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WELCOME!

Thank you for celebrating with us today. We invite you to come and worship with us again. If you would like to be a member of our faith community, please take a moment to register. We would love to have you as our spiritual companion.

MASS SCHEDULE

SATURDAY

5:00 pm Vigil Mass (Vietnamese)

TUESDAY - FRIDAY

6:00 pm (Vietnamese)



THANKSGIVING DAY MASS
November 23rd

Bilingual Mass 10:30 AM
(English & Vietnamese)

SUNDAY

8:30 am Mass (English)

10:30 am Mass (Vietnamese)

Livestream (Facebook and Youtube)

12:30 pm (Vietnamese for Youth)

ANOINTING OF THE SICK MASS

1st Friday of the Month - 5:30 pm Adoration
6:00 pm Mass

CONFESSIONS

Saturday 4:30 pm - 4:50 pm
Sunday 8:00 am - 8:20 am
Tuesday - Friday 5:30 pm - 5:50 pm

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Please leave a message if no one answers and your call will be returned.

FINANCIAL STEWARDSHIP (NOV. 11TH & NOV. 12TH)

Donation	\$3,969.00
Donation Online	\$1,035.00
Maintenance Fund	\$35.00
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Total Donation	\$5,039.00

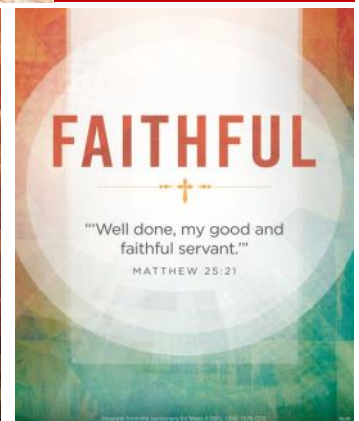
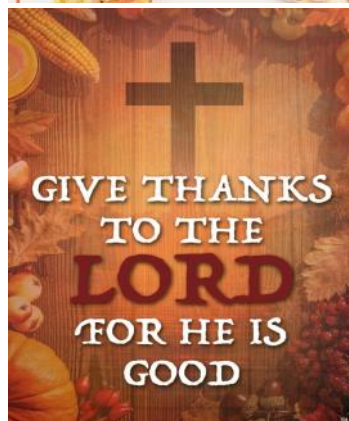


THANKSGIVING DAY

November 23rd

**Bilingual Mass
(English & Vietnamese)**

10:30 AM



(PRACTICING) CATHOLIC - RECOGNIZE GOD IN YOUR ORDINARY MOMENTS
By Colleen Jurkiewicz Dorman

What Remains

When my grandfather died, my parents, siblings, and I were left with the question: what's to become of the house?

Anyone who has inherited property knows that it's not simply a matter of assuming ownership of a plot of land upon which sits four walls and a roof. Those four walls and a roof usually contain memories and objects — an enormous volume of both, in the case of my grandfather. When they're left to you, you have to sift through them, the memories and the objects, and with each one you have to think: *Is it worth it? Do I keep it? Will I need it?*

And slowly, painfully, you disassemble the physical existence of the person who lived here. You accept, with a pang, that most of it must be given away or discarded. You cry when you bag up the clothes to take to Goodwill. You can't even bear to look when they break the piano into a hundred pieces and throw it in a dumpster, realizing that no one wants or has a use for something that was once so precious.

But when you come upon a rosary that was used so many times it has begun to fall apart, you don't even think twice before keeping it, and not because you need the rosary. You need what it means. You need what it reminds you of.

When all is said and done, each of us will be called before our master to settle accounts, just as my grandfather was.

"Where are the gifts I gave you? What remains of the fortune to which I entrusted you?" he will ask us. "What have you done with the peace? What have you done with the love? What have you done with the mercy?"

*"You yourselves know very well that the day of the Lord will come like a thief at night."
1 Thessalonians 5:2*

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33RD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Homily by Father Joseph Vu

Our God-Given Gifts Are Meant to be Used

The master in today's parable stands for Christ.
The servants stand for each one of us.

- That's the first lesson we should think about. Do we think of ourselves as servants, as dependent on God?
- In this fallen world, most people tend to think of themselves as the center of the universe.
- And our contemporary society, so full of technological power

and easy pleasures, increases that tendency of our fallen nature.

