

Sunday, November 12, 2023

The 32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

- 1) Wisdom 6:12-16
- 2) 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18 or 4:13-1
- 3) Matthew 25:1-13

FOCUS: Always be prepared to welcome Christ, for we know neither the day nor the hour of his arrival.

The Gospel parable reminds us to keep vigil for Jesus. It is easy to get distracted by the details of work, family life, and other responsibilities so that we forget the real purpose and mission of our lives. Let's each take a moment to contemplate how we can live out our vocation in life, readying ourselves for the Lord's coming.

LITURGY OF THE WORD

The first reading speaks of the attributes of wisdom, and the importance of the love of wisdom, as it is the *perfection of prudence*. In the second reading, Paul encourages people of faith to hold on to hope in the Resurrection. In the Gospel, Jesus tells a parable where five virgins were ready for the bridegroom and five were not. Those who were not ready missed out on the wedding feast.

UNIVERSAL PRAYER

PRIEST: As we ready our hearts to receive Jesus in the Eucharist, let us bring our prayers to the Lord.

- 1) For the Church, may the Holy Spirit call forth holy and wise pastoral leaders for all Catholic communities, let us pray to the Lord.
- 2) For national and civic leaders, may they receive the grace and blessing of our almighty God in performing their duties, let us pray to the Lord.
- 3) For the chronically ill, may the healing strength of the Lord carry them through whatever obstacles and difficulties they encounter, let us pray to the Lord.
- 4) For all within our community of faith who are married or about to be married, may the Triune God increase their desire for a lifetime of love, sacrifice, and blessings, let us pray to the Lord.
- 5) For all who have died, may our merciful Lord soon welcome them into the eternal banquet, let us pray to the Lord.
- 6) (Special petition/s)

PRIEST: Lord God, hear the prayers we bring before you this day and answer them in your mercy. We pray through Christ our Lord.