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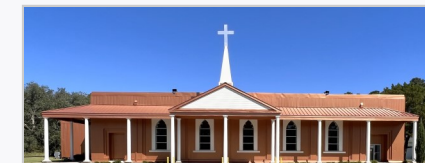
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**November 12, 2023**  
**32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time**

**Masses**

- 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)



**The Parable of Ten Virgins**

- Sacrament of Reconciliation**  
 Saturday: 3:00 - 3:45 pm  
 (Before Sunday Masses and by Appointment)
- Adoration**  
 Tuesday: 8:00am - 6:00pm  
 Friday: 8:30am - 9:30am
- Office Hours**  
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 Wednesday: 8:30am - 12:00pm
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**TODAY'S READING'S**

**Reading 1 Wis 6:12-16**

Resplendent and unfading is wisdom, and she is readily perceived by those who love her and found by those who seek her. She hastens to make herself known in anticipation of their desire; Whoever watches for her at dawn shall not be disappointed, for he shall find her sitting by his gate. For taking thought of wisdom is the perfection of prudence, and whoever for her sake keeps vigil shall quickly be free from care; because she makes her own rounds, seeking those worthy of her, and graciously appears to them in the ways, and meets them with all solicitude.

**Responsorial Psalm-Ps 63:2, 3-4, 5-6, 7-8**

**R. (2b) My soul is thirsting for you, O Lord my God.**

O God, you are my God whom I seek; for you my flesh pines and my soul thirsts like the earth, parched, lifeless and without water.

**R. My soul is thirsting for you, O Lord my God.**

Thus have I gazed toward you in the sanctuary to see your power and your glory, For your kindness is a greater good than life; my lips shall glorify you.

**R. My soul is thirsting for you, O Lord my God.**

Thus will I bless you while I live; lifting up my hands, I will call upon your name. As with the riches of a banquet shall my soul be satisfied, and with exultant lips my mouth shall praise you.

**R. My soul is thirsting for you, O Lord my God.**

I will remember you upon my couch, and through the night-watches I will meditate on you: You are my help, and in the shadow of your wings I shout for joy.

**R. My soul is thirsting for you, O Lord my God.**

**Reading 2 1 Thes 4:13-18**

We do not want you to be unaware, brothers and sisters, about those who have fallen asleep, so that you may not grieve like the rest, who have no hope. For if we believe that Jesus died and rose, so too will God, through Jesus, bring with him those who have fallen asleep. Indeed, we tell you this, on the word of the Lord, that we who are alive, who are left until the coming of the Lord, will surely not precede those who have fallen asleep. For the Lord himself, with a word of command, with the voice of an archangel and with the trumpet of God, will come down from heaven, and the dead in Christ will rise first. Then we who are alive, who are left, will be caught up together with them in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air. Thus, we shall always be with the Lord. Therefore, console one another with these words.

**Gospel Mt 25:1-13** - 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."

**REFLECTION:**

Today we reflect on the parable of the ten virgins. The virgins represent the people of Israel waiting for the Messiah. The five wise virgins are those who prepared to accept Messiah and enter into the Christian community, while the five foolish virgins are inattentive to God's plans and not ready to accept Jesus as Messiah. Therefore, they are left out of the banquet hall.

The first Christian community believed the immediate return of the Lord (Parousia). Disappointed by the failure of the Lord's immediate return, many went back to their former way of life.



So, St. Paul reminds these people and us “we tell you this, on the word of the Lord, that we who are alive, who are left until the coming of the Lord, will surely not precede those who have fallen asleep. For the Lord himself, with a word of command, with the voice of an archangel and with the trumpet of God, will come down from heaven, and the dead in Christ will rise first”. St. Peter says, “... but do not ignore this one fact, beloved, that with the Lord one day is like a thousand years and a thousand years like one day” (2 Peter 3:8, Ps 90:4)

Today these ten virgins represent Christian community or any other community of the good and the evil who live together like the wheat and the weeds grow in the same field; the clean and the dirty sit at the same table; the wise and the foolish are side by side. The five foolish virgins represent those who fail to prepare for the end of their lives. The wise virgins are those Christians who do not let themselves be seduced by vanity and remain focused on what is important in life.

The wise virgins did not share the oil with the foolish ones because the oil here stands for our personal relationship with God who is the Source and Power behind our good deeds. It is not something that one can attain overnight or borrow

Continued—from someone else as the foolish virgins attempted to do. This “state of grace” is something we must receive from God personally and directly.

There are certain things we cannot obtain at the last moment. For example, a student cannot achieve a better result if not prepared well in advance. Our eternal reward also depends on our listening to the word of God and practice them. Jesus comes in every moment and wants to find his disciples engaged in service to the brothers and sisters and the lamp should be always on.

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Saturday	November 11 4pm- Howard Thornton †	Insurance	\$64,983.79	Donna Battaglia Emilee Battaglia John Battaglia
Sunday	November 12 8:00am- Merle, Vernon, Charles Haas † 10:30am- Parishioners	Diocesan Support	\$14,414.44	Donald Koenenn Patsy Ladner Carol Moragas & fly
Monday	November 13 8:00am- Jean Lee †	School Supplement	\$17,165.63	Brandon Boudreaux Debbie Byrnes Kay Cerisier Michel Giardina Jennie Hoda Carla Santiago Konnor Peterson
Tuesday	November 14 8:00am- Deacon Frans Labrache †	Salaries, Utilities, & Other Expenses	\$137,482.04	Wilmah Ncaise Janet Palmer Joy Patin Abby Rolison Brooke Rolison Timothy Odom Gayle Duet Ami Moran Dean Taylor Jean Dohn Catherine Blaisdell
Wednesday	November 15 8:00am- Pete Moran †	Total Yearly Financial Obligations	\$234,045.90	
Thursday	November 16 8:00am- John A. Rhode † John Rhode II † John Rhode III †	Amount needed each Week	\$4,500.89	
Friday	November 17 8:00am- Marge Blaisdell †	Last Sunday Collection	\$5,411.00	
		YTD Needed	\$198,038.80	
		YTD Collected	\$171,797.62	
		YTD Shortfall	\$26,241.18	