

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Sun. Nov-19 Prv 31:10-13, 19-20, 30
-31 Ps 128:1-2, 3, 4-5 1Thes 5:1-6 Mt 25:14-30 or 25:14-15, 19-21

Mon. Nov-20 1 Mc 1:10-15, 41-43, 54-57, 62-63 Ps 119:53, 61, 134, 150, 155, 158 Lk 18:35-43

Tues. Nov-21 2 Mc 6:18-31 Ps 3:2-3, 4-5, 6-7 Lk 19:1-10 or Zec 2:14-17 (Ps) Lk 1:46-47, 48-49, 50-51, 52-53, 54-55 Mt 12:46-50

Wed. Nov-22 2 Mc 7:1, 20-31 Ps 17:1bcd, 5-6, 8b & 15 Lk 19:11-28 or Hos 2:16bc, 17cd, 21-22 Ps 45:11-12, 14-15, 16-17 Mt 25:1-13

Thurs. Nov-23 1 Mc 2:15-29 Ps 50:1b-2, 5-6, 14-15 Lk 19:41-44 or 1 Pt 5:1-4 Ps 89:2-3, 4-5, 21-22, 25 & 27 Mt 16:13-19 or Is 52:7-10 Ps 96:1-2a, 2b-3, 7-8a, 10 Lk 9:57-62

Fri. Nov-24 1 Mc 4:36-37, 52-59 (Ps) 1 Chr 29:10bcd, 11abc, 11d-12a, 12bcd Lk 19:45-48 or 1 Pt 4:12-19 (Ps) 1 Chr 29:10bcd, 11abc, 11d-12a, 12bcd Mt 10:34-39

Sat. Nov-25 1 Mc 6:1-13 Ps 9:2-3, 4 & 6, 16 & 19 Lk 20:27-40 or Rv 21:5-7 Ps 124:2-3, 4-5, 7cd-8 Mt 10:28-33

**November Birthday List
Happy Birthday to:**

Rose Bottley	6
Archange Cexar, Jr	10
Earnette Mitchell	11
Deacon Julian Richard	12
Mormon Richard	12
Antoine Warnell	14
Pat Roberts	15
Beverly Stewart	21
Gary Mims	22
Kevin Hebert	23
Edmayia Riggs	24
Ina Chavis	26
Phyllis Thibodeaux	28
Patricia Blair-Wilks	29

Happy Anniversary

Clifton & Felicia Richards	12th
Marvin & Cindy Hampton	24th

MINISTRIES FOR THE WEEKEND HOSPITALITY

Saturday: Shirley Allison, Rose Davis
Richard Scott, Walter Davis

Sunday: Fred Green, Rose Bottley,
Veronica Rhodes & Coretta Ambers

ANNOUNCER & LECTORS:

Saturday: **A:** Josie Curtis **L:** Leo Jackson
& Eve Platt

Sunday: **A:** Youth **L:** Youth

ALTAR SERVER:

Saturday: Reagan Pitre & William Pitre
Sunday: D'Ana Williams

MINISTERS OF COMMUNION:

Saturday Gail Jefferson &
Russell Bottley
Sunday: Mr. & Mrs. Adam Jacobs



COORNATORS OF MINISTRIES

Bishop Faith Appeal - Robert Gobert

Donut Sunday - Freda Guillory* Donuts in the Education Building 1st Sunday of each month

Extraordinary Minister of Communion - Shirley Ray

Finance - Andre' Robertson

Fund Rising - Walter Davis

Hospitality/Ushers - Rose Davis

Lectors - Gary Mims

Life Center - Adam Jacobs

Maint. & Plumbing - Joe Fontenot

Mission & Retreat - Cecilia Davis

Music Director - George Alexander

Socials - Knights of Peter Clever & Ladies Auxiliary * donut/coffee in the Life Center 2nd Sunday of each month

Youth - Felicia Richard

Stewardship-Wayne Sparrow

And we know that all things work together for good to them that love God, to them who are the called according to his purpose
Romans 8:28

