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Mass Intentions

Nov 7th, 4:30 pm: Harold Segerson +

Nov 8th: Parishioners of St Andrew and St Regina

Nov 13th: Captain Gerald Kirkpatrick +
by Kathleen Kirkpatrick

Nov 15th: Parishioner of St Andrew and St Regina

Liturgical Ministers

November 15, 2020

Lectors — Eleanor Michie

Gift Bearers —

Eucharistic Ministers —

Sacristans — Don and Christine Carlson

Altar Linens — Anabell Gonzales, Susan Placencia

Ushers — Men of the Parish

Thirty-second Sunday in Ordinary Times November 8, 2020

Stay awake, for you know neither the day nor the hour.

—*Matthew 25:13*

EXPECTING THE UNEXPECTED

If it ever crossed your mind that Jesus was somewhat lacking in a sense of humor, today's Gospel should belie any such notion. Jesus' story of the five wise and five foolish bridesmaids is downright hilarious. The circumstances of the story were surely familiar to Jesus' listeners, just as they are—if we think about it—to us. Weddings never, ever start on time. There's always a delay. Buttons pop off at the last minute. Flowers wilt. Cars full of wedding guests get caught in traffic. Soloists contract laryngitis. Brides or grooms or priests show up late! So the only reasonable way to approach a wedding is with a sense of humor, to realize that something probably will go awry, and, when that happens, to smile about it.

Jesus tells this funny story to encourage us to be watchful, yes; to be ready, yes. But he doesn't tell it to make us dour and somber. The heavy-hearted tremble, waver, lose sight of their place and purpose, and fall asleep. The lighthearted know that the unexpected will happen—is bound to happen—so they are awake in their place and ready in their purpose when it comes.

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TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

For several weeks, we have considered penance as a sacrament of forgiveness, and yet there are two other sacraments in this category. The first, of course, is the Eucharist itself. The other is the sacrament of the sick, long associated with penance.

The Letter of James sets out the deep tradition for caring for the sick: sending for the priests, who will pray and lay their hands on the sick ones, anointing them with oil, and giving them forgiveness. Long before other rites of penance developed, the sacrament of the sick was therefore a profound experience of forgiveness. Jesus often healed the sick, nearly always as a visible sign of forgiveness of sin. The tradition didn't unfold smoothly, however, and within a few centuries the oil of the sick was taken home to be applied by caregivers as a salve, or even to be drunk as a medicine. As early as the second century, bishops were therefore urging that priests should be the ones to visit those separated by illness from the Sunday assembly. Thus the practice of consigning the Eucharist and the oil of the sick to the non-ordained faithful to bring home was relatively short-lived.

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WEEKLY OFFERING

Nov 1st

Budget \$2100

Actual \$1806

Bldg. \$112

Short \$182

TODAY'S READINGS FOR YEAR A

First Reading — Wisdom is easily discerned by those who love her (Wisdom 6:12-16).

Psalm — My soul is thirsting for you, O Lord my God (Psalm 63).

Second Reading — Since we believe that Jesus died and rose again, through Jesus, God will bring with him those who have died (1 Thessalonians 4:13-18 [13-14]).

Gospel — Stay awake! You know neither the day nor the hour (Matthew 25:1-13).

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REMEMBER IN PRAYER

Parishioners

Gary Adams, Grant Adams, Joe Bobak, Ethel Huffman, MaryAnn Maness, Deacon Jim Moss

Relatives

Kelli Blankenship, Thomas Blankenship, Austin Ernst, Emily Ernst, Jackie Donnett, Andrew Grower, Christine Hart and the twin boys Benjamin and Theodore, Nicholas Kirkpatrick, Jenny Moore, Andrew Morlan, Yu Youn Suk

Friends

Emma Cupples, Sunny Maness, Fr Robert Ponticello

GOD'S WILL

Lord, if your people need me, I will not refuse the work. Your will be done.

Help Feed the Kids

The PRE students would like the whole parish to join them in bringing non-perishable food and placing it in the basket in the Narthex. It will then be distributed to our local schools to feed those kids who need a meal on the weekend. This is an ongoing project during the school year.

THE FOUNDATION

Wisdom is the foundation, and justice the work without which a foundation cannot stand.

—St. Ambrose

Special Collection

Catholic Campaign for Human Development
November 22nd

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Ez 47:1-2, 8-9, 12; Ps 46:2-3, 5-6, 8-9; 1 Cor 3:9c-11, 16-17; Jn 2:13-22
Tuesday: Ti 2:1-8, 11-14; Ps 37:3-4, 18, 23, 27, 29; Lk 17:7-10
Wednesday: Ti 3:1-7; Ps 23:1b-6; Lk 17:11-19
Thursday: Phlm 7-20; Ps 146:7-10; Lk 17:20-25
Friday: 2 Jn 4-9; Ps 119:1-2, 10-11, 17-18; Lk 17:26-37
Saturday: 3 Jn 5-8; Ps 112:1-6; Lk 18:1-8
Sunday: Prv 31:10-13, 19-20, 30-31; Ps 128:1-5; 1 Thes 5:1-6; Mt 25:14-30 [14-15, 19-21]

Mass Schedule

Monday: 11:30 am

Friday: 11:30

Vigil on Saturday: 4:30 pm

Sunday: 9:00 am

Coming Events

Wednesday, November 11th, the office is closed for Veterans Day.

Monday, November 9th after 11:30 Mass thru Thursday, November 12th, Father will be at the Priest's Convocation. Please call St Mary's at 731-668-2596 if you have an emergency and need a priest.

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Sunday: Thirty-second Sunday in Ordinary Time

Monday: The Dedication of the Lateran Basilica

Tuesday: St. Leo the Great

Wednesday: St. Martin of Tours; Veterans Day

Thursday: St. Josaphat

Friday: St. Frances Xavier Cabrini

Saturday: Blessed Virgin Mary