

# THIRTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

## NOVEMBER 19, 2023



**Weekly Reflection**—Each of us has been blessed with abilities and talents that are given to us to use in the service of others. Reflect on yours. Ask the Spirit to help you identify what they are. Consider what you have done to develop those gifts. Look at how you are using them or can use them to help others. Acknowledging and developing our gifts is not pride but an act of humility, mindful that God has given them to us to share. Using those gifts for others is an act of gratitude to God who gave them to us.

*Happy are you who fear the Lord; who walk in his ways.  
~Psalm 128:1*

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### GLORIA

Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace to people of good will. We praise you, we bless you, we adore you, we glorify you, we give you thanks for your great glory, Lord God, heavenly King, O God, almighty Father. Lord Jesus Christ, Only Begotten Son, Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father, you take away the sins of the world, have mercy on us; you take away the sins of the world, receive our prayer; you are seated at the right hand of the Father, have mercy on us. For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord, you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

### READING 1

*Prv 31:10-13, 19-20, 30-31*

When one finds a worthy wife, her value is far beyond pearls. Her husband, entrusting his heart to her, has an unfailing prize. She brings him good, and not evil, all the days of her life. She obtains wool and flax and works with loving hands. She puts her hands to the distaff, and her fingers ply the spindle. She reaches out her hands to the poor, and extends her arms to the needy. Charm is deceptive and beauty fleeting; the woman who fears the LORD is to be praised. Give her a reward for her labors, and let her works praise her at the city gates.

The Word of the Lord  
**Thanks be to God**

### RESPONSORIAL PSALM

*Ps 128:1-2, 3, 4-5*

**R. Blessed are those who fear the Lord.**

## READING 2

*1 Thes 5:1-6*

Concerning times and seasons, brothers and sisters, you have no need for anything to be written to you. For you yourselves know very well that the day of the Lord will come like a thief at night. When people are saying, "Peace and security, " then sudden disaster comes upon them, like labor pains upon a pregnant woman, and they will not escape.

But you, brothers and sisters, are not in darkness, for that day to overtake you like a thief. For all of you are children of the light and children of the day. We are not of the night or of darkness. Therefore, let us not sleep as the rest do, but let us stay alert and sober.

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**Thanks be to God**

## ALLELUIA

*Jn 15:4a, 5b*

**R. Alleluia, alleluia.**

Remain in me as I remain in you, says the Lord.

Whoever remains in me bears much fruit. **R.**

## GOSPEL

*Mt 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

## GOSPEL

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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.'"

The Gospel of the Lord  
**Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ**

## THE NICENE CREED

I believe in one God, the Father almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all things visible and invisible. I believe in one Lord Jesus Christ, the Only Begotten Son of God, born of the Father before all ages. God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, consubstantial with the Father; through him all things were made. For us men and for our salvation he came down from heaven, *and by the Holy Spirit was incarnate of the Virgin Mary, and became man.* For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate, he suffered death and was buried, and rose again on the third day in accordance with the Scriptures. He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead and his kingdom will have no end.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son is adored and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets.

I believe in one, holy, catholic and apostolic Church. I confess one Baptism for the forgiveness of sins and I look forward to the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come. Amen.

**PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL**  
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Please respond, "*Lord, hear our prayer.*"

That the Church will stand before the world without stain or blemish,  
holy and obedient to God's Word.

We pray to the Lord

For the blessings of peace throughout the world.

We pray to the Lord

For police officers, firefighters, and EMTs: that God will bless them  
and keep them safe.

We pray to the Lord

For Christian husbands and wives: that the Lord will give them the  
graces they need to magnify the love God has entrusted to them.

We pray to the Lord

For the grace this week to be generous in using the Lord's gifts to us.

We pray to the Lord

For the intentions inscribed in our book of prayer, in our prayer  
baskets, and lifted to Jesus in the quiet of our heart...

We pray to the Lord

For all of our beloved dead, especially, Anthony Breitenstein and  
Mary Ann Lepak...

4:00 p.m.: George Phillip Family

6:00 p.m.: Pat Witkowski

8:30 a.m.: Torpy & Newton Families

10:30 a.m.: Myron & Mary Higgins

We pray to the Lord