MASS INTENTIONS

Sunday, Nov. 19th 9:00 a.m. Mass
+Mrs. Elvina Mims
Requested by Gary Mims

Monday, Nov. 20th NO MASS

Tuesday, Nov. 21st 6:00 p.m.
+Adrian Mims
Requested by Gary Mims

Wednesday, Nov.22nd 6:00 p.m.
+Virginia Steib
Requested by Rose Bottley

Thursday, Nov. 23rd 9:00 a.m.
+Dylinda (Mims) Hebert
Requested by Gary Mims

Friday, Nov. 24th 5:00 p.m.
Exposition & Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament
Aaron Ward "birthday blessings"
Requested by The Kenny Family

Saturday, Nov. 25th
3:20 - 3:55 Reconciliation, 4:00 p.m. Mass
Brady Wickersham "birthday blessings"
Requested by The Kenny Family

(N.B. You can request Mass to be offered for you/your love ones, or the deceased.. Speak with the Pastor or call the office to schedule).

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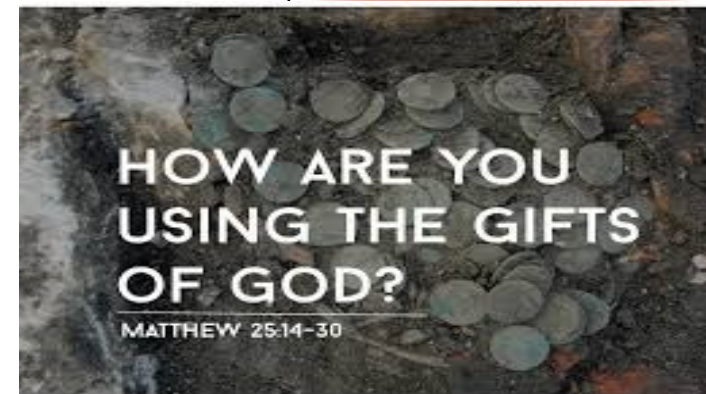
Office Hours: Tuesday thru Thursday
9:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m.



33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

November 19, 2017

“Master, you gave me five talents, See, I have made five more”



Eucharistic Celebration

Weekends:

Saturday Vigil: 4:00 p.m. & Sunday: 9:00 a.m.

Reconciliation

Saturdays: 3:20 p.m. 3:55 p.m.

Infant Baptism:

Please contact the pastor two (2) months in advance

Weekdays:

Tuesday-Friday 6:00 p.m.

Adoration & Benediction

1st Friday each month 5p.m.-6:30p.m.

Marriage:

Please call Rectory six (6) months prior to proposed date

SECRETARY

Cindy Hampton (409) 882-0935

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Attendance

Saturday 37 Sunday 59

Weekend Collection

Mail In	\$ 103.00
Loose	\$ 198.00
Mass Stipends	\$ 30.00
Saturday	\$ 1,370.00
Sunday	\$ 1,781.00

Total Deposit \$ 3,482.00

Expenses: Spectrum <\$ 112.30>
Admin contract <\$ 58.75.00>
phone <\$ 112.96>

Bishop Faith Appeal/Fundraiser

Goal : \$25,000.

Pledged: \$ 16,375. Paid: \$ 11,700.

It is the time of year again where we to begin the work on our BFA goal., and for those of us that has not yet pledged please do so and for those of us that has Thank You so much. For any information please contact Robert Gobert at (504) 232-5640 or Shirley Ray (409) 779-9922. We are look forward to the continued growth of our parish

THIRTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

At Our Best

We often hear the terms “on message” and “on task” these days. This is another way of talking about focus. Strong leaders urge us toward objectives deemed worthy of our time and effort. They marshal our energy toward those great, good objectives. People of vision so engaged, do their best work. Everything else is subordinated to the great work. In times like these, we are at our best.

