

Thirty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time

November 19, 2023

You will call upon me,
and I will answer you!



Masses For The Week

Sun 19 Thirty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

08:00 am +Gilbert & June Leyendecker (Sandy Leyendecker)
+Luis G. & Evelina Soto (Maria Castillo)
+Alonso Soto (Maria Castillo)

Thr 23 Thanksgiving Day

10:00 am +Gilbert & June Leyendecker (Sandy Leyendecker)
+Diana Reese (Peggy Van Cleve)

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Why does the master call the two servants "good and faithful?" Because, when entrusted with a vast amount of money, they do not run off or spend the money on themselves; rather, they invest what was given them as a way of honoring their relationship with their master. His reply is, "Since you were faithful, I will give you great responsibilities. Come, share my joy." Which means: Come, and be my equal. The worthy wife is valued "far beyond pearls" because she loves her husband and family with this same kind of gratuitous, self-sacrificing love that is worthy of God. We are "children of the light" inasmuch as we live obediently under our all-surpassing and all-loving Master.

The Sanctuary Candle



This Week will be Burning for
+All Souls in Purgatory (Sandra Leyendecker)

Good News!

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Thirty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time (A)
Proverbs 31:10-13, 19-20, 30-31 / 1 Thessalonians 5:1-6 /
Matthew 25:14-30 or 25:14-15, 19-21

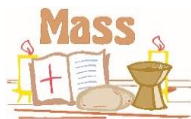
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Those who are willing to take great risks are often the ones who give birth to dreams of growth and new life. Often it is at the scary edge of life where such growth ultimately takes place. In 1776, those who sparked a revolution and risked their personal wealth founded a new nation. President Abraham Lincoln issued his Emancipation Proclamation in 1863, when many were urging him not to do so, thus opening the door of freedom to those who found it locked. In South Africa, Nelson Mandela risked speaking out against apartheid, was imprisoned for twenty-seven years, and was eventually freed to become the leader of a new South Africa.

So often those who risk to make life new are those who are living at the growing edge of God's reign, instruments of God bringing creation to new life.

In the parable in this week's Gospel, three individuals are entrusted with a treasure of great worth. The third person backs away from any risk, burying it because he is stifled by fear. God's dynamic presence, on the other hand, grows when individuals risk doing the right thing in spite of the consequences, when they are willing to speak an unpopular truth, when they take a stand for those on the edges of society, when they break down the barriers of racism and oppression. In the end, we need to listen less to our fears and more to our dreams. It's where God does God's best work: at the edges. ●

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Mass Intentions

MASS INTENTION BOOK FOR THE YEAR 2024

Mass Intention Book for 2024 is now open. You may choose as many dates that are available. If you have intentions you would like to offer during a Mass, please bring them to the Parish Office. **NO intentions will be accepted by phone. All intentions must be made in person (Tuesday, Wednesday & Thursday: 9a-12p & 1:30p-4:00p).** Your cooperation is greatly appreciated. Thank you. Fr. Nolasco.



SANCTUARY CANDLE FOR THE YEAR 2024

Anyone interested in making a \$10.00 donation to have the Sanctuary Candle burning weekly in memory of a loved one or for a special intention may do so in person in

the Parish Office during regular hours on or after November.

LET US PRAY FOR THE SICK OF OUR PARISH

Olga Gonzalez, Cristina Zarate, Mina Aldaco, Mario Garcia, Ramona Alaniz, Edna Flores, Ana Maria Finley, Mary G. Finley, Margarita Inocencio, Lucia Rodriguez, Maria Teresa Cassiano, Dotty Guffey, and Rodrigo Medina.



THANKSGIVING DAY MASS

We invite you to join us for the celebration of Mass on Thanksgiving Day, November 23, 2023, at 10:00 a.m. We also ask that you bring some of the bread you will share at your Thanksgiving Day Meal so that Father Nolasco can bless it during the Mass. Let us join and thank God for His many blessings.

PARISH OFFICE CLOSED, THANKSGIVING DAY

On Thursday, November 23, the Parish Office will be closed in observance of Thanksgiving Day. The office will be open on Tuesday at its regular hours. Have a safe and happy Thanksgiving Day.



BAPTISMS IN JANUARY 2024

The next celebration of the Sacrament of Baptism will be on January 13, 2024. Pre-baptismal classes will be held at 7:00p on Thursday, January 11th in the parish office. Families wishing to baptize are asked to call the Parish Office.



Pray always!

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We belong neither to the darkness
nor to the night, but to the light!

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Last Sunday's Collection

Envelopes: \$ 1,010.50

Loose: \$ 61.00

Children's Envelopes: \$ 2.00

Total Sunday Collection: \$ 1,073.50

Total Expenses Last Week: \$ 1,343.00

Dear Padre

November 19, 2023

My grandmother says Catholics used to fast from midnight until they received Communion. When did the fasting time change to only one hour, and why?

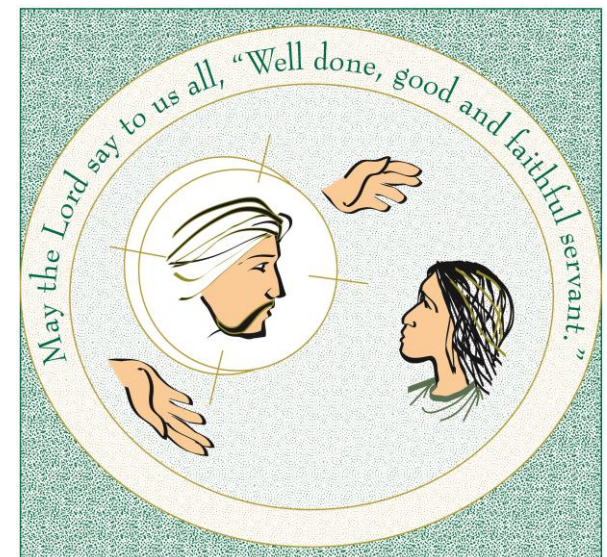
The ancient discipline of fasting before Communion became a universal practice by the fifth century. Until 1953, those who would receive holy Communion refrained from consuming food, water, and medicine from midnight to the time of Communion. In 1953 and 1957, Pope Pius XII reduced the fast from food to three hours and from water for one hour (*Christus Dominus* and *Sacram Communionem*).

In 1966, Pope St. Paul VI further reduced the fast to one hour and allowed water and medicine at any time (*Paenitemini*). In 1973, he reduced the fast for the sick and elderly to fifteen minutes before Communion when one hour is prohibitive (*Immensae Caritatis*).

The loosening of the restrictions was in no way intended to lessen the reverence for the holy Eucharist. The changes were made to allow as many Catholics as possible to receive the Eucharist, which can be difficult when priests are in short supply. For the same reason, *Immensae Caritatis* also allowed the practice of having extraordinary ministers give Communion. Despite the changes to the Communion fast, unity and uniformity have been maintained. And of course, Catholics are free to fast before Communion beyond the duration and degree currently prescribed. ●

Fr. Byron Miller, CSsR / DearPadre.org

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