

THIRTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

November 15, 2020

Dear Parishioners,

A man . . . called in his servants and entrusted his possessions to them.

(Matthew 25:14)

Valued at nearly twenty years' wages, even one talent was an astonishing amount of money. So the master was not giving his servants a small gift or an insignificant coin. While we often think these talents represent our own gifts or abilities, a number of commentators suggest that we look at them as the extremely valuable gifts of mercy and love that God lavishes on us. And as we learn from the servant who hid his talent, those gifts multiply, not when we try to guard and keep them, but when we use them!

That's where our first reading comes in. The "worthy wife" of Proverbs 31:10-31 is not just a quaint lesson, or worse, the product of a patriarchal society. Her story is much closer to the servant in today's Gospel who doubled his five talents by using them—by multiplying mercy and love by sharing it.

Look at how she is described: She works busily within her household and does it "with loving hands" (Proverbs 31:13). But she doesn't stop there. "She reaches out her hands to the poor, and extends her arms to the needy" (31:20). She does not hoard the self-giving love and compassion she has received from God. She generously gives it away, both to her family and to anyone she sees in need.

You see, it's not her charm or beauty that gives her value. It's her fear of the Lord, her reverence for God. It's the way she recognizes the wideness of his mercy and love and imitates him by sharing them. That is what brings her, and her whole family, such joy.

Each one of us has received God's precious gifts of mercy and love. Each of us has the opportunity to open our hands and our hearts to give them away to the people around us. The wife from Proverbs 31 did it. Let's go out and do the same.

"Father, you have given me precious gifts. Help me to multiply them by sharing them."

Deacon Mark Race, Administrator

Thank You All

God is good: All the time; everywhere; to everyone!

My ever dear Transfig family, this is Fr. Bernard, your loving friend from India. I would like extend my great thanks to you all for your loving prayers and support during the sudden death of my dad. It was consoling to me. It strengthened me to continue my ministry with a great hope of resurrection. Again, I appreciate you all for being with me in my grief time. Be assured of my continual prayers for you all. I miss you very much. Special congratulations to you all for the newly elect President Biden and Vice President Kamala, who is from India. I'm proud of it. Advance Happy Thanksgiving Day Wishes to you All!

Blessings with the love of Christ and Mother Mary.

Fr. Bernard Viagappan

Stewardship Thought

"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 doesn't 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.

Weekly Offering for November 8, 2020

\$5,492.79 Tithe and Offering

THANKSGIVING DAY MASS

Thursday, November 26, 2020

at 9:30AM

Registration is required to reserve a seat.

Call the rectory 323.291.1136

or 310.961.7994

Faithful Departed Masses

During **November** our Masses will be offered for the Faithful Departed. This is an opportunity for us to remember in prayer those who preceded us in death. We ask that you use your envelopes to list the names of those you wish to be included in our All Souls Masses.

Thanksgiving Day Dinner

The Knights of Peter Claver 220 will prepare their Annual Thanksgiving Day Dinner on Thursday, November 26th for those who are unable **to cook, or need a meal. Please provide us with your name, address, phone number, and how many dinners by calling Jo Ann Levi in the rectory office at 323.291.1136.** Your meal will be delivered. Due to Covid 19, donations of food are **NOT** being accepted. Monetary gifts are appreciated. Please make checks out to Knights of Peter Claver.

Did you know?

Safely store and administer medications for children

During cold and flu season, many parents give their children a fever reducer, cough syrup, and other medications. These medications can help ease your children's symptoms, but if they're administered or stored improperly, they could put your children at risk. Children are far more susceptible than adults to the effects of medication, because their bodies are smaller and still developing. Even small amounts of drugs can be difficult for them to metabolize, so it's critical to follow your doctor's instructions and to closely monitor children who are old enough to administer their own medication. Make sure medications are stored properly, out of children's reach. For more information, visit <https://www.nsc.org/home-safety/safety-topics/child-safety/medicine>

Thank you

The beautiful **flowers** on the altar were donated in loving memory of **WILLIAM WESTBROOK**, father of **David Thomas...father-in-law of Terrye Thomas**. If you would like to donate flower please contact the rectory.

Pray for the Sick

LaVerne Agnew, Brian Argusta, Vivian Burgess, Brownie Cain, Alberto Casanova, Christopher Chestnut, Sister Ann Paul Clare, Edward Cousin, Desmond Davis, Juanita Davis, Carolyn Didney, Beverly Colvin-Dorsey, Cynthia Fortier, Michael Frierson, Sherie Frierson-Chenier, Avis Gibbs, Barbara Harris, Darren Harris, Aaron Katz, Briana Katz, Barbara Lagarde, Irwin Lagarde, Mercedes LeBlanc, Vyldred Manor, Dorothy Okoye, Sally Price, Wiley Pugh, Andrea Raggette, Dana Semien, Dudley Semien, Mike Simon, Joan Spencer, Annie Starks, Leila Thomas, Iris Turner, Mabel Walton, William Warrior, Alice Williams and Herbert Young.