But this parable and many others are very clear:

- we are not God;
- we are not the center of the world;
- we are dependent upon God and our job in this life is to know him, love him, and serve him.
- Only by doing that will we find the happiness we desire, because doing that is what we were created for.
- Squirrels were created to be cute and bury nuts.
- Humans were created to know, love, and serve God.

And the parable also tells us how we are supposed to do that.

- God has given each of us a certain number of "talents."
- In Greek that word referred to a large sum of money.
- In the actual meaning of the parable, however, it refers more to what the English word implies - all the abilities and blessings we have received from God.
- God has given them to us, and we are free either to squander our gifts, burying them in the hole of self-indulgence, fear, laziness, and greed, or to use them as Christ would have us use them, which is the secret to happiness in this life and the life to come.

Three Steps to Good Supernatural Investing

There are three steps we must follow in order to invest our gifts well - from a supernatural perspective.
First, we must identify what our gift is.

- We should always thank God for all countless blessings, but we should also reflect on the one or two strong characteristics, traits, or talents that God has given us personally.
- What type of thing do you enjoy most?
- What type of activity has always made you excited?
- What personality characteristic have people always complimented you on?
- What have you always dreamed of doing but were afraid to get started on?

The second step is to get right with God and stay that way.

The third servant left his life-mission unfulfilled because he didn't have a good relationship with his master.
We will follow his tragic path unless we

- pray daily,
- clean our consciences every week or every month by going to confession,
- and continue to study the Bible and Church teaching;
- this is how we get to know our Lord and Savior and stay connected to the vine; and unless we do that, our talents will bear no fruit.

The third step: put our gift at the service of others.

- Be creative, be courageous, be like Christ!
- He left us his new commandment - to love one another as he has loved us.
- And he showed us what love really is: to give our lives for others.
- We give our lives by putting our talents at the service of those around us instead of just serving ourselves.

Today Jesus will give us yet again the perfect example of this self-giving in this Mass, through the Eucharist.
When we receive him in Holy Communion, let's promise that starting this week, we will go out and courageously invest our God-given gifts.

Weekly Prayer

Sunday's Readings

First Reading:

She brings him good, and not evil,
all the days of her life.
She obtains wool and flax
and works with loving hands. (Prv 31:12-13)

Psalm:

Blessed are those who fear the Lord. (Ps 128)

Second Reading:

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. (1 Thes 5:4-5)

Gospel:

"Since you were faithful in small matters,
I will give you great responsibilities.
Come, share your master's joy." (Mt 25:21)

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Live The Liturgy Inspiration of the Week

God entrusts special gifts to each of us, but they are not gifts to be hoarded and hidden. Let's work each and every day to multiply those gifts in the world.

Observances for the week of November 19, 2023

- Sunday:** 33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time
- Tuesday:** The Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary
- Wednesday:** St. Cecilia, Virgin and Martyr
- Thursday:** St. Clement I, Pope and Martyr;
St. Columban, Abbot; Bl. Miguel Agustin Pro, Priest and Martyr; Thanksgiving Day
- Friday:** St. Andrew Dũng-Lạc, Priest, and Companions, Martyrs
- Saturday:** St. Catherine of Alexandria, Virgin and Martyr
- Next Sunday:** Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe



Saint of the week

Blessed Carlos Manuel or, Blessed Charlie, was a Puerto Rican layman who dedicated his life to serving the Church. He worked and studied diligently to spread his love of the Catholic faith, especially the liturgy and sacred music to all those he touched.

Prayer

Oh God, Father of Goodness, who inspired Blessed Carlos Manuel with an ardent devotion to the Paschal Mystery and moved by the generosity of Your grace, led him to the joyful celebration of the mysteries celebrated in the Liturgy; You also filled your servant with apostolic zeal and love for those in need.

Grant us, through his intercession, that, celebrating with faith the holy mysteries of the Death and Resurrection of Your Son, we may live in life what we celebrate in the Liturgy. Grant us, too, the special grace that we now ask of you (ask for the grace that is desired).

Through Jesus Christ your Son and our Lord. Amen.

(Prayer Source: <https://www.pmariaamm.org/vida-4-beato-carlos-manuel.html#:~:text=Oh%20Dios%2C%20Padre%20de%20Bondad,y%20amor%20a%20los%20necesitados.> Translation by LPi.)