

November 19, 2023: 33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

Background on the Gospel Reading

This week's Gospel speaks of how Jesus' disciples are to conduct themselves as they await the Kingdom of Heaven. In the preceding passages and in last week's Gospel, Jesus taught that there is no way to predict the coming of the Kingdom of Heaven. His disciples must, therefore, remain vigilant and ready to receive the Son of Man at any time.

Jesus' parable talks about Christian discipleship using economic metaphors. Before he leaves on a journey, the master entrusts to his servants a different number of talents, giving to each according to their abilities. A talent is a coin of great value. Upon the master's return, he finds that the first and second servants have doubled their money, and both are rewarded. The third servant, however, has only preserved what was given to him because he was afraid to lose the money. He has risked nothing; he did not even deposit the money in a bank to earn interest. This servant is punished by the master, and his talent is given to the one who brought the greatest return.

Read in light of last week's parable of the wise and foolish bridesmaids, this parable teaches that God's judgment will be based on the service we render to God and to one another in accordance with the gifts that God has given to us. Our gifts, or talents, are given to us for the service of others. If we fail to use these gifts, God's judgment on us will be severe. On the other hand, if we make use of these gifts in service to the Kingdom of Heaven, we will be rewarded and entrusted with even more responsibilities.

This Gospel reminds us that Christian spirituality is not passive or inactive. Our life of prayer helps us to discern the gifts that have been given to us by God. This prayer and discernment ought to lead us to use our gifts in the service of God and our neighbor. God's grace allows us to share in the work of serving the Kingdom of Heaven.
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Reflection:

The cost of talent

I have not the fine audacity of men, Who have mastered the pen, Or the purse.
The complexes of many slaves are in my verse.
When I straighten my shoulders to look at the world boldly, I see talent coldly,
Damning me to stooped attrition.
Mine was a beggar's mission, To dreams of beauty I should have been born blind.
I should have been content to walk behind, Watching the reflection of God's delight:
A second-hand teller of the story, A second-hand glory.
It was not right, That my mind should have echoed life's overtones
That I should have seen a flower, Petalled in mighty power.

(From The Complete Poems of Patrick Kavanagh, 1984, Goldsmith Press)

Flor McCarthy, New Sunday and Holy Day Liturgies – Year A, Dominican Publications, Dublin (Ireland), 1999, p.347-348

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A Stewardship Parish in Union with Christ



Parish Information

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Weekend Masses:

Saturday 4:30 pm, Sunday 11 am.

Mass During Week:

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:

November 28th, 2023, after evening mass.

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.

RECEIVED WITH THANKS
November 11th & 12th, 2023

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| Regular Sunday | 1777.00 |
| Loose Offering | 87.40 |
| Building Fund | 60.00 |
| Christmas Flowers | 20.00 |
| Cemetery Fund | 20.00 |
| Votive Candles | 40.00 |
| Mass Stipends | 130.00 |
| Baptism Fees | 100.00 |
| Shepherds Fund | 75.00 |
| St. Vincent de Paul | 95.00 |

MASS INTENTIONS

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| Tue. 7 pm | Late John (Jack) Cashin Late Michael Schulz Late Sister Josette Hutchings |
| Wed. 7 pm | Late Thomas & Edith Hackett |
| Thur. 7 pm | Late Bob Beales |
| Fri. 10 am* | Parish Community |
| Sat. 4:30 pm | Late Thomas & Anne Bill Barry |
| Sun. 11 am | Late Gary Wells |

LITURGICAL MINISTERS

| November 18 | |
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| Reader | Eucharistic Minister |
| Linda Tarbett | John Carroll |
| November 19 | |
| Reader | Eucharistic Minister |
| Amelia Dicks | Bernadette Stone |
| Communion to the sick – Joan Penney | |

MASS CHANGE: Wednesday's mass November 29th, at 7pm will be held at 10 a.m. This is the only change for this week.

SUNDAY MISSALS: For 2023-2024 have arrived and are \$7.00 each. They can be found in the back of the church, or at the parish office.

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

BIBLE STUDY: To start Tuesday, November 28 after evening Mass.

LADIES GROUP DANCE: Thank you to the Ladies Group of Sacred Heart Parish and all who attended the dance. We brought in \$2720.25.

Poor Box Collection: The next SSVP Poor Box Collection will be taken up on the weekend of December 2-3. Thank you for your continued support.

BISHOP O'REILLY ASSEMBLY 0624: will be meeting at All Hallows Parish Humber Road Corner Brook on Tuesday November 21st at 7:45 P.M. Could Sir Knights please try to attend.

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Presence: The Mystery of the Eucharist
The "source and summit" of the Christian life. Next sessions are November 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.

BINGO: The Sacred Heart Ladies Group will be having the next bingo on Sunday, November 26th, 2pm. at Sacred Heart Elementary School. Please continue with your donations and help.

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 Holy 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: Let's heed the cry of the Earth and the cry of the poor and let's act!

Pope Francis calls us to hear "the cry of the earth and the cry of the poor" (Laudato Si', 49). Yet, since 2015, the communities of Guapinol and the San Pedro sector have been trying in vain to be heard. In their struggle for justice, defenders are attacked, criminalized and even killed. Eight defenders were unjustly imprisoned for over two years, and three people have been murdered since January 2023.

"The Government of Honduras must act diligently and suspend these extractive activities, which are carried out illegally and with total disregard for the environment."
— Elvin Hernández, human rights investigator, ERIC–Radio Progreso

Act now! Sign the letter to the Honduran ambassador to Canada asking her government for protection, justice and reparation for environmental defenders and for Carlos Escaleras National Park (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.

STOCKING STUFFERS: The Society of St. Vincent de Paul is still accepting stocking stuffers for the Christmas Hampers. A list of suggested gift donations/gift cards 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: The weekend of November 25 and 26, the Campaign will be conducted. Check your envelop package for this Appeal or a specially addressed envelope may be provided by your Parish. You can also use a regular envelop labeled SHEPHERDS' FUND ANNUAL CAMPAIGN and add your name and address to ensure you will get a receipt for tax purposes. Remember we can accept contributions at any time. The Board extends sincere appreciation for your kind support and wishes you God's Blessing for your participation in this Campaign.