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Thirty Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

A Sabbath Thought

Christian living in full surrender to God's love may look like a risk but faith tells us that it is a sure thing. When it comes to discipleship, hedging our bets can be a dangerous practice.

About Today's Bible Readings

PROVERBS 31:10-13; 19-20; 30-31

An ancient description of the *worthy life* becomes for us a list of the qualities that should characterize *the worthy disciple*.

Psalm: 128:1-2, 3, 4-5

R. Blessed are those who fear the Lord.

1 THESSALONIANS 5:1-6

Like the Thessalonians, we, too, await the coming of the Lord. Therefore, Paul's advice is still valid: Be awake and sober!

MATTHEW 25:14-30

Once again, Jesus uses a story to teach a point: Disciples are to waste neither time nor talent.

ENTRANCE RITE – Jeremiah 3:19

V. *I had thought: How I should like to treat you as sons, and give you a pleasant land, a heritage most beautiful among the nations!*

R. **You would call Me, "My Father," I thought, and never cease following Me.**

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 – Luke 11:28

V. *Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.*

R. **Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.**

V. *"Blessed are those who hear the word of God and observe it."*

R. **Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia**

THE GOSPEL – MATTHEW 25: 14-30

Jesus told his disciples this parable:

"A man going on a journey called in his servants and entrusted his possessions to them. To one he gave five talents; to another, two; to a third, one--to each according to his ability. Then he went away. Immediately the one who received five talents went and traded with them, and made another five. Likewise, the one who received two made another two. But the man who received one went off and dug a hole in the ground and buried his master's money.

After a long time the master of those servants came back and settled accounts with them. The one who had received five talents came forward bringing the additional five. He said, 'Master, you gave me five talents. See, I have made five more.' His master said to him, 'Well done, my good and faithful servant. Since you were faithful in small matters, I will give you great responsibilities. Come, share your master's joy.' Then the one who had received two talents also came forward and said, 'Master, you gave me two talents. See, I have made two more.' His master said to him, 'Well done, my good and faithful servant. Since you were faithful in small matters, I will give you great responsibilities. Come, share your master's joy.' Then the one who had received the one talent came forward and said, 'Master, I knew you were a demanding person, harvesting where you did not plant and gathering where you did not scatter; so out of fear I went off and buried your talent in the ground. Here it is back.' His master said to him in reply, 'You wicked, lazy servant! So you knew that I harvest where I did not plant and gather where I did not scatter? Should you not then have put my money in the bank so that I could have got it back with interest on my return? Now then! Take the talent from him and give it to the one with ten. For to everyone who has, more will be given and he will grow rich; but from the one who has not, even what he has will be taken away. And throw this useless servant into the darkness outside, where there will be wailing and grinding of teeth.'"

This is the Gospel of the Lord!

Worship Services

TODAY – Nov. 19th

33rd Sunday Ordinary Time

8:00 AM – Holy Mass

9:30 AM – Holy Mass

SUNDAY – Nov. 26th

Solemnity – Christ the King

End of Liturgical Year (A)

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

SUNDAY – Dec. 17th

Third 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.

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, Diane Fisher, Father Senior Ed Ratajack, Eileen McCoury, Alexis, 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, Alicia Bennett, Marty Lazano David and Judy Wunderlich, Tammy Bolich, Berne Bloom and Larry Bagenstose... **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

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

Saturday, December 9th; Advent Penitential Service at 7:00PM

Sunday, December 10th; Egg Sandwich Sale sponsored by the YMS of R after each Mass. Don't miss out on these famous sandwiches.

Sunday, December 17th; **Advent** Tea sponsored by the ANS in the Fellowship Hall at 1:00PM. Details to follow soon.

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!

