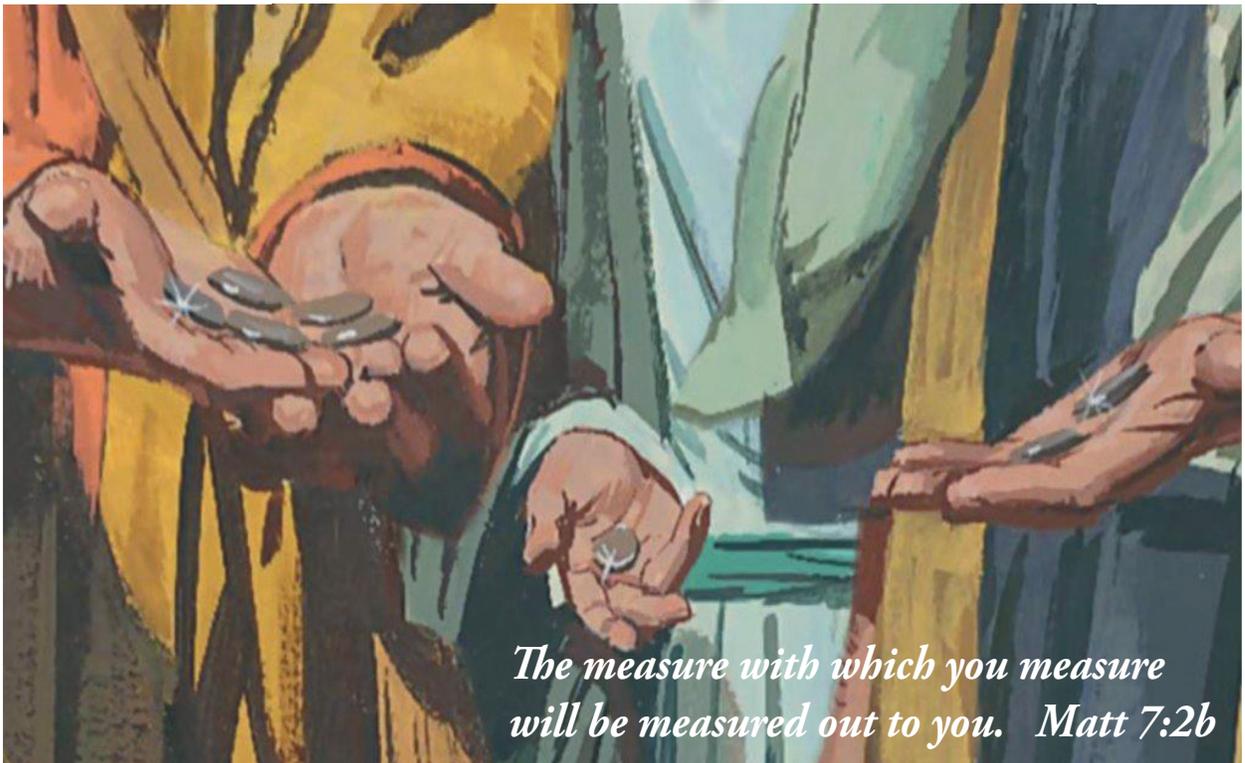


33rd Sunday in
Ordinary Time



*The measure with which you measure
will be measured out to you. Matt 7:2b*

Everyone is blessed with gifts from God.
No one is short-changed.

ST. ROSALIE CATHOLIC CHURCH
November 15, 2020

The Pastor Jots It Down

Dear Parishioners and Friends of St. Rosalie and St. John Bosco Parishes,

Voting is over. Hopefully, by this time the counting is over, and the results have been verified and confirmed as accurate.



This has been a tough time for America. Some Americans are very happy, and some are very sad and disappointed; some are even angry.

Now we must deal with the reality before us. Anger will get us nowhere. It will only lead to bitterness, complaints, and further division.

Jesus, in His high priestly prayer, prayed “that all may be one”.

True, we are all Democrats, Independents, Republications and members of other parties but we must realize above all our political affiliations that we are all Americans.

