gospel tells a story about a man who returns after a long journey and intends to settle accounts with those whom he put in charge of his household. In both instances, the one returning might cry out, “Ready or not, here I come!” The point of each story: Be ready! But how? The Thessalonians are told they “are children of the light” (5:5). The Gospel suggests what that expression might mean—be responsible for what has been given to you.

In the Gospel, some servants fully use the talents given to them. However, one servant buries what he received. If that was not bad enough, that servant alleged fear of the householder as reason for his lack of initiative. If he knew that the householder was as demanding as he stated he was, he should have realized that his master would expect him to use what had been given. There is no excuse here in refusing to use what was given, nor in blaming the householder.

All of us have been given life, talents, and abilities. We are expected to use them. This is what it means to live fully. Surely we Catholics will be excited, not afraid, when the Lord announces, “Ready or not, here I come!”

—Sr. Dianne Bergant, CSA

FOR *Reflection*

- * Are you faithful to your responsibilities?
- * If not, what is holding you back?



**St. Martin of Tours
Catholic Community
at Fort Belvoir, Virginia**

Mass Schedule

Monday – Thursday, 1205 at Fairfax Chapel

Saturday, 1700 at Belvoir Chapel

Sunday, 0930 at Belvoir Chapel

1100 at Fairfax Chapel

Pre-Registration is required for weekend Masses.

The link to register is:

[https://einventions.afit.edu/inv/anim.cfm?
i=570065&k=076642097D52](https://einventions.afit.edu/inv/anim.cfm?i=570065&k=076642097D52)

**The Sunday 0930 Mass is live-streamed
and can be viewed from this link:**

<https://www.facebook.com/FortBelvoirRSO/>

Sacrament of Reconciliation

Saturday – 1600-1645 at Belvoir Chapel
or by appointment. Contact Fr. Lindsay directly
to schedule.

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**RE⁺IGIOUS
EDUCA⁺TION**

In these unusual times, the health, well-being and safety of our families, young people, and volunteers are our top priority. We are now ready to offer virtual religious education with an intent to offer on-site classes.

Families who participated in RE last year should receive a packet in the mail.

If you are new to the area or have not received a packet, please contact Sr. Michael ASAP to register for Religious Education classes.

Please contact Sr. Michael Bochnowski for more information or to submit your registration form.
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Website: www.FortBelvoirCatholicCommunity.com

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KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS COMMUNITY OUTREACH OPPORTUNITIES

FOOD COLLECTION, through 22 November

The Knights of Columbus Council 11170 is collecting canned and non-perishable foods in sealed containers at all weekend Masses from now to Thanksgiving.

Food items will be delivered to Christ House. The mission of Christ House is to provide comprehensive and compassionate health care to sick, homeless persons in the District of Columbia, and to assist them in addressing critical issues to help break the cycle of homelessness.

COAT DRIVE, through 6 December

The Knights of Columbus Council 11170 is collecting winter coats – both new and clean, gently used. Coats will be provided first to needy on-post families, then to local charities.

Collection boxes are located at the entrance of the both Belvoir and Fairfax Chapels.

Homily Notes

Considering the challenging times we are facing, it may seem prudent to be like the servant who received only one talent. A 'Talent' had a value in the time of Jesus' earthly ministry that was equivalent to a 20-year income of the average person. When the master returned, he did not find that the third servant had been dishonest or stolen what was entrusted to him. In today's gospel we learn that his cautious approach came out of fear, he was focused on protecting himself from a master he knows to be a "demanding person." The question we face is: How are we investing our God-given gifts and talents through our love of God and neighbor?

"The parable suggests that gospel living and loving require risk taking. We will have to think about how we can keep our religion from becoming a freeze-dried package put on a high shelf for safe keeping. When things improve, let's take a chance and visit that grumpy relative; figure out a way to feed the hungry; take our concerns about neighborhood safety to the town meeting; tutor an at-risk teen; become a lector in church; visit and sit with a dying friend....

Even under these lockdown conditions people are finding ways to be attentive disciples of Jesus: calling people who are alone in their homes; dropping off food for elderly, or sick neighbors, supporting health care worker with cards, snacks and cheers. How much talent do I think has been left with me and how can I invest it?" (First Impressions, Fr. Jude Siciliano, OP)

By God's grace, may each of us be generous in sharing our talents and gifts with others.

Fr. Mike



Catholic Community Member
Internment at Arlington National Cemetery
17 November 2020

LTC Thomas M. Mills, USA (Ret), a St. Martin of Tours Community Member for more than 50 years, passed away on 24 July 2019. Fr. John Mudd celebrated a memorial Mass for Mr. Mills last year.

Due to the long wait for internments at Arlington National Cemetery (ANC), LTC(Ret) Mills will finally be laid to rest there on Tuesday. Friends and acquaintances who would like to attend the internment service are requested to arrive at the ANC Admin Building NLT 0830 on Tuesday, 17 November.

May his soul and the souls of all the faithful departed rest in peace. Amen.



Dear Padre,

Is it OK to donate my body to science?

Yes, and here is some background. Christ makes possible a new and eternal creation. He “will change our mortal bodies to be like his in glory, for he is risen, the firstborn from the dead” (*Order of Christian Funerals*, 219).

Resurrection, then, is not a return to life as we know it. The body is not a resuscitated one like Lazarus’ (see John 11), but a resurrected one like Christ, transformed and glorified. Christians traditionally revere the body—while alive, and at the time of death—because we are created in God’s image. Some reason that such respect for the body prevents donating it to science, but that’s not the opinion of the Church.

“Catholic health care institutions should encourage and provide the means whereby those who wish to do so may arrange for the donation of their organs and bodily tissue, for ethically legitimate purposes, so that they may be used for donation and research after death” (*The Ethical and Religious Directives for Catholic Health Care Services*, United States Conference of Catholic Bishops, 63).

It’s advisable to make this decision to donate in consultation with family members or health care providers. Many, echoing St. John Paul II, consider such a self-giving act in death “with a view to offering a chance of health and even of life itself to the sick who sometimes have no other hope” (The Gospel of Life [*Evangelium Vitae*], 86) as a supreme manifestation of what it means to be Christian!



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—Fr. Byron Miller, CSSR
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A WORD FROM *Pope Francis*

From our own death and from our gift the life and health of others, sick and suffering, may spring forth, helping to reinforce a culture of help, of giving, of hope, and of life. In the face of the threats against life...society needs these concrete gestures of solidarity and generous love.

—ADDRESS TO ITALIAN ASSOCIATION FOR THE DONATION OF ORGANS, TISSUES, AND CELLS, APRIL 13, 2019

Calendar

Monday

NOVEMBER 16
Weekday
Rv 1:1–4; 2:1–5
Lk 18:35–43

Tuesday

NOVEMBER 17
St. Elizabeth of Hungary, Religious
Rv 3:1–6, 14–22
Lk 19:1–10

Wednesday

NOVEMBER 18
Weekday
Rv 4:1–11
Lk 19:11–28

Thursday

NOVEMBER 19
Weekday
Rv 5:1–10
Lk 19:41–44

Friday

NOVEMBER 20
Weekday
Rv 10:8–11
Lk 19:45–48

Saturday

NOVEMBER 21
Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary
Rv 11:4–12
Lk 20:27–40

Sunday

NOVEMBER 22
Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe
Ez 34:11–12, 15–17
1 Cor 15:20–26, 28
Mt 25:31–46