FIRST READING: Proverbs 31:10-13, 19-20, 30-31 RESPONSORIAL PSALM: Psalm 128:1-2, 3, 4-5
SECOND READING: 1 Thessalonians 5:1-6 GOSPEL: Matthew 25:14-30 [14-15, 19-21]

Comment

Our first reading from the book of Proverbs describes one person at her best—the valiant woman, the strong wife and home-maker. This image is of a person who does her work successfully and is a boon to her family, her nation. This opening reading is not meant to proffer advice to mothers and wives everywhere. It is, rather, a portrait of a person who is good at what she does. She knows her vocation and goes about it with love and attention and skill.

And so it is for two of the servants in the Gospel parable set before us today. Again, we hear Jesus address the disciples on the question of the final coming of the reign of God and the value of our daily life with this great expectation looming, but not coming any time soon.

To the parable of the wise and foolish virgins (the Gospel of last Sunday), Jesus adds the parable we read today. We have heard this story many times before, for it is told in the other Gospels and is easily remembered. Each servant is given a share of responsibility commensurate with his skills. The task is set forth for the servants. The coins are not gifts, they are responsibilities. There are strings attached. They have something to do and the wit to do it. The master does not ask the impossible. He also does not tell the servants when he'll be back. What to do? Spend? Invest? Hoard? At least, no one spends the silver coins on junk. Two invest the silver coins and one hoards them. The investors are commended for their behavior; the hoarder is condemned for his.

Reflection

Now, why don't we just consider this as a good old protracted proverb that can be used for one of those get-rich seminars we read about in the newspapers? Because the silver pieces of this parable stand for the Christian's responsibility as a citizen of heaven and of this world. The two responsibilities are one. We are to be engaged in this world of people—the ones on buses and sidewalks and in skyscrapers as well as those on small main streets and in country stores and at home. Let us remember the question facing the early community, for it is the question that we must face: How do we wait, and how do we go on? Is this a paradox?

Thanksgiving Day Mass @ 9:00 AM

BFA Leadership Dinner

To ALL BFA team members, there will be a BFA Leadership Dinner on the evening of Sunday, December 3, 2017. Dinner will be held at the Holiday Inn, 3950 I-10 South, Beaumont at 5:30 pm with Fellowship at 4:30 pm. This is when we issue BFA overage checks to the Pastors whose parishes have exceeded their goal by the month of November. To receive the maximum overage prior to Leadership Dinner, all monies will need to be in our office no later than, November 10, 2017 Any additional monies your parish receives, after November 10th up until the appeal end date of December 31, 2017, will be mailed to you at a later date.

OFFICE HOURS THANKSGIVING WEEK

Monday thru Wednesday 9:00 am-4:00 pm
Closed Thursday and Friday

St Vincent de Paul – St Louis Conference 909 Hwy 124, Winnie, TX phone 409-296-4200 is having a Thrift Store Fundraiser Raffle & Christmas Store, 1 Lucky Raffle winner gets 10 gifts cards valued at \$50. Each to popular stores and eateries! KOHL's, home depot, red lobster and more. A book of 3 tickets for \$5.00. Drawing to be held Saturday, December 9, 2017 at 2 pm. Grand opening for the SVDP Thrift Store is Monday, Dec. 4, 2017 donations of decoration and gift items are always graciously accepted.

PRAY FOR THE HOMEBOUND

John Abram
Mary Brown
Mary Crossley
David Jayce Carey
Courtney Chavis
Therese Ferguson
Hollis Fain
Joe B. Forward
Theresa Garrett
Ella Mae Garrett
Anna Garrick
Beatrice Guillory
Mark Mitchell Jr.
James Mims
Westley Popillion
John Richard, Sr.
Alma G Thibodeaux
Alma C Thibodeaux



PRAY FOR THE SICK

James Arceneaux
Mable Durio
Alberta Fontenot
Frances Freeman
Debra Glaude
Margaret Green
Peggy Green
Myrtle Guillory
Marvin Hampton
Rena Mae Jenkins
Celestine Johnson
Calvin Johnson
Stacy Johnson
Rose Lee Johnson
Lakeisha Guidry-Jones
Leothus Jones
John Milton
Ruby Milton
Bettye Odom
Clayona Pilette
Doris Robertson
Brushelle Scott
Robert Simmons
Joe Ware

How Are You Using the Gifts God?

