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Saturday Vigil Mass, 4:00p
Sunday Mass, 11:15a, En español, 1:30p
Daily Mass, Holy Days Consult Bulletin
Sacrament of Reconciliation Saturdays, 3:00-4:00p

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Communion Service Consult bulletin

Sacrament of Reconciliation By appointment

Welcome, New Parishioners

We are a Stewardship Community, sharing our time, talent, and treasure, in the most life-giving ways possible. Parishioners are expected to participate in weekly worship, in our community life, and in our service among our dear neighbors.

Sacramental Life ~ Baptism, Confirmation, Eucharist, Matrimony

For Sacrament preparation, you must be a registered, active member and attend preparation sessions.

Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA)

For those who desire to explore the Catholic Faith, spirituality, customs, and practices.

Anointing of the Sick

For those with chronic illness or who are pre-surgery, contact Father John or Sister Janis

33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time November 15, 2020 Eternal rest grant them, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them.

May they rest in peace. Amen.

November: Month of All Souls

We Remember Them

At the rising of the sun and at its going down, We remember them.

At the blowing of the wind and the chill of the winter, **We remember them.**

At the opening of the buds and in the rebirth of spring, We remember them.

At the rustling of the leaves and in the beauty of Fall, **We remember them.**

At the beginning of the year and when it ends, **We remember them.**

As long as we live, they too will live, For they are now part of us as We remember them.

> When lost and sick at heart, We remember them.

When we have joy we crave to share, **We remember them.**

When we have decisions that are difficult to make, We remember them.

When we have achievements that are based on theirs, **We remember them.**

As long as we live they too will live, For they are now a part of us as **We remember them.**

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There are <u>always</u> choices. Always.

Morning, Church!

At one of our Communion Services I mentioned how challenging it is to keep up with our rapidly evolving language. I asked them to think about the changing meaning of *cool*. It used to mean, *moderately cold* until 1950s. The term *cool* has evolved to the new term, *lit*, (Thank you, Lucas) which means *excellent* and exciting.

When you hear the term *talents*, what comes to mind? Most of us think of our God-given gifts, those skills we use naturally and share generously. In Biblical days, *talent* meant a coin of great value. Seems both meanings are valuable for your faithjourney.

Proverb's Valiant Woman is a person of deep faith, faithfulness, and many talents. Her value is not rated in terms of coinage. It's found in her loving service to her family, neighbors, and strangers. She embodies the Wisdom lauded in last week's scriptures.

Her preciousness is as invaluable as prized pearls. She is brings good wherever she goes and whatever she doeso. with consistency and generosity. Her husband, family, and neighbors, and the poor, have been graced by her trustworthiness in every stage and situation of her life. She keeps her word. No where in the text does she devalue herself by privately judging or gossiping about others.

Notice the repetitions references to The Valiant Woman's hands and fingers. Notice the parallel in the way she works creatively at her spindle and the ways she weaves her relationships into one fabric of love. Her open hands symbolize the quality of her virtue shared in openness and hospitality. Her compassion for others, especially the poor, clearly demonstrates the breath of her soul. Her inner strength sustains her in relationships.

Her keen sense of responsibility motivates her see her work as loving service. The Valiant Woman recognizes facades fail; physical beauty is fleeting. What will last forever is her legacy of living a valiant, praiseworthy life.

Her image is juxtaposed with the gospel parable of the three servants entrusted with talent and talents, too. The last servant seemed to lack the vision, energy, and finesse of The Valiant Woman. His laziness costs him the kingdom.

This parable, with its ominous tone, is situated at the end of the Liturgical Year to raise your awareness of "end times." Jesus' parable shocked his listeners. He told this parable in the hopes it would rouse them right out of their complacency. This parable is a call to be responsive to God's grace, and to share your God-given talent and talents.

There is not doubt this is a parable about Christian Stewardship. Every day you make choices. How you choose to share your God-given talent and talents, will define your legacy. Your time, talent and treasure can be shared valiantly and generously, as the Worthy Wife did, or they can be buried by laziness or anxiety, like the Third Servant.

Avoid taking shortcuts, refused to be paralyzed by the fear of making a mistake, or of being seen as flawed. Honor your generous God each day in your personal Stewardship of Time, Talent, and Treasure.

"...the gift is the responsibility."

KEEP YOUR WORD. KEEP THE WORD.

God's blessings



Sunday Scriptures		
Prov 31:10-13, 19-20, 30-31	1 Thes. 5:1-6	
Ps 128:1-5	Matt 25:14-30	

Reflecting on the Word _

Reflect on your Christian Stewardship of Time, Talen, and Treasure. Are you among the Valiant or the Unprepared?

NOVEMBER		
15	33rd Sun OT	
17	Communion Service, 12:15p Ministers' Mtg, 3:00p; Baptism Prep, 4:45p	
19	SSJ/CGG 11a	
21	Baptism: Xavier Aviles and Axel Emanuel Huerta, 11a	
22	Feast of Christ the King	

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NOVEMBER Toilet paper

₹ November Intentions		
15	+Suzanne Conner r/b Karen Hosking +Mona Schaufenbuel r/b Jerry	
22	+Joe Mandes; +Benilda Lynn Zwicker	
29	+Rufus Daughtery	

Birthdays & Anniversaries

- 15 Alex Garcia Jane Norman
- 18 Ania Trejo
- 21 Newell Hauser
- 22 America Lopez Isaac Atkins
- 16 Ramona & Jim Doyle

- 23 Jamie Guy
- 24 Dalilah Hernandez Guadalupe Hernandez
- 25 Victor Bustos, Jr.
- 26 Victor Bustos, Sr.
- 29 Grace Jenkins
- 17 Epi & Julian Cortez

Sisters of St. Joseph ~ Maxim 92

God's holy love is always at work in us.

We never arrive but are always a work in progress.

- I rejoice that I am still God's work of art.
- *I will listen deeply to Love's invitation.*
- \mathfrak{F} Today I will be mindful of my use of energy.



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Theresa Martin	Rose & Joe El-Khouri Sally Bianco	
Peggy Reikowsky	Deceased Loved Ones of the Dana and Reikowsky Families	
Judy & Frank Simon	Adam Border, Tina McCaughtry, Elizabeth & Frank Simon Carol Smith Louise & Donald Stiles	