

BLESSED SACRAMENT

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Sunday Mass: 10:00AM

Mission Statement:
Established in the Spirit of Jesus Christ with an Afro-centric focus, Blessed Sacrament Chapel is committed to spreading the "Word" through fellowship and good works.

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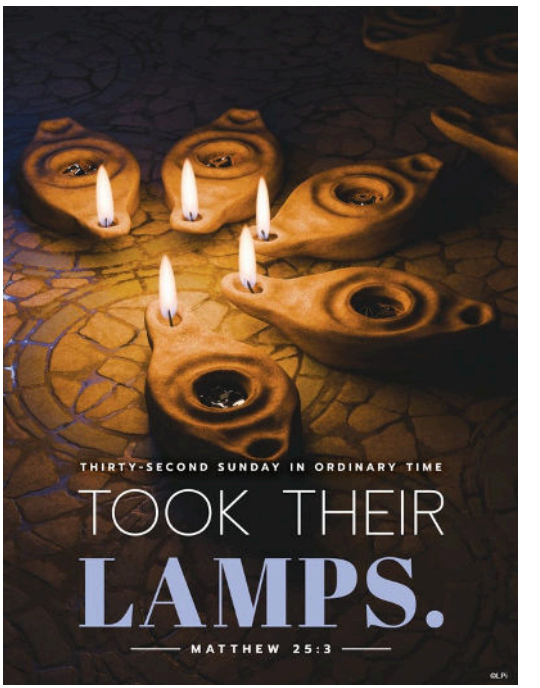
Sunday's Readings

First Reading:
Resplendent and unfading is wisdom,
and she is readily perceived by those who love her,
and found by those who seek her. (Wis 6:12)

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

Second Reading:
For if we believe that Jesus died and rose,
so too will God, through Jesus,
bring with him those who have fallen asleep. (1 Thes 4:14)

Gospel:
"Therefore, stay awake,
for you know neither the day nor the hour." (Mt 25:13)



My Dear Parishioners:

The refusal of the wise virgins to share may appear selfish. But here we are not talking really about lamps and oil but about people and life. There are certain things you cannot borrow or inherit. Your parents or my parents may have been the best people in the world. If so, that is a blessing beyond measure. But for all that it cannot be taken for granted that we will automatically become decent caring men and women. We can learn from one another, be inspired by one another, but in the last analysis we shape our own destiny. Character cannot be transferred or borrowed. We must build it for ourselves.

The same is true of the faith. Parents and other people are reminded that it is their responsibility to hand on the faith to the younger generation. But again, faith is not like a farm of land or a legacy. It cannot be given by a parent to a child. Yes, all kinds of encouragement and good example can help enormously, but in the end, the young person as they grow up to maturity must accept or reject the invitation in his or her own heart.

The arrival of children of their own can often be a decisive moment for young parents as regards the faith. Some never seem to come back, but always remember God has his own way of welcoming people home even if along unexpected routes.

Blessings,

Fr. John

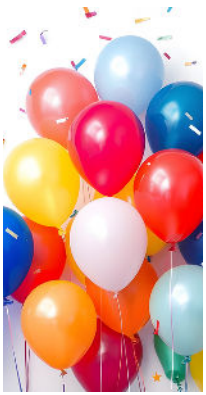
Thank You

Thank you for celebrating our 25th Wedding Anniversary with us.
It was a joy to pray and be with you.

Sincerely,

Jerry and Phaedra Fuchs





November Birthdays

11—Jeff Sanford
16—Joyce Moorman
Greg Gough
19—Ron Moorman
Barbara Bisel
20 – Gary Wahl
22—Trey Hatchett

