

November 12, 2023: 32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

Background on the Gospel Reading

In this week's Gospel, Jesus talks about what it means to be prepared to receive the Kingdom of Heaven. This week's reading follows a series of warnings and predictions by Jesus about the coming of the Son of Man. Jesus wants his disciples to understand that the exact day and time cannot be predicted. He teaches the disciples that they must remain vigilant so that they will not be caught unprepared.

When thinking about the parable of the wise and foolish virgins, it is important to consider the first-century wedding traditions of Palestine. Scholars tell us that it was the custom of the day for young maidens—friends and family members of the bride—to meet the bridegroom when he came to bring his bride to her new home.

As with many of Jesus' parables, several levels of interpretation are possible. In last week's Gospel, we heard Jesus warn against following the example of the Pharisees and scribes. If read in the context of early Christianity's struggle to define itself against Pharisaic Judaism, this parable is a continuing critique of Judaism. It suggests that the Jewish leaders were like the foolish virgins, unprepared to meet Jesus, the bridegroom of Israel.

In the chapter preceding this parable, however, Jesus warns about the destruction of Jerusalem, the tribulation of the end times, and the coming of the Son of Man. When read in this context, today's parable is a warning to the Christian community to remain vigilant and prepared to receive Jesus, the Son of Man who will return at the end of time. This interpretation is supported by the reference to the delay of the bridegroom. The Christian community for whom Matthew wrote this Gospel was coming to terms with the realization that the promise of Jesus' return would not be fulfilled within their lifetimes. The question remains for us to ask ourselves, Are we ready to receive Jesus? Will we be prepared to receive him?
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Reflection:

The foolish have no oil in their lamps. They burn themselves out through a life of self-seeking and dedication to worldly cares and vanities. They do not even think of the Lord, much less wait for his coming. The wise, on the other hand, have oil in their lamps. They are detached from themselves and from the cares of the world, and are full of charity. They are waiting for the Lord, and desire nothing else but his coming.

Let us keep our minds alight with faith, our souls alight with hope, and our hearts alight with love, as we wait in joyful hope for the coming of our Saviour, Jesus Christ.

Flor McCarthy, New Sunday and Holy Day Liturgies – Year A, Dominican Publications, Dublin (Ireland), 1999, p.342

Waiting for his coming

November 12, 2023 **32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time** **Sacred Heart Parish**

A Stewardship Parish in Union with Christ

Parish Information

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Weekend Masses:
Mass During Week:

Saturday 4:30 pm, Sunday 11 am.
Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday at 7 pm.
Friday at 10 am.

Daily mass is cancelled any day schools are closed due to bad weather.

Lohnes Complex*

First Friday of each month - 2 pm at the Lohnes Complex.
***Note: No mass at the church on this day.**

Bible Study:

To be determined.

Holy Hour of Adoration:

Postponed until further notice.

Reconciliation:

By request.

Marriages:

Six months' notice required. A year's notice is recommended.

Baptisms:

Please call the Parish Office to schedule preparation session.

Family Connections:

At www.rcchurch.com you will find a link to family connections.

St. Vincent de Paul:

To assist those in need. Call 638-9010.



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November 4th & 5th, 2023

Regular Sunday	\$1764.00
Loose Offering	149.15
Building Fund	485.00
Votive Candles	40.00
In Memorium	550.00
Word Among Us	4.00
Mass Stipends	20.00
St. Vincent de Paul	200.00

MASS INTENTIONS

Tue. 7 pm	Late Serena Callahan
Wed. 7 pm	Late Gus & Irene Rumbolt
Thur. 7 pm	Late Theresa Whynot
Fri. 10 am*	Late Eileen Davis
Sat. 4:30 pm	Late Jackie Griffin & Aloysius Joy
Sun. 11 am	Parish Community

LITURGICAL MINISTERS

November 18	
John Noseworthy	Barbara Neville
November 19	
Mike Leonard	Margaret Dally
Communion to the sick – Eileen Moore	

BOOK SALE: November 18th, Sacred Heart Ladies Group will be having a Book Sale at Sacred Heart Elementary School from 10 – 3 pm. Please drop off books to the church.

