

Sunday, August 7, 2022

The 19th Sunday in Ordinary Time

- 1) Wisdom 18:6-9
- 2) Hebrews 11:1-2, 8-19 or 11:1-2, 8-12
- 3) Luke 12:32-48 or 12:35-40

FOCUS: *At an hour you do not expect, the Son of Man will come.*

Both the creed we profess and today's Gospel leave no doubt: When we die, we will have to account for every moment of our lives. What did we do with the gifts we were given? What did we fail to do? Will our lives reflect what Saint John Paul II called the *civilization of love* or the *culture of death*?

LITURGY OF THE WORD

The first reading recalls the faith and courage of the people on the night of the Passover. The author of Hebrews writes, *faith is the realization of what is hoped for and evidence of things not seen*. In the Gospel, Jesus encourages the disciples to remain vigilant and be prepared for the return of the Son of Man.

UNIVERSAL PRAYER

PRIEST: Entrusting ourselves to the care of the Father and the intercession of Jesus, we offer these prayers.

- 1) For the Church, may God help us to grow in holiness and be a light that leads many souls to salvation, let us pray to the Lord.
- 2) For government leaders, may the Holy Spirit guide them to wise decision-making as they strive to bring peace to our world, let us pray to the Lord.
- 3) For refugees and immigrants fleeing violence or poverty, may the Lord look graciously upon them and provide them places of welcome and respite, let us pray to the Lord.
- 4) For those who minister to the sick in this faith community, may God's grace strengthen them in their work, let us pray to the Lord.
- 5) For all who have died, may they come to share in the fullness of the risen Lord, let us pray to the Lord.
- 6) (Special petition/s)

PRIEST: Loving Father, you show us the path to endless joy. Hear our prayers and pour out your grace upon us. We ask through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.