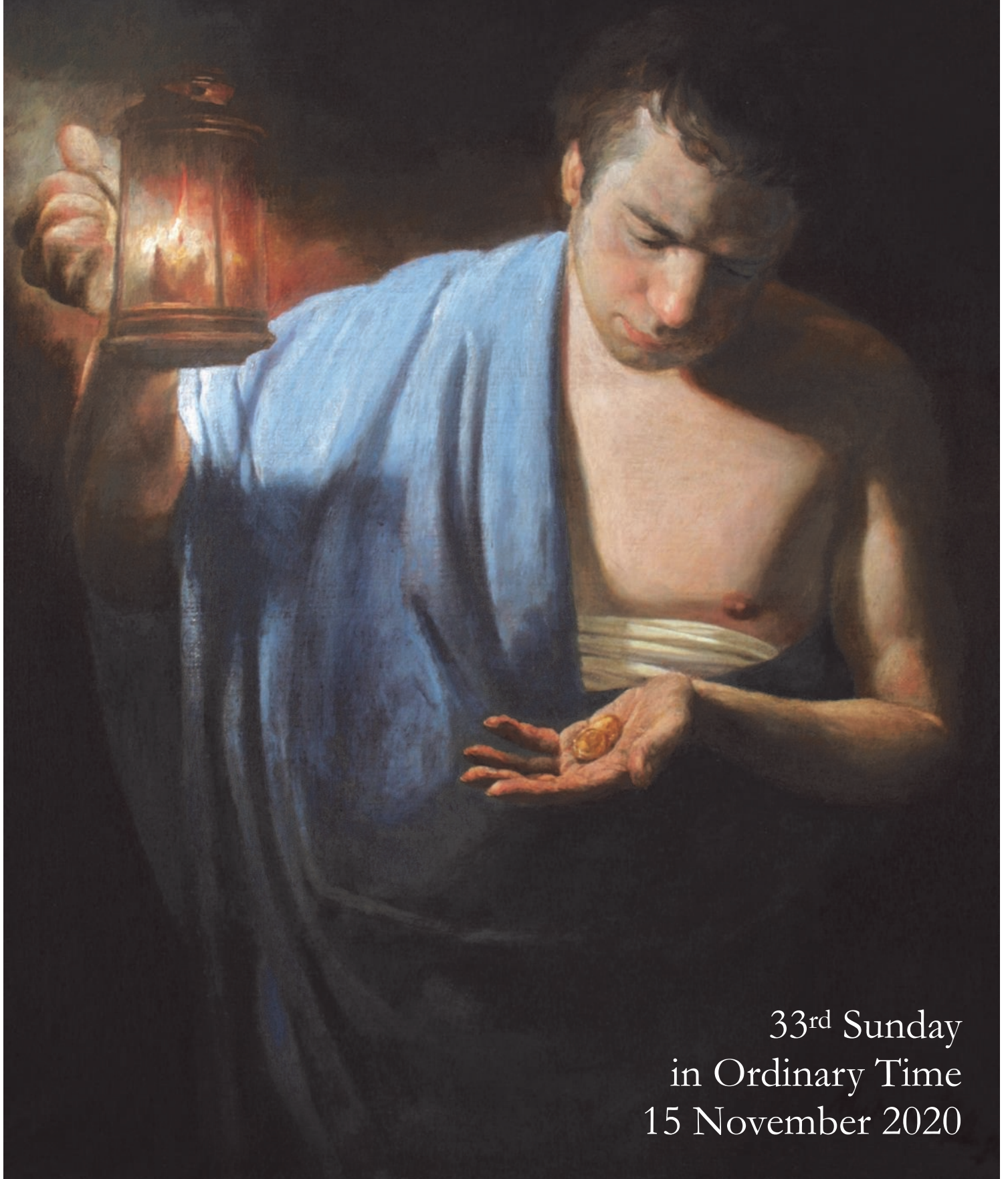


ST. FRANCIS XAVIER PARISH



33rd Sunday
in Ordinary Time
15 November 2020

St. Francis Xavier, Acushnet – Diocese of Fall River

Mass Schedule

(November 14th - November 22nd)

