SAINT JOSEPH

CATHOLIC CHURCH

November 11-12, 2023

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Watching Waiting Ready

Matthew 25:1-13

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"Go, then, to all peoples everywhere and make them my disciples."

Preach the gospel to all people."

Parish Calendar

Saturday, November 11

Thank you Veterans!

K of C Capa Baby Shower Collection

Sunday, November 12

Religious Education 11:15 AM - 12:30 PM K of C Capa Baby Shower Collection

Monday, November 13

Women's Guild Board of Directors 10:00 AM

Tuesday, November 14

Daily Mass 8:30 AM

Bible Study: Walk with the Blessed Mother 10:00 AM

Bingo & Potluck 12:30 PM

Bible Study: Walk with the Blessed Mother 6:30 PM

Wednesday, November 15

Daily Mass 8:30 AM

Quilting & Needlework Group 9:00 AM

CAPA Baby Shower Collection

The Knights of Columbus will collect items and funds on November 11-12 for the CAPA (Childbirth & Parenting Assistance) The CAPA program assists

single parents with the necessities of raising a child from newborn to age 5. The Knights will collect clothes, blankets, diapers, toys and accepts monetary donations. The crib will remain in the gathering space for the next week or two.

Extraordinary Ministers

Saturday, November 4 - Peggy E.; Valerie M.; Leslie F.

Sunday, November 5 - Cindy G.; L. Harrison; Anita A.; Natalie S.

	Budget/week	Actual/week
Envelopes	\$ 3, 250.00	\$ 4,125.00
Plate	\$ 577.00	\$ 963.00
Online gifts	\$ 1,481.00	\$ 1,730.00
Children's Fund		\$ 17.60
Total	\$5,183.00	\$ 6,818.00

Mass Intentions

Saturday, November 11 - St. Joseph's Parishioners
Sunday, November 12 - Thanksgiving (Nannette Price)
Tuesday, November 14 - All deceased parishioners
Wednesday, November 15- Paul Zvonar (bday)
Saturday, November 18- St. Joseph's Parishioners

First Reading Wisdom 6:12-16
Responsorial Psalm 63:2,3-4,5-6,7-8
Second Reading 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18
Gospel Reading Matthew 25:1-13

In this week's Gospel, Jesus talks about what it means to be prepared to receive the Kingdom of Heaven. This reading follows a series of warnings and predictions by Jesus about the coming of the Son of Man. Jesus wants his disciples to understand that the exact day and time cannot be predicted. He teaches the disciples that they must remain vigilant so that they will not be caught unprepared.

When thinking about the parable of the wise and foolish virgins, it is important to consider the first-century wedding traditions of Palestine. Scholars tell us that it was the custom of the day for young maidens—friends and family members of the bride—to meet the bridegroom when he came to bring his bride to her new home.

In last week's Gospel, we heard Jesus warn against following the example of the Pharisees and scribes. If read in the context of early Christianity's struggle to define itself against Pharisaic Judaism, this parable is a continuing critique of Judaism. It suggests that the Jewish leaders were like the foolish virgins, unprepared to meet Jesus, the bridegroom of Israel.

In the chapter preceding this parable, however, Jesus warns about the destruction of Jerusalem, the tribulation of the end times, and the coming of the Son of Man. When read in this context, today's parable is a warning to the Christian community to remain vigilant and prepared to receive Jesus, the Son of Man who will return at the end of time. This interpretation is supported by the reference to the delay of the bridegroom. The Christian community for whom Matthew wrote this Gospel was coming to terms with the realization that the promise of Jesus' return would not be fulfilled within their lifetimes. The question remains for us to ask ourselves, Are we ready to receive Jesus? Will we be prepared to receive him?

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