

THIRTY-SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

NOVEMBER 12, 2017

Stay awake, for you know neither the day nor the hour.

— *Matthew 25:13*

WISDOM

We consider wisdom today. The first reading from the book of Wisdom presents this precious gift as a feminine spirit, a very desirable virtue sought by many and graciously present to all who seek her. In today's Gospel, Jesus tells a parable to illustrate wisdom in a practical, measurable way. The wise will conserve their resources, use them prudently, and mark the passing of time. The foolish, on the other hand, not planning ahead, will be in the dark. Both of these readings tell us how accessible wisdom is to all who simply and honestly seek it.

Paul's words to the Thessalonians are not about wisdom, but describe one result of true wisdom: To the wise person of faith even death holds no terror. Our faith in Jesus' resurrection tells us we will all one day rise to new life in Christ.

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TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading — Wisdom is easily discerned by those who love her (Wisdom 6:12-16).

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

Second Reading — Since we believe that Jesus died and rose again, through Jesus, God will bring with him those who have died (1 Thessalonians 4:13-18 [13-14]).

Gospel — Stay awake! You know neither the day nor the hour (Matthew 25:1-13).

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

One day a poor boy who sold goods from door to door was very hungry, but he had only one thin dime left. He decided to ask for a meal at the next house. However, he lost his nerve as a lovely young lady opened the door. Instead of a meal he asked for a drink of water. The lady thought he looked hungry and so brought him a large glass of milk. He drank it slowly and then asked, "How much do I owe you?" "You don't owe me anything. Mother has taught us not to accept pay for a kindness," she replied. "Then I thank you from my heart" he said.

As Howard Kelly left that house he not only felt stronger physically, but his faith in God and humans was strengthened. Years later, one day Dr. Howard Kelly was called in for a consultation. When he heard the name of the town where the patient came from a strange light filled his eyes. Immediately he went to the patient's room and recognized her face. Going back to his room the doctor was determined to do his best to save her life. From that day he gave special attention to the case. After a strong struggle the battle was won. Dr. Kelly requested the final bill was sent to him for approval. He looked at it, then wrote something on the edge and sent it to her room. She feared to open it, for she was sure it would take the rest of her life to pay it. Finally, she looked and something caught her attention on the side of the bill. She began to read the words: "Paid in full with one glass of milk. Signed Dr. Howard Kelly." Tears of joy flooded her eyes as her happy heart prayed "Thank you God that Your love has spread broad through human hearts and hands."

(This is based on the story of Dr. Howard Kelly 1858-1943)

***"Blessed are the merciful for they will be shown MERCY."* —Mt. 5:7**

OUR GIFTS RECORD

	Offertory	Development
Last Week's Collection	\$4,928.00	\$2,814.00
Number of Families contributing	133	98
Total Pledge for 2017	\$175,815.00	\$188,514.00
Pledged to Date (44 Weeks)	\$150,210.00	\$159,085.00
Received to Date	\$151,297.56	\$128,545.20
Envelopes Outstanding	(\$1,087.56)	\$30,539.80

LADIES OFFERTORY RECORD

Amount given last week	Amount given to Date in 2017
\$377.00	\$12,874.00

Forty-nine ladies made a contribution last week.

BISHOP'S ANNUAL APPEAL WEEKLY REPORT

2017 Parish Goal	\$25,705.00
Amount Received to Date	\$12,768.61
Amount Outstanding	\$12,936.39

Twenty people made a B.A.A. contribution last week.

HALL RENOVATION FUND WEEKLY REPORT

Amount given last week	Amount given to Date in 2017
\$205.00	\$10,201.00

Eight people made a Hall Fund contribution last week.

PARKING LOT totaled \$7.00.

20 **CHILDREN** contributed \$109.00.

POOR BOX totaled \$121.00.

The **ATTENDANCE** for last Saturday 4:00 P.M. Mass was 210, 7:00 P.M. Mass was 150 and Sunday 10:00 A.M. Mass was 280.

FLOWERS IN THE CHURCH ARE OFFERED BY:

1. Mary O'Hara in loving memory of Johnny Howard Sherlock on the 12th Anniversary of his death;
2. Ann Marie, Sherry, Candace and Family in loving memory of Tommy Bunk Carroll on his 63rd Birthday;
3. Harlo, Tommy DiCaprio and Majesty in loving memory of Jimmy Christopher Riley on his 39th Birthday;
4. and a Parish Family Member in thanks to St. Expedite.

CONGRATULATIONS

to Ireland Carroll for achieving the A+ Honor Roll; Beckham Carroll, Jax Carroll, Scotland Costello, Barrett Cash McNalley, Gwen Riley, Delancey Sherlock, Graclynn Sherlock, Kody Sherlock, Lawson Sherlock, Marlo Sherlock, Maverick Sherlock and Wealth Sherlock for achieving the All-A Honor Roll; and Monroe Carroll, Patrick Dempsey Carroll, Tommy Faro Carroll, Worth Carroll, Stetson McNalley, Hudson Riley, Joseph Dante Riley, Patrick Lewis Riley, Acea Sherlock and Cherish Sherlock for achieving the A-B Honor Roll.