What Is the Second Coming?

Isaiah's prophecy of the Messiah (Christ) tells of a suffering Servant who was "pierced for our offenses, / crushed for our sins" (Is 53:5; see Is 53:1-12). Jesus fulfilled this prophecy when he died on the cross for us (see 1 Pt 2:24-25). But there are other prophecies of Christ, still unfulfilled, that point to a different scenario: a glorious King, a powerful Judge, who comes to rule the earth (see RV 19:11-16).

The prophet Daniel, for example, foresaw "One like a son of man coming, / on the clouds of heaven" who receives "dominion, glory, and kingship; / nations and peoples of every language serve him. / His dominion is an everlasting dominion" (Dn 7:13-14).

At Jesus' ascension into heaven, angels confirmed what he had earlier promised: He will return one day to earth (see Acts 1:10-11). Why is it necessary for him to return? Because his mission on earth is not yet complete: He came the first time as our suffering Redeemer, but he must return as our holy Judge (see also "What Does the Church Teach About the Last Judgment?" 1-4).

Christ's life, death, resurrection, and ascension form only part of the gospel, the "good news" of our redemption. The rest of the gospel is the good news that God is not only merciful but also just. One day Christ will come back to set the world aright, and the evil one will at last be rendered utterly powerless to harm those who love God (see RV 20:10, 14). (See also "Do the Devil and Demons Really Exist?" 1-2.)

Even now Jesus reigns as Lord of all at the Father's right hand in heaven (see Eph 1:20). But when Christ returns, God's kingdom will finally come to us in all its fullness, and God's will at last will be done "on earth as in heaven" (Mt 6:10).

Yet another aspect of divine justice will be fulfilled when Christ returns: He will be vindicated and honored in the eyes of all the world. Even those who have "spurned and avoided [him]" (Is 53:3) will be compelled to bend their knees before him at last and "confess that / Jesus Christ is Lord, / to the glory of God the Father" (Phil 2:10-11)

RELATED SCRIPTURE — **Texts cited:** Is 53:1-12 • Dn 7:13-14 • Mt 6:10 • Acts 1:10-11 • Eph 1:20 • Phil 2:10-11 • 1 2:24-25 • Rv 19:11-16; 20:10, 14.
General: Mt 3:12; 24:30-31, 36 • Mk 13:24-27 • Lk 3:17; 18:22-25 • 1 cor 15:23-28 • Eph 1:8-10 • col 3:1-4 I Thes 5:1-5 • 2 Thes 2:1-8 1 Pt 1:13; 4:13 • 2 Pt 3:1-16.
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IMPORTANT

With the flu season underway and for the health of the community, at Holy Communion please refrain from drinking from the chalice if you have a cold, cough or other contagious symptoms.

A sacramental reminder: A person who receive the Eucharist in the form of bread or wine is receiving the complete body, blood, soul and divinity of our Lord Jesus Christ.

To all our sick and homebound **THANK YOU** so much for your unwavering commitment and contributions to our parish. To better serve everyone Fr. Donatus is available to visit **ALL** parishioners at the appointed time. However, Fr. Donatus has reserved every 2nd and 4th Friday of each month for the homebound.

NOVENA PRAYER TO ST. THERESE—THE LITTLE FLOWER

St. Therese, beloved friend, you promised to spend your time in heaven doing good upon the earth. WE come before you in our need. We believe that you listen to us and approach God for and with us. You are love in the heart of the God. Please accept these petitions, hopes, needs and dreams that I list below (pause).

Please present them to our loving Father so that God may do what is best for us, for our loved ones, and for the fulfillment of God's Kingdom. Continue your shower of roses in our lives. We ask you, dear friend with the bold confidence and loving care. We make this prayerful petition in the name of Jesus and through the power of his Spirit.
AMEN.