Sat.	Nov 14	33rd Sunday (Vigil) (Gr) Richard Barrett
Sun.	Nov 15	33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time (Gr) Christopher Newett Souls in Purgatory <i>Pro Populo</i>
Mon.	Nov 16	St. Margaret of Scotland (Wh) Donald Fahey
Tues.	Nov 17	St. Elizabeth of Hungary; (Wh) Robert Vigeant
Wed.	Nov 18	Basilicas of Ss. Peter & Paul (Wh) Robert Guenette
Thurs.	Nov 19	Feria (Gr) Evelyn Camara
Fri.	Nov 20	Feria (Gr) Rita & Joseph Pelletier
Sat.	Nov 21	Presentation of Virgin Mary (Wh) Teresa Cordeiro
Sat.	Nov 21	Christ the King (Vigil) (Wh) Carol Lemieux & Noah Bailey
Sun.	Nov 22	Christ, King of the Universe (Wh) Robert Guenette <i>Pro Populo</i> Edna Wienzek

Financial Report

Income:

32 nd Sunday in Ordinary Time	\$4,106.17
Parish Building Fund	\$3,233.00

Prayers Please

... for all the sick of our parish: those homebound, in the hospital, and nursing facilities; and for all the souls in purgatory.

Sanctuary Lamp

During Eucharistic Adoration please pray for the following person/s for whose intention the Sanctuary Candle burns this week: **Christopher Newett**

CONFESSION

Monday: 5:30 to 6:30 pm
Saturday: 9:30 to 10:00am
Saturday: 3:00 to 3:45pm

FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

ANOTHER LOSS IN 2020

Adding to the list of losses this year is a name that is not well known, but should be: Rabbi Jonathan Sacks, one of the most distinguished rabbis of Great Britain. Rabbi Sacks consistently and eloquently spoke out in favor of the moral truth of the Judeo-Christian tradition. He spoke both on what religion can offer the modern world, and also to critique religion for not being true to itself. I encourage you to explore his writings at <https://rabbisacks.org/>.

Providentially, one of his last reflections offers us some very wise guidance for this point in time. Reflecting on the call of Abraham, he writes,

Leaders lead. That does not mean to say that they do not follow. But what they follow is different from what most people follow. They don't conform for the sake of conforming. They don't do what others do merely because others are doing it. They follow an inner voice, a call. They have a vision, not of what is, but of what might be. They think outside the box. They march to a different tune.

Never was this more dramatically signaled than in the first words of God to Abraham, the words that set Jewish history in motion: "Leave your land, your birthplace and your father's house and go to the land that I will show you. (Gen. 12:1)"

Why? Because people do conform. They adopt the standards and absorb the culture of the time and place in which they live – "your land." At a deeper level, they are influenced by friends and neighbors – "your birthplace." More deeply still they are shaped by their parents, and the family in which they grew up – "your father's house."

I want you, says God to Abraham, to be different. Not for the sake of being different, but for the sake of starting something new: a religion that will not worship power and the symbols of power – for that is what idols really were and are. I want you, said God, to "teach your children and your household afterward to follow the way of the Lord by doing what is right and just" (Gen. 18:19).

Going on to reflect on the impact the Jewish people have had on the world, he writes that, "It is hard to lead alone, far less hard to lead in the company of others even if you are a minority." It is the community of the Jewish people, united in their faithfulness to God and to their traditions, that has enabled them to make this impact.

Although we are of a different faith and nationality, his words speak a language of faith that we, whose faith is based in Judaism, can understand. Believing Christians are more and more of a minority in our culture, but we can't think that to mean we can't make a difference. Great things will come if each of us, as believers in God, remain true to our faith, as well as to the community – the Church – that encourages that faith to develop.