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to Savannah Carroll for placing 1st in the Substance Abuse Awareness Program Poster Contest in her class; Worth Carroll for being Student of the Month in her class; Dior Gorman for placing 1st in the Substance Abuse Awareness Program Poster Contest in her class; Raquel Riley for placing 1st in the Substance Abuse Awareness Program Poster Contest in her class; Cherish Sherlock for having Higher than Average Scores in Math and Reading on MAP Test; and Kody Sherlock for being chosen to be on the Principal's Writing Wall of Fame.

THANKSGIVING HELP It is asked that everyone please donate a Wal-Mart Gift Card to help members of our Parish Family on Thanksgiving. Gifts Cards can be given to Mary Rita O'Hara or the Church Office.

THANK YOU to a member for a donation in thanks to St. Expedite and St. Joseph for the poor; and five members for their donations in thanks to St. Expedite.

SPECIAL COLLECTION The second collection this weekend will be for the *Solidarity Fund for the Church in Africa* and the second collection next weekend will be for the *Campaign for Human Development*. Please be generous.

VALUABLE

A *clay pot with honey* will always be ranked higher than a *golden pot having poison*. It's not the *outer glamour* but the *inner virtues* that make us **VALUABLE!!!**

JOKE OF THE WEEK

A man kept going to the ophthalmic doctor because his eye hurt and the doctor finally discovered his problem. The doctor told him,

“Your eye hurts when you drink tea, so you can't drink tea.”

The man stuttered, “But I love tea!”

The doctor replied, “Okay, as long as you take the spoon out.”

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

- Monday:** St. Frances Xavier Cabrini
- Wednesday:** St. Albert the Great
- Thursday:** St. Margaret of Scotland; St. Gertrude
- Friday:** St. Elizabeth of Hungary
- Saturday:** The Dedication of the Basilicas of Ss. Peter and Paul; St. Rose Philippine Duchesne; Blessed Virgin Mary

MASS INTENTIONS

- Monday:** For Shawn Kaiser on his Birthday.
- Tuesday:** For deceased Legionaries.
- Wednesday:** In honor of the Holy Souls and St. Joseph.
- Thursday:** For the repose of the soul of Bush's Bridgie on her Birthday.
- Friday:** In honor of the Holy Souls and Precious Blood.

A SINNER'S PLEA

Dear Lord, I come to You today;
Unworthy, yet I know...
For all the promises You've made,
You will not bid me to go.

I have erred and strayed afar;
And yet to You I come
To offer up a sinner's heart...
A most unworthy sum.

Still, in Your kind and loving way,
You'll cast out all my sin
And, gratefully, my soul will yield
To let Your Spirit in.

READERS

Sat. Nov. 11th, 4:00 P.M. Rita Riley & Grace
Sat. Nov. 11th, 7:00 P.M. Jay & Mary Regina

Sun. Nov. 12th, 10:00 A.M. Jimmy Joseph & Theresa Maria Cat

Sat. Nov. 18th, 4:00 P.M. Cathy Lisa Butts & Karen
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Sun. Nov. 19th, 10:00 A.M. Theresa Maria Cat & Jimmy Joseph

READERS – WEEKDAYS

Monday Taneil
Tuesday Theresa Maria
Wednesday Natalie
Thursday Christina
Friday Fallon

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS – WEEKEND

Saturday 4:00 P.M. **November 11th**
Front Bridget Ann
Left Cup Winnie Ann

Saturday 7:00 P.M. **November 11th**
Front Jay
Cup Johnny Jay's Ann

Sunday 10:00 A.M.

November 12th **November 19th**
Pete Man's Nora Pete Man's Nora
Rose Marie Rose Marie

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS - WEEKDAY

Monday Mary Cat
Tuesday Pete Man's Nora
Wednesday Ann T.
Thursday Bibbie's Catherine Ann
Friday Ann Rita

VALUE LIFE NOT DEATH

1. **We care more for the dead than we do for the living.**
2. **We will not travel to see a sick relative, but will travel to bury him.**
3. **People will rarely respect you while alive, but they will want to “pay their respects” to your casket.**
4. **We will take the dead to the church knowing fully well they had nothing to do with God while alive.**
5. **A person may NEVER receive roses in his entire life, but will get lots dumped on their grave.**

~~~~~**PRAYER CORNER**~~~~~

**FATHER HELP ME**

Father, as the span of my life grows shorter, complacency as an enemy leads me to take for granted Your goodness in the promise of salvation for Your faithful Through the inspiration of Your spirit help me to praise you continually for the people and events that have entered my life. Help me to stand firm to the end in the face of any difficulties I might encounter, in union with the sufferings of Your Son, Jesus. Amen. Alleluia!

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