Mass Intentions

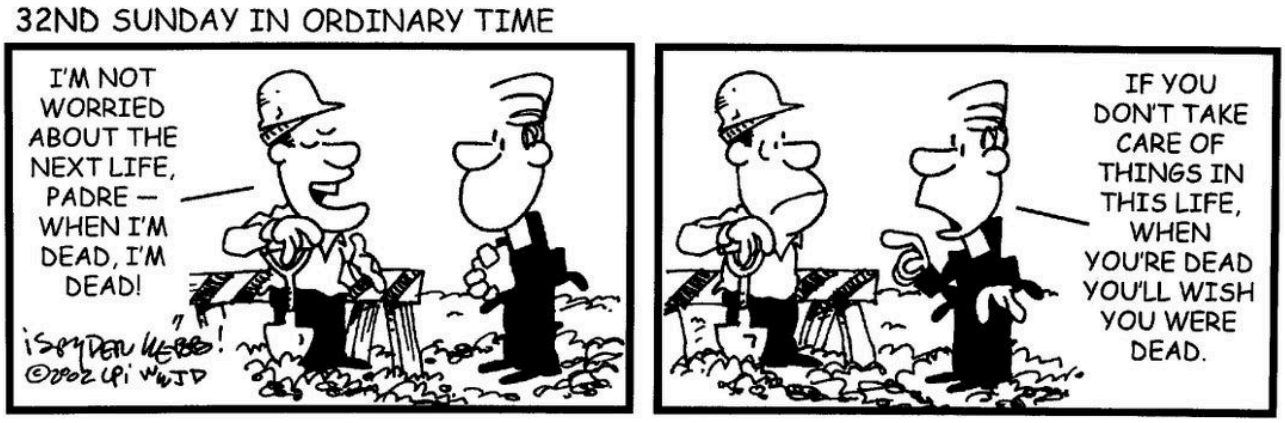
November 8 - Carl Millay

November 15 - Sam Thruston

November 22 - Charles and Sandra Brown

Our thoughts and prayers are with the sick: Rayma Hollis, Judy Aronold, Ginny Singleton, Mary Ann Terry, Nicole Melton, Mike Dunn, Renee Perkins, Rita Moorman, Joanne Kendall, Rollie Pike, Larry Leachman, Dorothy Simmons, Steve Coble, Teresa Luebbert, Diane Selby, Kathi Skidd, Ray Higgs, Pam Wilson, Phil Armendarez, Cindy Heckmann, Judy Stinett, Shaun Winchell, China Dulin, Steven Moorman, Ronnie Hollis, Chandra Hagan, Ruth Coble, Carol Hatchett, Jordan Gertisen, Shelby Webster, Gary Moorman. **If you know of anyone who is in need of prayer or visitation, please notify the office.**

Let us remember to pray for those who are dying and those who have recently died, ***especially Philip Moorman, Jr., son of Joyce and Philip Moorman, Sr.*** *Remember to pray for the souls in purgatory, especially for those who have no one to pray for them.*





November 8 - Religious Ed

November 15 - Religious Ed

November 22- No Religious Ed

November 22 - Thanksgiving Meal - Noon



November 1--$1,443.28
Budget--$1,541.00
MTD Collection--$1,443.28
MTD Budget--$1,541.00
YTD Collection--$28,103.85
YTD Budget--$27,738.00

May each give according to what the Lord has blessed us with.

Thanks to everyone who practices stewardship on a regular basis. An active parishioner attends Mass regularly and practices stewardship (time, talent, treasure).

GOSPEL MEDITATION

My first instinct upon waking is to grab my phone and start scrolling. Sometimes I do it for 20 or 30 minutes, and it makes me feel distracted and agitated. I feel guilty, too, for wasting my first moments of the day. So recently, I committed those minutes to reading a book that would focus my mind on Jesus. I enjoy the fact that I am not scattering my attention as much. I feel more peaceful and focused on God.

In today's Gospel, Jesus speaks about attention. He contrasts wise and foolish virgins, and then sums up the teaching by saying, **"Therefore, stay awake, for you know neither the day nor the hour" (Matthew 25:13).** The basic currency of the human heart is *attention*. The foolish bridesmaids are not immoral or malicious; they are unfocused, distracted, and unprepared. They assume that borrowed oil will suffice, that someone else's readiness can make up for their own lack. But the attention which is love cannot be outsourced. A relationship with God requires personal attentiveness cultivated over time.

This Gospel leaves us with an honest question. What am I giving my attention to each day, and am I forming a heart that is awake, watchful, and ready to meet the Lord when He comes? How can I use key moments of my day to focus my attention where I need it to be?

— Father John Muir

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 and 23, 27 and 29/Lk 17:7-10

Wednesday: Ti 3:1-7/Ps 23:1b-3a, 3bc-4, 5, 6/Lk 17:11-19

Thursday: Phlm 7-20/Ps 146:7, 8-9a, 9bc-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 112:1-2, 3-4, 5-6/Lk 18:1-8

Observances for the Week

Monday: The Dedication of the Lateran Basilica

Tuesday: St. Leo the Great, Pope and Doctor of the Church

Wednesday: St. Martin of Tours, Bishop; Veterans Day

Thursday: St. Josaphat, Bishop and Martyr

Friday: St. Frances Xavier Cabrini, Virgin

A Prayer for Veterans

We pray in gratitude for all of those who have defended peace, virtue, and justice with honor.