PARISH INFORMATION

PARISH OFFICE HOURS

Mon-Fri: 9:30am – 4:00pm

Please make an appointment to meet with

HELPFUL CONTACTS

Religious Education: 508-998-7445

School: 508-995-4313

School Fax: 508-995-0456

ACCESSIBILITY

- Open for Prayer Every Day
- Wheelchair Lift
- Cry-room

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HOLY MASS

Sunday 7:00am, 9:00am & 11:00am

Saturday Vigil 4:00pm

Monday-Saturday 9:00am

First Friday 9:00am & 6:00pm

CONFESSIONS

Monday 5:30-6:30pm

(9:30-10:00am Monday Holidays)

Saturday 9:30-10:00am

Saturday 3:00-3:45pm

First Fridays 6:45-7:15pm

Any Time by Appointment

ADORATION

Monday 9:30am-8:30pm

Tuesday 6:30am-8:45am

Wednesday 6:30pm-8:30pm

Thursday 6:30am-8:30pm

Friday 6:30am-8:30pm

Saturday 6:30 am-2:45 pm

VESPERS & BENEDICTION

Monday & Wednesday: 6:30 pm

EXCEL IN LEARNING AND LIFE: Bishop Stang, a Catholic, college-preparatory high school in Dartmouth, MA, will administer the Scholastic High School Placement Test (HSPT) on Saturdays, December 5th and 12th from 8:00 am – 11:00 am. Incoming 9th grade applicants may choose either date for virtual or in-person testing. Visit bishopstang.org for more details or to complete the required pre-registration. Merit scholarship incentives are available.

MASS COUNT: During the rest of November our ushers will be implementing the annual Mass count for the diocese. Each year the diocese requires that we take a census of Mass attendance during 4 weeks in November. Since we are already operating at a lower church capacity (even with the extra Sunday Mass) we do not expect that this year will compare well with past years, however it should give the diocese a sense of Mass attendance at each parish during this present pandemic. If you see an usher clicking a hand-held counter when you enter the church, you will now know why!

GROCERY CARDS: Because during this time we want to limit close gatherings and blocked passageways in the parish church, we are continuing to *not* sell grocery cards for Stop & Shop, Trucchi's and Shaw's after the weekend Masses. Still, if you would like to **purchase these** (the church receives 5% of every purchase) **you may still do so through the parish center office.** Please email Steve at sng@sfxparish.com or call him at 508-995-7600 at the parish center to request the store of preference and the denomination amounts. These cards come in \$10, \$25, \$50, and \$100 denominations. You can purchase these for your own shopping or for charitable or gift giving.

OPTIONS MEDICAL RETURNS: In lieu of our annual baby bottle campaign we made envelopes available for parishioners to make donations to this local pregnancy resource center which offers much support to many woman in need and their expected children. If you picked up an envelope and are able to make a donation, please do so by Sunday 22 November so we can send off all our parish support to Options Medical before the Thanksgiving Holiday - Thank you!

THANKSGIVING HOLIDAY & EUCHARISTIC ADORATION: We will be adjusting Eucharistic Adoration hours due to the approaching Thanksgiving Holiday which falls on Thursday 26 November. We will *not* hold the usual Vespers and Benediction on Wednesday evening. Therefore there will be no Wednesday overnight or Thursday Adoration due to the holiday. Instead, Eucharistic Adoration will be suspended just before the 9:00 am daily Mass on Tuesday 24 November. Adoration will not resume until Friday 27 November after the 9:00 am Mass. Thank you to all the adorers of our Eucharistic program. We are very thankful for you!

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Religious

Education



Please pray the St. Gertrude Prayer, as we remember those that have gone before us in the month of November. We can derive great comfort from the hope that our loved ones are enjoying Eternal Life with God, it never hurts to pray for their souls and remember to pray for those that have no one to pray for them.

2nd Graders from SFX School receiving the Sacraments here at St. Francis will attend classes with us in the Parish Center on Sundays Nov. 15 & 22. *don't forget your mask, but if you do we have some available.*

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION: Sundays in church during our regularly scheduled class times led by Fr. Williams. Every student should have an adult accompany them. This will take the place of the Family Faith Formation Events that we had in prior years. Every grade level will have two scheduled hours of Adoration during our class year from October-May. This will include all Sacramental Students also. **Sunday Nov. 22nd will be Level 6 accompanied by a parent in church @ 8:05am.** Please be on time, you will be escorted to a pew by your teacher before we start. Please remember your mask.

