



The Catholic Community of Divine Savior

Family Faith Focus

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Dates to Remember

- November 7: 4:00 PM Mass
- November 8: 9:00 AM Mass
- Please see our parish website for reservation information and links to view Sunday or weekday Masses online.

Jesus: The Face of God's Love

What attracts your heart? May I say that it is God's love? But what is God's love? It is not something vague, some generic feeling. God's love has a name and a face: Jesus Christ. Love for God is made manifest in Jesus, the gift of the Father among us. It is a love that gives value and beauty to everything else; a love that gives strength to the family, to work, to study, to friendship, to art, to all human activity. It even gives meaning to negative experiences, to go beyond them, not to remain prisoners of evil, always opening us to hope. In this way all our labors and even our failures find meaning.

— Pope Francis

Thirty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time Matthew 25: 1-13

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew.

Jesus told his disciples this parable:

"The kingdom of heaven will be like ten virgins who took their lamps and went out to meet the bridegroom. Five of them were foolish and five were wise. The foolish ones, when taking their lamps, brought no oil with them, but the wise brought flasks of oil with their lamps. Since the bridegroom was long delayed, they all became drowsy and fell asleep. At midnight, there was a cry, 'Behold, the bridegroom! Come out to meet him!' Then all those virgins got up and trimmed their lamps. The foolish ones said to the wise, 'Give us some of your oil, for our lamps are going out.' But the wise ones replied, 'No, for there may not be enough for us and you. Go instead to the merchants and buy some for yourselves.' While they went off to buy it, the bridegroom came and those who were ready went into the wedding feast with him. Then the door was locked. Afterwards the other virgins came and said, 'Lord, Lord, open the door for us!' But he said in reply, 'Amen, I say to you, I do not know you.' Therefore, stay awake, for you know neither the day nor the hour."

The Gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

Stay awake and be ready!

For you do not know on what day your Lord will come.

Matthew 24: 42a, 44

Sunday Gospel Connection: November 8, 2020

Thirty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time, Cycle A

Matthew 25: 1-13

Gospel Background: In this week's Gospel, Jesus talks about what it means to be prepared to receive the Kingdom of Heaven. This week's reading follows a series of warnings and predictions by Jesus about the coming of the Son of Man. Jesus wants his disciples to understand that the exact day and time cannot be predicted. He teaches the disciples that they must remain vigilant so that they will not be caught unprepared.

When thinking about the parable of the wise and foolish virgins, it is important to consider the first-century wedding traditions of Palestine. Scholars tell us that it was the custom of the day for young maidens—friends and family members of the bride—to meet the bridegroom when he came to bring his bride to her new home.

As with many of Jesus' parables, several levels of interpretation are possible. In last week's Gospel, we heard Jesus warn against following the example of the Pharisees and scribes. If read in the context of early Christianity's struggle to define itself against Pharisaic Judaism, this parable is a continuing critique of Judaism. It suggests that the Jewish leaders were like the foolish virgins, unprepared to meet Jesus, the bridegroom of Israel.

In the chapter preceding this parable, however, Jesus warns about the destruction of Jerusalem, the tribulation of the end times, and the coming of the Son of Man. When read in this context, today's parable is a warning to the Christian community to remain vigilant and prepared to receive Jesus, the Son of Man who will return at the end of time. This interpretation is supported by the reference to the delay of the bridegroom. The Christian community for whom Matthew wrote this Gospel was coming to terms with the realization that the promise of Jesus' return would not be fulfilled within their lifetimes. The question remains for us to ask ourselves, Are we ready to receive Jesus? Will we be prepared to receive him?

Family Connection: In the daily activities of family life, we can easily find excuses for not attending to our spiritual lives. If not given top priority, prayer and reading Scripture risk becoming occasional activities rather than daily practices. In today's Gospel, Jesus reminds us that if we fail to give our spiritual life priority, we will find ourselves unprepared to receive Jesus. Daily prayer and spiritual practice keeps us ready to receive Jesus.

Gather together as a family and talk about some of the things our faith calls us to do every day and every week to keep God first in our lives. Talk about what might happen if we don't do these things regularly. Explain to your family that Jesus taught us that it is important to keep ourselves ready to receive him when he comes again. Tell them to listen as you read the parable that Jesus tells in today's Gospel. Read aloud Matthew 25:1-13. Talk with your family about why Jesus says that it is so important to remain ready to receive the Kingdom of Heaven. Pray together that your family will always keep God first in your lives so that you will all be prepared to receive Jesus when he comes. Pray together the Act of Hope.

For more information and Sunday Connection resources visit:

<https://www.loyolapress.com/catholic-resources/liturgical-year/sunday-connection/32nd-sunday-in-ordinary-time-a-sunday-connection/>



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Fill a Box = Feed a Family

THANKSGIVING FOOD DRIVE

Each day add the items listed to a box (or do it all at once!) – whatever works best for you, your family and your schedule!

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- November 1 – Peanut Butter & Jelly (plastic)
 - November 2 – Fruit (canned or plastic cups)
 - November 3 – Tomatoes (canned)
 - November 4 – Tuna (canned or packets)
 - November 5 – Applesauce (plastic jar or cups)
 - November 6 – Cranberry sauce (canned)
 - November 7 – Sweet potatoes/yams (canned)
 - November 8 – Beans (canned)
 - November 9 – Soup (cream of chicken/mushroom or broth)
 - November 10 – Green beans (2 cans)
 - November 11 – Corn or carrots (2 cans of same vegetable)
 - November 12 – Pasta (box/package) & pasta sauce (plastic/can)
 - November 13 – Potatoes (boxed) & gravy (can, box or packet)
 - November 14 – Macaroni and cheese
 - November 15 – Rice (package or box)
 - November 16 – Dessert box mix (brownies or cake & frosting)
 - November 17 – Stuffing Mix (boxed)
 - November 18 – French-fried onions
 - November 19 – Brown sugar & marshmallows
 - November 20 – Cereal (box) OR pancake mix & syrup

Please email Kacie723@yahoo.com if you need a box (we have lots!)
and to arrange drop off or pick up on Saturday, November 21st.
Boxes will be donated to St. Eulalia Church on Sunday, November 22nd.