ANNUAL ADVENT ECUMENICAL SERVICE: is at The Cathedral of St. John the Evangelist, 25 Main St., on Sunday December 3 at 7pm. All singers are welcome to join the choir. Rehearsals will take place Sunday, November 19th at 2pm and Sunday, December 3 at 5:45pm.

PARISH COUNCIL MEETING: Tuesday, November 14th, after evening mass.

Presence: The Mystery of the Eucharist

Although the Eucharist appears to be simple bread and wine, it is actually the “source and summit” of the Christian life. Presence: The Mystery of the Eucharist explores the truth and beauty of Christ’s real presence in the Eucharist, from its origins in Sacred Scripture, to its profound role in the life of the Church and her members. These four sessions have been carefully designed to help participants discover the powerful way that God is present to us in the Eucharist, inviting us into an intimate union with Himself and the transformative power of the grace God offers us in this sacrament. There will be videos and small group discussions.

PLEASE NOTE THE TIME CHANGE

Sessions will be November 13th and 27th, December 4th and 11th at the Cathedral from 6:30p.m. - 8:00p.m.

Please contact angie.dolomount@gmail.com or 709-631-4543 for more information and to register.

MARY’S KITCHEN: Is all thru the month of November, Friday’s at 4p.m. - 5:30p.m. You can sign up at the back of the church. It is held at the basement of the Holdy Redeemer Cathedral on Mt. Bernard Avenue.

PARISH OUTREACH: This committee is offering to bring communions and provide a pastoral visit to those who wish to have this ongoing contact. To anyone needing a pastoral visit or communion to the sick please call the parish office at 709-785-5025 and you will be directed to a committee member.

DEVELOPMENT & PEACE: Together, let’s support the communities of Guapinol and San Pedro in Honduras!

Development and Peace — Caritas Canada is responding to the call from our partner ERIC–Radio Progreso to raise awareness of the tragic plight of the communities of Guapinol and the San Pedro sector. We stand with them as they defend their right to water for survival and struggle to obtain:

- Justice
- Reparations and protection
- The cancellation of irregularly granted mining permits
- The restoration of their national park

“It is urgent to cancel all mining in this area of our park. All the damage caused to our rivers and mountains must be repaired.”

— Daniel Márquez, Guapinol defender and former political prisoner

Let’s ask the Honduran government to better protect environmental and human rights defenders and to act for justice. Stand in solidarity. Sign the letter to the Honduran ambassador at devp.org/act.

COFFEE TIME: Our Parish Outreach Committee will continue coffee time after masses on Sunday mornings. Come join us for a cup of tea or coffee and maybe a little snack. This is the time to share with your brothers and sisters and welcome new members. Baked goods are always welcome.

BINGO: The Sacred Heart Ladies Group with be having the next bingo on November 26th, 2p.m. at the Sacred Heart Elementary School.

STOCKING STUFFERS: The Society of St. Vincent de Paul is currently accepting stocking stuffers for their Christmas Hampers. A list of suggested gift donations/gift cards for all age groups can be found at the back of the church. The collection box is located at the back of the Church. For those who prefer to make cash donations, envelopes are available on the church table and tax receipts can be provided. Additionally, if you or your family are interested in sponsoring a hamper or can help in any way, please contact the Society at 638-9010. We sincerely appreciate your ongoing generosity.

SHEPHERDS’ FUND FOUNDATION ANNUAL CAMPAIGN - YEAR 2023:

On the weekend, November 25 and 26, the Annual Shepherds’ Fund Foundation Campaign will be conducted. A special envelope for this Appeal may be included in your envelope package or a specially addressed envelope may be provided by your Parish. Otherwise, please use a regular envelope clearly labeled SHEPHERDS’ FUND ANNUAL CAMPAIGN and include your name and address to ensure you will get a receipt for tax purposes.

If you are not able to make your contribution on the weekend of November 25 and 26, donations will be accepted at any time. The Board of the Shepherds’ Fund Foundation extends sincere appreciation for your kind support and wishes you God’s Blessing for your participation in this Campaign.

NOVEMBER: THE MONTH OF THE HOLY SOULS:

This month we pray for deceased loved ones and for all the faithful departed. A visit to the cemetery this month also brings us special blessings. They benefit from our prayers.