On-Line learning: Families, that chose to have their child stay at home, need to check their emails each week for the lesson / power point / videos and return the work and / or activity that is requested of them to be up-to-date for that week.

First Reconciliation is Monday 30th November 7:00pm for those First Communicants names that end B-M and 7:30pm for those ending P-V. Please keep our second graders in your prayers as they prepare to receive their second sacrament the Sacrament of Reconciliation.

Stay Safe, Healthy and Holy
God Bless, Mrs. Hammarquist

ST. FRANCIS XAVIER
PRESCHOOL - GRADE 8



ELEMENTARY SCHOOL
ACUSHNET, MASSACHUSETTS

This month of November is whizzing by as we celebrate our accomplishments as well as consider our challenges. This coming week is the final full (5 day) week of November and we look forward to the Thanksgiving holiday. November has brought with it the opportunity to increase our prayer opportunities as a school community. To date we have been blessed with beautiful weather, outdoor Adoration, and outdoor school Mass. In addition to praying for the continued health and wellness of our students, staff and families, we also pray for the souls of the deceased members of our families, our faculty, and our alumni. Our school Mass intention was for all the souls of our SFX alumni, mentioning specifically Loretta (Mondou) Sasseville Class of 1941, Eugene R. Mondou, Class of 1948 & Lillian Mondou, Class of 1946, whose names were submitted to us for our prayers... may their souls rest in peace!

God Bless, Michelle Russo/Principal



Self-Portrait with Wife
Frantisek Kupka (1908)

When one finds a worthy wife, her value is far beyond pearls. Her husband, entrusting his heart to her, has an unfailing prize. She brings him good, and not evil, all the days of her life. (Prv 31:10-12)

2021 RELIGIOUS CALENDARS ARE HERE: Thanks once again to **Acushnet Creamery** for sponsoring our lovely calendars which keep us all up-to-date on the liturgical seasons and celebrations with beautiful sacred images. The calendars have arrived and you will be able to pick them up after the weekend Masses in a few weeks. Please make sure you use them daily as a reminder especially of daily Mass!



ADVENT IS
HERE IN
TWO WEEKS

Just waiting on the angels...

HOLY MASS - 9 AM - 17 NOVEMBER
ST. ELIZABETH OF HUNGARY

SFX
Women of
Grace



SFX PRAYER LINE

Please call 508-850-6649 between 8am & 8pm
Or email your prayer request to:
sfxprayerline@gmail.com

PARISH OFFICE CLOSINGS - Please take note that the parish office will be closed on Thursday 26 November for the Thanksgiving Holiday and also on Friday 27 November to make a longer holiday weekend for the parish staff. Please pray for them as they pray for you. While the office will be closed, there will still be daily Mass at 9 am on Thursday and Friday and Eucharistic Adoration after Mass on Friday.

READINGS FOR WEEK OF NOVEMBER 15, 2020

Sunday: Prv 31:10-13, 19-20, 30-31/Ps 128:1-2, 3, 4-5 [cf. 1a]/1 Thes 5:1-6/Mt 25:14-30 or 25:14-15, 19-21

