

33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

Nov 19, 2023

World Day of the Poor

Proverbs 31: 10-13

Thessalonians 5: 1-6

Matthew 25: 14-30

What can economics and productivity teach us about the kingdom of heaven? Jesus' story about a businessman who leaves town and entrusts his money with his workers made perfect sense to his audience. The parable speaks first of the Master's trust in his servants. While he goes away he leaves them with his money to use as they think best. While there were no strings attached, this was obviously a test to see if the Master's workers would be industrious and reliable in their use of the money entrusted to them. Third, the master rewards those who are industrious and faithful and he punishes those who sit by idly and who do nothing with his money. The essence of the parable seems to lie in the servants' conception of responsibility. Each servant entrusted with the master's money was faithful up to a certain point. The servant who buried the master's money was irresponsible. One can bury seeds in the ground and expect them to become productive because they obey natural laws. Coins, however, do not obey natural laws. They obey economic laws and become productive in circulation. The master expected his servants to be productive in the use of his money.

What do coins and the law of economics have to do with the kingdom of God? The Lord entrusts the subjects of his kingdom with gifts and graces and he gives his subjects the freedom to use them as they think best. With each gift and talent, God gives sufficient the means (grace and wisdom) for using them in a fitting way. As the parable of the talents shows, God abhors indifference and an attitude that says it's not worth trying. God honors those who use their talents and gifts for doing good. Those who are faithful with even a little are entrusted with more! But those who neglect or squander what God has entrusted to them will lose what they have. There is an important lesson here for us. No one can stand still for long in the Christian life. We either get more or we lose what we have. We either advance towards God or we slip back. Do you earnestly seek to serve God with the gifts, talents, and graces he has given to you?

"Lord, be the ruler of my heart and thoughts, be the king of my home and relationships, and be the master of my work and service. Help me to make good use of the gifts, talents, time, and resources you give me for your glory and your kingdom."

~Don Schwager

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Thank you!

On behalf of the parish, thanks are expressed to all who came to the pasta dinner on Sunday Nov. 12. A special thank you to all who worked in the kitchen to make the evening a success. Thank you to the generous sponsorship of the event by Mary and Sandy Nucci and the Kolic family. The addition to our P.A. system is paid off by the proceeds of this dinner.

(A total of \$2,170. was raised due to everyone's support).

Christ the King:

Next Sunday we celebrate the feast of Christ the King as we conclude the church year. Christ the King will restore all creation and restore his kingdom to the Father. The risen people of God will rejoice in a new heaven and a new earth, "There, with the whole of creation, freed from the corruption of sin and death, may we glorify you through Christ our Lord." (EP IV)

And on **Sunday Dec. 3rd** we begin the new church year with the season of Advent.

Confirmation Classes:

The first in a series of Confirmation classes will be held **Sunday November 26th** following the 10 am Mass. All enrolled are asked to attend the Mass prior to the class. Immediately following Mass everyone is invited for the monthly parish coffee social. This class will be held in the parish hall during/at the end of the coffee social. Class will be dismissed at 12pm.

CWL NEWS:



Parish CWL Bazaar:

The CWL bazaar will take place **THIS Sunday, Nov.19th from 11 a.m. until 2 p.m.** Free admission, and tables include bake, deli, nearly-new, books, children's corner, Rudolph raffle, and kitchen featuring hamburgers, hot dogs, homemade pie, coffee, tea, pop. Donations to any of these tables are still being accepted & are gratefully appreciated.

CWL Christmas Potluck & 2-bit Auction:

Will be held on **Wednesday Nov. 29th** beginning at 6 p.m.

More details to follow.

Remembering your Beloved:

November is the month we remember our loved ones gone ahead of us in faith. You are invited to write on the slips of paper provided at the church entrance, the names of loved ones who have died, and place it in the container marked for this purpose. The names will be placed at the altar and prayed for at each mass during November.

Parish Mission: Dec. 3-6 (Sunday to Wednesday night)

*The Mission is just **two weeks away**. Have you decided to make it? Too busy? Heard it all before? You are beyond help because divorced? Remarried? Haven't been to church in years? These are excuses (not reasons) for avoiding the Mission. Weigh them well against the generous love of God who wants to speak to you. No matter what your decision, can I ask you to pray about the Mission? Prayer, as you know, changes things. Pray for yourself, for others. God will not refuse a heart raised to him in sincere prayer.*

Prayer will do what no other force on earth can do.
preached by Redemptorist Father Eugene O'Reilly
Introductory talks of the Mission will be during the weekend Masses:

Saturday at 5 pm, & Sunday at 10 am & at 12 noon St. Mark Chapel. Topics:

Sunday Dec 3	Intimacy with God/self
Monday Dec 4 - 7 p.m.	Living the Reign of God Today, Beatitudes-Living the Values of Jesus Today.
Tuesday, Dec. 5 - 7 p.m.	Reconciliation
Wednesday Dec.6 - 7 p.m.	Discipleship

Please invite family members and friends to attend the mission.

Meditation Prayer Group

Mondays 7 p.m.—8 p.m.

*summer & holidays excepted

Sacrament of Baptism

By Appointment

Sacrament of Marriage

Please notify the parish at least 1 year in advance

Visits to the Sick

Please call the parish office for visit or communion to the sick

Reconciliation

Is offered at Our Lady of Loretto 30 minutes before each weekday Mass, 4:00-4:30 pm on Saturday or by appointment.

One who believes may not be presumptuous; on the contrary; truth leads to humility, because believers know that, rather than ourselves possessing truth, it is truth that embraces and possesses us.

~Pope Francis

PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS:

Olga Cameron
Dave Hayes

Ray Dafoe
Betty Kruzick

Donna Delvecchio
Brian Morellato

Garrett Galvin

Catalina Melnick



MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK OF Nov. 21 – Nov, 26, 2023

Tue. Nov. 21	*memorial-presentation of the blessed virgin Mary	9:00 a.m.—+Joe & Emily Kuper (Rita Georgeson)
Wed. Nov. 22	*memorial-St.Cecilia, virgin, martyr	9:00 a.m.—+deceased members of the parish (Gail Gibbons)
Thur. Nov. 23		9:00 a.m.—+Christine Diduch (Reine Roy)
Fri. Nov. 24	*memorial-St. Andrew Dung-Lac, priest	9:00 a.m.— +souls in purgatory (Gail Gibbons)
Sat. Nov. 25	—OLOL	5:00 p.m.—+Rosemary Turmaine (Dave & Marguerite Morellato)
Sun. Nov. 26	—OLOL *Our Lord Jesus King of the Universe	10:00 a.m.—Members of the CWL of OLOL/St. Marks (CWL)
	— St. Mark's	12:00 p.m.—Intentions of all parishioners

