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CELEBRATION OF THE EUCHARIST

SUNG MASS EVERY SUNDAY AT 10:30 AM

LOW MASS EVERY FIRST AND THIRD SUNDAY OF THE MONTH
AT 8:30 AM

Wednesday mid-week Mass at 10:30 am



10:30 am Sung Mass

The Liturgy of the Word

A reading from the book of Genesis (15.1-6)

The word of the LORD came to Abram in a vision, "Do not be afraid, Abram, I am your shield; your reward shall be very great." But Abram said, "O Lord God, what will you give me, for I continue childless, and the heir of my house is Eliezer of Damascus?" And Abram said, "You have given me no offspring, so a slave born in my house is to be my heir." But the word of the LORD came to him, "This man shall not be your heir; no one but your very own issue shall be your heir." He brought him outside and said, "Look toward heaven and count the stars, if you are able to count them." Then he said to him, "So shall your descendants be." And he believed the LORD, and the LORD reckoned it to him as righteousness.

This is the word of the Lord R. Thanks be to God

Responsorial Psalm

Psalm 33:1, 12, 18-19, 20-22

Blessed the people the Lord has chosen, chosen to be his own Exult, you just, in the Lord: praise from the upright is fitting. Blessed the nation whose God is the Lord, the people he has chosen for his own inheritance

Blessed the people the Lord has chosen, chosen to be his own

See, the eyes of the Lord are upon those who fear him,

upon those who hope for his kindness,

to deliver them from death and preserve them in spite of famine

Blessed the people the Lord has chosen, chosen to be his own

Our soul waits for the Lord, who is our help and our shield. May your kindness, O Lord, be upon us who have put our hope in you

Blessed the people the Lord has chosen, chosen to be his own

A reading from the letter to the Hebrews (11.1–3, 8–16)

Now faith is the assurance of things hoped for, the conviction of things not seen. Indeed, by faith our ancestors received approval. By faith we understand that the worlds were prepared by the word of God, so that what is seen was made from things that are not visible. By faith Abraham obeyed when he was called to set out for a place that he was to receive as an inheritance, and he set out, not knowing where he was going. By faith he stayed for a time in the land he had been promised, as in a foreign land, living in tents, as did Isaac and Jacob, who were heirs with him of the same promise. For he looked forward to the city that has foundations, whose architect and builder is God. By faith, with Sarah's involvement, he received power of procreation,

even though he was too old, because he considered him faithful who had promised. Therefore from one person, and this one as good as dead, descendants were born, "as many as the stars of heaven and as the innumerable grains of sand by the seashore." All of these died in faith without having received the promises, but from a distance they saw and greeted them. They confessed that they were strangers and foreigners on the earth, for people who speak in this way make it clear that they are seeking a homeland. If they had been thinking of the land that they had left behind, they would have had opportunity to return. But as it is, they desire a better homeland, that is, a heavenly one. Therefore God is not ashamed to be called their God; indeed, he has prepared a city for them.

This is the word of the Lord R. Thanks be to God

Sung Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia Stay awake and be ready!
For you do not know on what day your lord will come!
Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia

The Gospel of Luke (12.32-40)

The Lord be with you. *All:* And also with you Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke. *All:* Glory to you, O Lord.

Jesus said to his disciples, 'Do not be afraid, little flock, for it is your Father's good pleasure to give you the kingdom. Sell your possessions, and give alms. Make purses for yourselves that do not wear out, an unfailing treasure in heaven, where no thief comes near and no moth destroys. For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also. Be dressed for action and have your lamps lit; be like those who are waiting for their master to return from the wedding banquet, so that they may open the door for him as soon as he comes and knocks. Blessed are those slaves whom the master finds alert when he comes; truly I tell you, he will fasten his belt and have them sit down to eat, and he will come and serve them. If he comes during the middle of the night, or near dawn, and finds them so, blessed are those slaves. But know this: if the owner of the house had known at what hour the thief was coming, he would not have let his house be broken into. You also must be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an unexpected hour.'

This is the Gospel of the Lord R. Praise to you, O Christ

Sunday Gospel Reflection

"Do not be afraid, little flock," Jesus says, "for your Father has been pleased to give you the kingdom." These words breathe peace into our anxious hearts. We often live clinging tightly to possessions, status, and plans. But Jesus invites us to live with open hands and expectant hearts, ready for a greater treasure. We are to be like servants waiting for their master—not with dread, but with joy and watchfulness. Each day is a chance to live with eternity in view. What we do with our time, love, and treasure reveals where our heart truly is. So stay awake, Jesus says. Be dressed for action. The kingdom is coming—and the King is nearer than we think.