Monday: Rv 1:1-4; 2:1-5/Ps 1:1-2, 3, 4 and 6 [Rev 2:17]/Lk 18:35-43

Tuesday: Rv 3:1-6, 14-22/Ps 15:2-3a, 3bc-4ab, 5 [Rev 3:21]/Lk 19:1-10

Wednesday: Rv 4:1-11/Ps 150:1b-2, 3-4, 5-6 [1b]/Lk 19:11-28

Thursday: Rv 5:1-10/Ps 149:1b-2, 3-4, 5-6a and 9b [Rev 5:10]/Lk 19:41-44

Friday: Rv 10:8-11/Ps 119:14, 24, 72, 103, 111, 131 [103a]/Lk 19:45-48

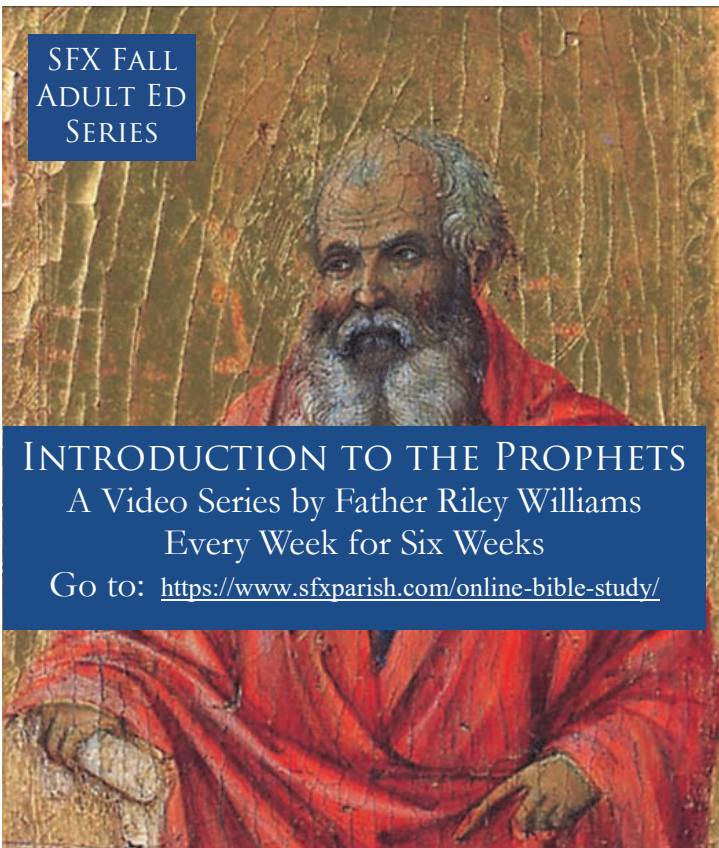
Saturday: Rv 11:4-12/Ps 144:1b, 2, 9-10 [1b]/Lk 20:27-40

SFX FALL
ADULT ED
SERIES

INTRODUCTION TO THE PROPHETS

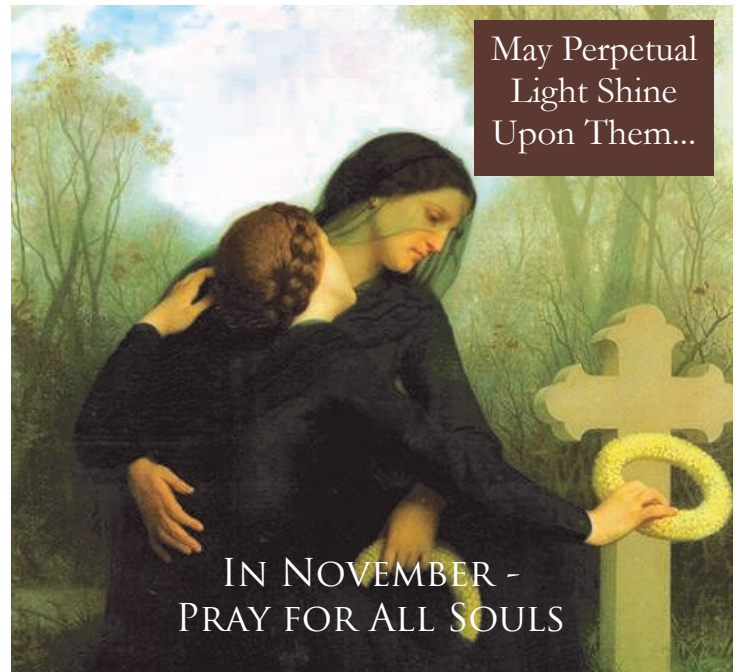
A Video Series by Father Riley Williams
Every Week for Six Weeks

Go to: <https://www.sfxparish.com/online-bible-study/>



May Perpetual
Light Shine
Upon Them...

