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## Kiln



**November 19, 2023**  
**33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time**

Masses



The Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary

- Saturday Vigil: 4:00pm
- Sunday: 8am, 10:30am
- Weekday Mass: 8:00am (Chapel)  
 (Monday-Friday, Rosary after)
- First Tuesday: Anointing of the Sick  
 (of the Month) Novena of Our Lady of Perpetual Help  
 (after 8am Mass)
- Fridays: Devotion To Sacred Heart (8:00am)

Sacrament of Reconciliation  
 Saturday: 3:00 - 3:45 pm  
 (Before Sunday Masses and by Appointment)

Adoration  
 Tuesday: 8:30am - 6:00pm  
 Friday: 8:30am - 9:30am

Office Hours  
 Mon-Friday: 8:30am - 12:30pm  
 Wednesday: 8:30am - 12:00pm

Parish Secretary: Rachel Barnett  
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**TODAY'S READING'S**

**Reading 1 - 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 - Ps 128:1-2, 3, 4-5**

R. **Blessed are those who fear the Lord.**

Blessed are you who fear the LORD, who walk in his ways!

For you shall eat the fruit of your handiwork; blessed shall you be, and favored.

R. **Blessed are those who fear the Lord.**

Your wife shall be like a fruitful vine in the recesses of your home;

Your children like olive plants around your table.

R. **Blessed are those who fear the Lord.**

Behold, thus is the man blessed who fears the LORD.

The LORD bless you from Zion: may you see the prosperity of Jerusalem all the days of your life.

R. **Blessed are those who fear the Lord.**

**Reading 2 - 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 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.'"

**Reflections:**

[Wisdom 6:12-16](#), [Psalm 63:2-8](#), [1 Thessalonians 4:13-17](#), [Matthew 25:1-13](#)

According to marriage customs of Jesus' day, a bride was first "betrothed" to her husband but continued for a time to live with her family. Then, at the appointed hour some months later, the groom would come to claim her, leading her family and bridal party to the wedding feast that would celebrate and inaugurate their new life together. This is the background to the parable of the last judgment we hear in today's Gospel. In the parable's symbolism, Jesus is the Bridegroom (see [Mark 2:19](#)). In this, He fulfills God's ancient promise to join Himself forever to His chosen people as a husband cleaves to his bride (see [Hosea 2:16-20](#)). The virgins of the bridal party represent us, the members of the Church. We were "betrothed" to Jesus in Baptism (see [2 Corinthians 11:2](#); [Ephesians 5:25-27](#)) and are called to lives of holiness and devotion until He comes again to lead us to the heavenly wedding feast at the end of time (see [Revelation 19:7-9](#); [21:1-4](#)). As St. Paul warns in today's Epistle, Jesus is coming again, though we know not the day nor the hour. We need to keep vigil throughout the dark night of this time in which our Bridegroom seems long delayed. We need to keep our souls' lamps filled with the oil of perseverance and desire for God— virtues that are extolled in today's First Reading and Psalm. We are to seek Him in love, meditating upon His kindness, calling upon His name, striving to be ever more worthy of Him, to be found without spot or blemish when He comes. If we do this, we will be counted as wise and the oil for our lamps will not run dry (see [1 Kings 17:16](#)). We will perceive the Bridegroom, the Wisdom of God (see [Proverbs 8:12-21](#), [35](#); [9:1-6](#)), hastening toward us, beckoning us to the table He has prepared, the rich banquet which will satisfy our souls.



One Hour of Prayer of Thanks and Hope. This Monday, November 20th, There will be one hour of prayer here in the church from 6:30pm - 7:30pm. Prayers of thanks for the many things God has given us. Prayers of hope for our future, our future pastor and parish. Just some time to talk to God.  
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The Presentation of Mary reminds us that we can go on a pilgrimage of thanksgiving, to give thanks to God for a blessing received. In their gratitude, Joachim and Anne pledged to dedicate Mary to God and give her to His service in the temple. To carry this out, it meant they had to make sacrifice and go on pilgrimage.

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4pm-	Laura Rhode	Diocesan Support	\$14,414.44	Emilee Battaglia	Patsy Ladner
Sunday	November 19	School Supplement	\$17,165.63	John Battaglia	Carol Moragas & family
8:00am-	Gene & Wilma Breazeale †	Salaries, Utilities, & Other Expenses	\$137,482.04	Brandon Boudreaux	Wilmah Necaice
10:30am-	Parishioners	Total Yearly Financial Obligations	\$234,045.90	Debbie Byrnes	Janet Palmer
Monday	November 20	Amount needed each Week	\$4,500.89	Kay Cerisier	Joy Patin
8:00am-	Jean Lee †	Last Sunday Collection	\$3013.19	Michel Giardina	Abby Rolison
Tuesday	November 21	YTD Needed	\$202,539.69	Jennie Hoda	Brooke Rolison
8:00am-	Marge Blaisdell †	YTD Collected	\$174,810.81	Carla Santiago	Timothy Odom
Wednesday	November 22	YTD Shortfall	\$27,728.88	Konnor Peterson	Gayle Duet
8:00am-	Elaine Meyer			Ami Moran	Jean Dohm
Thursday	November 23			Steven Blaisdell	Dean Taylor
8:00am-	Deacon Lucien Moragas†			Elaine Meyer	Judy Thornton
Friday	November 24			Catherine Blaisdell	
8:00am-	Elaine Meyer			Colleen McGrath	