

# St. Mary's Catholic Church

33<sup>rd</sup> Ordinary Sunday

November 15, 2020

Dear Sisters and Brothers:

Today's Scripture readings help us to focus on a critical question that each one of us must ask ourselves: **Am I** using my God-given abilities, blessings, gifts, skills, talents, and treasures in making the Kingdom of God a reality here and now? Our readings remind us of our duty and responsibility to use our abilities, treasures, skills, and resources for the common good: bringing healing, comfort, hope, and peace into our desperate wounded world. Our readings challenge us to be ready and willing to respond joyfully and generously to the opportunities presented to us in helping establish God's Kingdom in our communities.

Our first reading is from the Book of Proverbs. This book is a collection of numerous wise sayings, some of which are attributed to King Solomon. Today's beautiful and poetic passage is a small foretaste of today's Gospel message of Jesus' theme of praising those who use their talents for the sake of God's Kingdom. Today's passage gives us a description of a worthy wife and mother who is the center of family happiness. This woman is the force that keeps everyone and everything together on a day-to-day basis. She bestows countless blessings upon her husband and children as she puts their needs before her own. She enjoys the success of her dealings, strength, dignity, foresight and wisdom, and the praise and love of her husband and children. She takes the initiative for doing good and is tireless in her efforts to provide food, shelter, clothing, and protection for her family. Her way of going about her duties and responsibilities makes a great difference as she does not find her tasks burdensome. Rather, she is happy and sees her tasks as being life-giving. This ideal wife and mother will bless and nourish not only her immediate family members but also the wider community, especially the poor and needy. In every instance she generously uses her gifts and abilities so that others will benefit. She simply takes what God has been given to her and improves upon it. Thus, she improves the lives of all she touches. Today's passage shows us that the worthy wife and mother is a model for all of us. We are called to follow her example of being energetically faithful in doing the tasks God asks us to do.

In today's Gospel passage from St. Matthew we are introduced to Jesus' parable of the talents. Jesus' parable teaches us to boldly prefer taking active risks in our lives over passive complacency. In Jesus' parable a wealthy landowner goes on a journey and places three servants in charge of his money according to their abilities. The master gives no instructions about how to handle his money and leaves the decision up to each servant's discretion. *Continued...*

## Weekend Masses

Sat Nov 14	4:00 p.m.	Jim Alt, Murphy + Immele Families
Sun Nov 15	8:00 a.m.	Wanda Kiene
Sun Nov 15	10:00 a.m.	Teresa Rieman
Sat Nov 21	4:00 p.m.	Ellen, Lillian, + Richard VonLehmden
Sun Nov 22	8:00 a.m.	For our parish
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## SUNDAY COLLECTION

Adults	\$2,510.00	Loose \$673.00
	Total	\$3,183.00
45 envelopes returned = 22%		



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## Assignments for November 21 & 22, 2020

**Money Counters: Janet Begg, Deb Buck**  
**4:00 p.m.**

**Cantor:** Steve McCullough  
**Ushers:** John Parinello and Bob Minto  
**Lector:** Jim Kinn  
**E.M.:** Jennifer Tschuor  
**Servers:** Elizabeth Honse

### 8:00 a.m.

**Cantors:** Steve McCullough  
**Ushers:** *Volunteer*  
**Lector:** *Volunteer*  
**E.M.:** *Volunteer*  
**Server:** *Volunteer*

### 10:00 a.m.

**Cantor:** Steve McCullough  
**Ushers:** Roger Brodman  
**Lectors:** Lisa Welch  
**E.M.:** Michelle Risner  
**Servers:** Izzy and Ally Stechschulte

## **Readings for November 22, 2020** **Feast of Christ the King**

1<sup>st</sup> Reading: Ezekiel 34:11-12, 15 - 17  
2<sup>nd</sup> Reading: 1 Corinthians 15:20 - 26, 28  
Gospel Reading: Matthew 25:31 - 46