We pray especially for those who have suffered in mind and body from the ravages of war.

Let Your Kingdom come!

May Your peace that surpasses all understanding reign in our hearts and in our world.

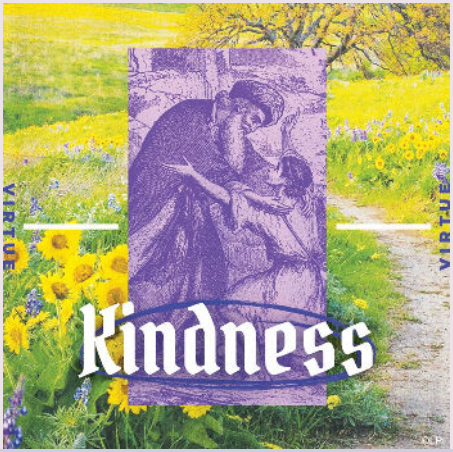
Amen.

Kindness, Explained!

In the modern lexicon, the quality of "kindness" is often equated with politeness — but real, virtuous kindness is so much more. Virtuous kindness is a way of seeing others through the eyes of God.

God is not polite — God is kind, and His kindness is abundantly evident in all of creation. It was suspicion of this divine kindness that precipitated the fall of Adam and Eve (CCC 214), and it was this unfailing kindness that facilitated our own adoption as God's children, conformed to the image of His son (CCC 257).

Also known as benevolence or beneficence and derived from the theological virtue of charity, kindness is a fruit of the Holy Spirit (Galatians 5:22) and is a central theme in the famous parable of the Good Samaritan. In practicing kindness and seeking the good of another without prejudice or condition, the Samaritan reflects God's own plan of loving kindness for us.





QUESTIONS OF THE WEEK - REFLECT AND RESPOND TO SCRIPTURE

1st Reading Question

According to our Jewish sage, wisdom is a virtue that desires to be known by those who seek her.
How does anyone know they have found wisdom?

2nd Reading Question

Paul offers hope in the bodily resurrection of the dead for the Thessalonians who are grieving the death of a loved one.
How does your faith in Jesus sustain you in times of grief and distress?

Gospel Question

In the Parable of the Ten Virgins, Jesus teaches his disciples the importance of planning ahead for the unknown.
Do you consider yourself a pre-planner?

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LIVE THE LITURGY - INSPIRATION FOR THE WEEK

The Christian life is a life of waiting, for the Bridegroom is long delayed. We can grow too comfortable in the waiting that we forget what it's all for. So let us look to our lamps and always remember — the waiting will not last forever.

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Ministry Schedule

	Lectors	Eucharistic Ministers	Collection & Gifts
November 8	Leland Herzog Wayne Stephens	Cindy Clark Michelle Jones Janet Clark	Kelly, Holly, & Sam Hollis
November 15	Jacques Williams Barb Bisel	Greg & Denise Richardson Misty Sanford	Barbara Hammond Wonet Taylor



Volunteers Needed:

We need volunteers to help make our annual thanksgiving community meal a success.

Please see the sign up sheet in the back of church for sides, desserts, and drinks.

We also need help with carving turkeys, serving, and clean up on Sunday November 22nd.

Thank you for your ministry of service to our parish and community.

Outside the Wedding Feast

Every time my husband tells me he needs to take our car in for an oil change, I groan: "Didn't we just do that, like, six months ago?"

"Yeah," he replies. "And like I told you six months ago, that's roughly how often it needs to be done."

If I didn't have him, I would forget to change that oil until the engine came to a grinding halt in the middle of the interstate. It's not that I'm incapable — I remember when we're about to run out of butter, when we need to scrub out the kitchen sink so it doesn't get nasty, when it's time to schedule the kids' annual doctor visits. I just don't even think about the oil.

Why would I? My husband's on top of it.

Our brains reflexively prioritize certain tasks, delegating the rest to the care of others we trust. I do it with the oil in the car. My husband does it with the groceries.

Sometimes — too often, in fact — we do it with our spiritual lives. We let it go. We don't think about it. We trust. *God's got us. We'll focus on that tomorrow.*

It's beautiful to have a relationship with God based in confidence, not in anxiety. But do we sometimes take this further than is healthy? In trusting that God loves us unconditionally, do we slip into the habit of de-prioritizing him? Do we linger too long outside the wedding feast, trimming our neglected lamps, forgetting that once the door closes, it also locks?

By Colleen Jurkiewicz Dorman









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