

THRITY-SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

NOVEMBER 19, 2017

The Fate of the Unprepared

Every religion identifies the terms of God's relationship with His creatures: fear, detachment, appeasement, covenant. In today's parable, Jesus reveals the Christian's covenant of collaboration with God. Human beings are not to be passive but active participants in God's work. God's work is the salvation of the world, and we are collaborators in that work. Each individual has a specific role depending on the talents God has given to him or her. God requires the full use of differing gifts, the full employment of diverse proficiencies. The "good and faithful servant" lays the product of his talent at the service of the Lord.

The Christian doesn't build a fence around his faith; he doesn't use his talents for amassing knowledge, acquiring fame, or gaining fortune. Whatever is given is expected to yield results in God's plan. Christian collaboration means work. God doesn't demand results from what a person doesn't have. Using talent in God's service takes courage and unselfishness. The servant who is punished is the one who doesn't try. Buried talent is useless, and its possessor has religious paralysis. The parable tells us to use it or lose it.

The good and faithful servant does his or her work well. The reward is not rest but more work to do. In using gifts, the servants become progressively better. The reward for working for God is more responsibility, greater tasks, and more service. Jesus never promised a life of ease. He came as a servant. We are servants, too.

FATHER RICARDO

FATHER RICARDO'S DESK:

THE LORD'S PRAYER

After the Eucharistic Prayer, we prepare to receive Jesus in Holy Communion. We stand and recite the prayer that Jesus taught us, "The Our Father." During the Eucharistic Prayer, we called on saints and the Mother of God to witness our union with the sacrifice before us. We remembered the faithful departed, this great crowd of individual souls is gathered around the altar. Because we are in solidarity with all the Christian family, we pray "Our Father" not "My Father." We deepen our unity in prayer before we deepen our unity in the shared Eucharistic meal. The sacrificial meal becomes a family meal. The altar is our family table.

THANKSGIVING

Thanksgiving is the great American celebration. Steeped in history from the Pilgrims on, it is a gathering feast for the purpose of recognizing the great resources and bounty of our country and the most unique gifts of freedom and human rights, which we treasure.

Mass will be celebrated at 8:45 in the church. We give thanks, and we join in Abraham Lincoln's great prayer at Gettysburg: "That this nation, under God, shall have a new birth of freedom, and that government of the people, by the people, for the people shall not perish from the earth."

On behalf of myself, Father O'Connor, Father Lukas, Deacon Bill and the staff here at our parish we wish you and your families a most blessed and Happy Thanksgiving.

THANKSGIVING BASKET DONATIONS

Thanksgiving Basket Donations are requested to help families in our community who would not otherwise be able to enjoy this special holiday. Please put your donation in a plain white envelope marked Thanksgiving Donation in the collection basket on November 19th. Gift cards will then be purchased on November 20th and given to the families with their Turkey Dinner on Tuesday November 21st. As always, thank you for your continued generosity.

FOOTBALL RAFFLE

The Football Ticket Raffle conducted by the Rosary Society, will be drawn today November 19th at 1:00 at the Church Hall.

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Advent is coming, and it is a good opportunity for us to begin to plan to examine our faith life. The Sacrament of Penance enables us to make a new start and to celebrate the Christmas Season and the New Year with hearts uplifted. Beginning December 4th, **MONDAYS DURING ADVENT SEASON FROM 7-8pm.**

ANNUAL APPEAL *In Giving, We Receive*

The Bishop's Annual Appeal supports four causes: Catholic Charities agencies; seminarian education; retired priests; and inner-city schools. Every single gift changes lives. Every gift counts!

WELCOME BACK

Please join me in welcoming back our Confirmation candidates and their Team Leaders from their Retreat this past weekend. Refreshed and ready for the final preparation for the Sacrament of Confirmation. Please keep them in your prayers.