IN NOVEMBER -
PRAY FOR ALL SOULS



The Best Early Christmas...
is a Holy Advent!

UPCOMING SECOND & SPECIAL COLLECTIONS

November 15th - Diocesan Assessment
November 22nd - Campaign for Human Development

ON THE COVER

On this Sunday's bulletin cover is a work by Russian artist **Andrei Mironov** entitled *The Parable of the Talents*. (courtesy Wikipedia). This image relates how the one who received the grace of "two talents" went out and hid them because he said he was afraid.

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THE SACRED LITURGY FOR 33RD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME, 15 NOVEMBER

ProceSSIONAL Hymn: Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise

Immortal, invisible, God only wise, In light inaccessible, hid from our eyes, Most Blessed most glorious, the Ancient of days, Almighty victorious, they great name we praise.

1st Reading: Prv 31:10-13, 19-20, 30-31

When one finds a worthy wife, her value is far beyond pearls. Her husband, entrusting his heart to her, has an unfailing prize. She brings him good, and not evil, all the days of her life. She obtains wool and flax and works with loving hands. She puts her hands to the distaff, and her fingers ply the spindle. She reaches out her hands to the poor, and extends her arms to the needy. Charm is deceptive and beauty fleeting; the woman who fears the LORD is to be praised. Give her a reward for her labors, and let her works praise her at the city gates.

Responsorial Psalm: *Blessed are those who fear the Lord.*

2nd Reading: 1 Thes 5:1-6

Concerning times and seasons, brothers and sisters, you have no need for anything to be written to you. For you yourselves know very well that the day of the Lord will come like a thief at night. When people are saying, "Peace and security," then sudden disaster comes upon them, like labor pains upon a pregnant woman, and they will not escape. But you, brothers and sisters, are not in darkness, for that day to overtake you like a thief. For all of you are children of the light and children of the day. We are not of the night or of darkness. Therefore, let us not sleep as the rest do, but let us stay alert and sober.

Gospel Reading: Mt 25:14-30

Jesus told his disciples this parable: "A man going on a journey called in his servants and entrusted his possessions to them. To one he gave five talents; to another, two; to a third, one-- to each according to his ability. Then he went away. Immediately the one who received five talents went and traded with them, and made another five. Likewise, the one who received two made another two. But the man...

...who received one went off and dug a hole in the ground and buried his master's money. "After a long time the master of those servants came back and settled accounts with them. The one who had received five talents came forward bringing the additional five. He said, 'Master, you gave me five talents. See, I have made five more.' His master said to him, 'Well done, my good and faithful servant. Since you were faithful in small matters, I will give you great responsibilities. Come, share your master's joy.' Then the one who had received two talents also came forward and said, 'Master, you gave me two talents. See, I have made two more.' His master said to him, 'Well done, my good and faithful servant. Since you were faithful in small matters, I will give you great responsibilities. Come, share your master's joy.' Then the one who had received the one talent came forward and said, 'Master, I knew you were a demanding person, harvesting where you did not plant and gathering where you did not scatter; so out of fear I went off and buried your talent in the ground. Here it is back.' His master said to him in reply, 'You wicked, lazy servant! So you knew that I harvest where I did not plant and gather where I did not scatter? Should you not then have put my money in the bank so that I could have got it back with interest on my return? Now then! Take the talent from him and give it to the one with ten. For to everyone who has, more will be given and he will grow rich; but from the one who has not, even what he has will be taken away. And throw this useless servant into the darkness outside, where there will be wailing and grinding of teeth.'"

Offertory Hymn: All You Who Seek a Comfort Sure

Communion Hymn: There's a Wideness in God's Mercy

Recessional Hymn: O God Beyond All Praising

*O God beyond all praising, We worship you today,
And sing the love amazing, That songs cannot repay;
For we can only wonder At every gift you send, At blessings without number and mercies without end;
We lift our hearts before you And wait upon your word,
We honor and adore you, Our great and mighty Lord.*