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Thirty Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

A Sabbath Thought

True wisdom consists in knowing that the ultimate horizon of human existence is the kingdom of God, currently beyond our sight. We may not see it, but its power is even now at work in us who believe.

About Today's Bible Readings

WISDOM 6:12-16

Even from ancient times, wisdom has been praised as desirable. Without wisdom, human beings labor under unnecessary cares.

Psalm:

63:2, 3-4, 5-6, 7-8

R. My soul is thirsting for you, O Lord my God.

1 THESSALONIANS 4:13-18

Paul answers for the Thessalonians a question about the status of those who have died before the second coming of Christ. The apostle turns their attention to the important thing: We shall be with the Lord.

MATTHEW 25:1-13

A wedding party awaiting the groom's arrival becomes, in Jesus' parable, a metaphor for the church that awaits the return of its glorious Lord.

ENTRANCE RITE – Amos 5:14-15a

- V. Seek good and not evil, that you may live; Then truly will the Lord, the God of hosts, be with you as you claim!*
- R. Hate evil and love good, and let justice prevail at the gate.**
- V. Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit,*
- R. As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.**

ALLELUIA – Isaiah 40:8

- V. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.*
- R. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.**
- V. Though the grass withers and the flower wilts, the word of our God stands forever.*
- R. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia**

THE GOSPEL – MATTHEW 25: 1-13

Jesus told his disciples this parable:
"The kingdom of heaven will be like ten virgins who took their lamps and went out to meet the bridegroom. Five of them were foolish and five were wise. The foolish ones, when taking their lamps, brought no oil with them, but the wise brought flasks of oil with their lamps. Since the bridegroom was long delayed, they all became drowsy and fell asleep. At midnight, there was a cry, 'Behold, the bridegroom! Come out to meet him!' Then all those virgins got up and trimmed their lamps. The foolish ones said to the wise, 'Give us some of your oil, for our lamps are going out.' But the wise ones replied, 'No, for there may not be enough for us and you. Go instead to the merchants and buy some for yourselves.' While they went off to buy it, the bridegroom came and those who were ready went into the wedding feast with him. Then the door was locked. Afterwards the other virgins came and said, 'Lord, Lord, open the door for us!' But he said in reply, 'Amen, I say to you, I do not know you.' Therefore, stay awake, for you know neither the day nor the hour."

This is the Gospel of the Lord!

Worship Services

INTENTIONS:

My Brothers and Sisters:

Our prayers are needed: For the increase in men called to the priesthood and diaconate of the Polish National Catholic Church; For the health and growth of our Parish; For all of the sick, homebound and troubled members of our Parish, our families and friends, especially Debra Caldwell, Dan Shaner, Ken and Judy Mawson, Sharon Fitzwater, Isabella Mularczyk, Edward Czechowski, Patrice Czechowski, Donna Schalata, Tom Schalata, Bill and Bernice Biroscak, Geri Piotrowski, Janet Katinowsky, Julia Urban, Sandy Pfennig, Janice Elaine Casperson, Janis Hogg, Elizabeth McAlanis, Barbara Waszk, Jackie Weinhold, Jane and John Aldershoff, Pat Schiaroli, Diane Fisher, Father Senior Ed Ratajack, Jerry Butto, Eileen McCoury, Alexus, Matthew and Kristy Samsel, Janet Kelly, Bishop Bernard Nowicki, Laura Alfano, Scott Gaydos, Donald Barth, Kenneth Cerminara, John Freeman, Sr., Bob Price, Eleanor Kaczmarczyk, Mary Ann Bezek, Kaleb Gates, Larkspur Dente, Eric Meck, Darryl Weinhold, Scott Kallish, Damon Grossman, Joseph Grossman, Jr., Skye Sadowski, Jeannine Dresh, Violet Hart, Nancy Ziolkowski, John Bennett, David and Judy Wunderlich, Tammy Bolich and Berne Bloom... **Our Father...**

If there are any changes to this list, please let Fr. Sr. Donald know!

Gerry Brunson's name is being removed from the prayer list. He wishes to extend his thanks for all of your thoughts and prayers which saw him through successful surgery and a very optimistic recovery.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Today, November 12th; The ANS will meet in the Library after the 9:30 Mass.

Tuesday, November 14th; The YMS of R will meet in the Fellowship Hall at 7:00 PM. If you are not a member, please consider joining us and see what we are all about.

Wednesday, November 15th; The Book Club will meet in the Library at 7:00 PM.

Sunday, November 19th; Regular Monthly meeting of the Parrish Committee in the Fellowship Hall at 11:00 AM.

If there are any other events not listed here, please let Fr. Sr. Donald know!

MEMORIAL PLAQUE

The seven-year old had been staring at the plaque for some time, so the pastor walked up, stood beside the boy, and said quietly, "Good morning Alex." "Good morning pastor," replied the young man, still focused on the plaque. "Pastor McGhee, what is this?" Alex asked. "Well, son, it's a memorial to all the young men and women who died in the service." Soberly, they stood together, staring at the large plaque. Little Alex's voice was barely audible when he asked, "Which service, the 8:00 or the 9:30?"

TODAY – Nov. 12th
32nd Sunday Ordinary Time

8:00 AM – Holy Mass
9:30 AM – Holy Mass

SUNDAY – Nov. 19th
33rd Sunday Ordinary Time

8:00 AM – Holy Mass
9:30 AM – Holy Mass

SUNDAY – Nov. 26th
Solemnity – Christ the King

8:00 AM – Holy Mass
9:30 AM – Holy Mass

The Baptism of Denni Rae Guss.

SUNDAY – Dec. 3rd
First Sunday of Advent

Liturgical Year (B) Begins

8:00 AM – Holy Mass
9:30 AM – Holy Mass

SUNDAY – Dec. 10th
Second Sunday of Advent

8:00 AM – Holy Mass
9:30 AM – Holy Mass

THANKSGIVING GENEROSITY

And let's not forget about those individuals in our community who are less blessed than ourselves. If you are able to donate food, clothing, money or other items to help them as the holiday season begins, please do so. God Bless you all.