SAVE THE DATE

PILGRIMAGE TO LOURDES AND SHRINES IN SPAIN
MAY 21-29, 2018. Ms. Anne Breslin of "Great Experiences" a Travel Agency that is used solely by the Diocese, will be here on Sunday, December 3rd after the 11 am Mass to go over the complete itinerary and any questions you may have. All those interested, please join us to hear about this wonderful journey.

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

SUNDAY NOVEMBER 19
8:00am +John Steindl req. by Turansky Family
9:30am +Lisa Ann Nieradka req. by Eileen & Bill Aquino
11:00am +George Botsko req. by Antioch Ministry
MONDAY NOVEMBER 20
8:45am Intentions of Kate req. by Roger & Jean Grey
TUESDAY NOVEMBER 21
8:45am +Michael Crum req. by Douglas and Faye Crum
WEDNESDAY NOVEMBER 22
8:45am +Henry McAlary req. by Dot McAlary
THURSDAY NOVEMBER 23 – Thanksgiving Day
8:45am +Elizabeth and Edward McFarlane req. by
Kathy Muchka
FRIDAY NOVEMBER 24
8:45am Intentions of Rodriquez Family
SATURDAY NOVEMBER 25
8:45am +Dudley Dugas req. by Ted Dugas
5:00pm +Andrew Van Dyke req. by Karen Murphy
SUNDAY NOVEMBER 26
8:00am +Marg and Jim MacDonald req. by Kensek Family
9:30am +Dennis Goden req. by His Wife
11:00am +Joe Vrindten req. by Our Lady of Fatima Staff

This Week's Events

**Sun. 11:00am - Presentation of 7th and 8th Grades
"Gather the Children"
6-8pm Confirmation I - Hall
Rosary Society Bake Sale**
Mon. 7:00pm - CCD – Grade 8 - Hall
Tues. 7:00pm - CCD - Grade 7 - Hall
Wed. PARISH OFFICE CLOSURES AT 12 NOON
Thur. THANKSGIVING DAY
Fri. PARISH OFFICE CLOSED
Sat. NO CCD CLASSES

LOOKING AHEAD

- 11/5 Thanksgiving Baskets Drive
- 11/17-19 Confirmation Retreat
- 11/18-19 Bake Sale – Rosary Society
- 11/22 Parish Office closes at noon
- 11/23 Thanksgiving Day
- 11/24 Office Closed
- 11/27 Parish Office Opens

**THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROUS
SUPPORT OF OUR PARISH. GOD BLESS YOU!**

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| 1 ST Collection: | \$ 3848.50 |
| Thanksgiving Donations | 88.00 |

**THE NEXT MAINTENANCE COLLECTION WILL BE
NOVEMBER 25TH AND 26TH**

**PLEASE REMEMBER AND PRAY FOR THE
FOLLOWING:**

Aidan Alvarez, Scott Anderson, Baby Grace Andrews, "Baby", John Apgar, Artie, Ray Bonomini, Maddy Brancato, Tina Contento, Aibhilinn Coyle, Elizabeth Copeland, Patricia and Paul Corbutt, Doug Crum, Nathanael Davenport, Jean Marie Day, Alice DeLorenzo, Courtney Dignan, Eileen Donahue, Katie Drago, Roseann Dundon, Jim Ecker, Barbara Etzel, Eva Ferlauto, Debbie Fuentes, Kay Gallo, John Gonzalez, Florence Guilfoyle, Barbara Hellwig, Christopher Hoehl, Bob Hojer, Johanna Horn, Jean Jones, Melissa Klimaszewski, Julianna Klinger, Carly Kosen, Rick Reuter, Emily Lewis, Brian Linke, Henry Mancuso, Rose Martis, Fran and Larry Marsh, James McAlary, Pat McDermott, Kathy Nestico, Jennifer Oldham, Janis O'Neill, Joan Quest, Maura Reagan, Mary Reynolds, Linda Ross, Ron Shelly, Lou Pra Sisto, Father Patrick Sullivan, Alexander Truong, Mary VanDyke, Pat and Jim Van Gorder, Vincent and Debbie Ventriglia, Russy Wright, Nick Zayatz