As Americans we desire nothing but the best for our country. As Americans each and everyone of us seeks the common good.

At times, the common good demands personal sacrifice. Remember Jesus’ death on the Cross. He gave His Life so that our sins could be forgiven and someday we could be with Him in Heaven. No greater love has one than to give his life for his friends. (John 15:13)

This electoral season emotions ran high. Friends unfriended friends because of different points of view. Many cut out others from their circle of friends because they didn’t share their point of view on how to accomplish the common good.

Filled with emotion and a sense of our own righteousness, many of us failed to listen to what others were saying. Many of us became complicit with internet gossip, slander, and detraction, failing to check out the veracity of what we saw on the internet and spreading it by word of mouth and through social media as ‘gospel’ truth. May we recognize our failures in this regard. May God have mercy on us.

All of us have different opinions of the best way forward for our country. May these differing opinions not divide us but with further rational discussions, help us grow in the knowledge of truth. Jesus tells us the truth will set us free. (John 8:32b)

God bless you,

F. Mark Hyde, S.D.B.

Mass Intentions



SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 14

8:00a.m. Tony & Nora Danos
4:00p.m. Vincent Baldassaro, Jr.
L.J. Berger, Carmen & Charles Austin
Malcolm LeBlanc, Timmy LeBlanc
William Decker Family
Nedas Gauthreaux
C.J. & Anthony Savona
Chimento & Lirette Families
Alexis & Beverly Vicari
Wayne Oubre, Rosemary Savona Aucoin
John & Barbara Romero, Elizabeth Willick

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 15

8:00a.m. All Parishioners Living & Deceased
10:30a.m. Doris & Walter Treadaway
Mamie & William Treadaway
Joseph & Philip Cardinal
Agnes & Sidney Rotolo
Ronnie LaGrange
Sandy & Garin Hernandez
Kevin Fitzhenry, Byron S. LeJeune
Gary Pratt, Rodney Isemann
Earl Messmer, T-Van Falgout
Yves 'Vessie' Bourgeois
Deceased members of the Fr. Jonathan Parks
KC Council

Announcements

Due to early printing schedules your contributions will be reported at the end of the month.

Second Collection: There will be a Second Collection taken up next week to benefit the Catholic Campaign for Human Development. Forty million people in the United States live in poverty. This collection supports programs that empower people to identify and address the obstacles they face as they work to bring permanent and positive change to their communities.

We ask for your prayers



From November 15-20
please pray for
Deacon Lenny Carlino
who is in Theology IV and
currently studying in Israel.

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 16

7:00a.m. Wayne Oubre

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 17

7:00a.m. Saladino & LeBlanc Families
Barbara Fishel
Salvadore Rotolo, Elizabeth Willick

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 18

7:00a.m. Josie Palermo, Nick Casertano

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 19

7:00a.m. Steve Tassin, Malcolm 'Buck' Cortez

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 20

7:00a.m. Martin Johnson

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 21

8:00a.m. Jessica De La Cerda
4:00p.m. Vincent Baldassaro, Jr.
Carmen & Charles Austin
Claude & Verine Zeringue
Josephine & Bert LeBlanc, Sr.
Henry & Ethel Kraux
Donald 'Dooley' Euvino
Alexis & Beverly Vicari

MASS FOR THE LIVING:

Anne, William, Thomas & Marguerite Behette

MASS FOR HEALING: Brady & Grayson Hernandez

Jackie Morvant Bush, Colleen Martin
Jonathan Cline

In Our Parish

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will burn in memory of

Godfrey E. Boudreaux, Sr.

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will burn in memory of

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A Prayer for Our Nation

God our Father, giver of life,
we entrust the United States of America to your loving care.
You are the rock on which this nation was founded.
You alone are the true source of our cherished rights
to life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness.
Reclaim this land for your glory and dwell among your people.
Send your Spirit to touch the hearts of our nation's leaders.
Open their minds to the great worth of human life and
the responsibilities that accompany human freedom.
Remind your people that true happiness is rooted
in seeking and doing your will.
Through the intercession of Mary Immaculate, patroness of our land,
grant us the courage to reject the "culture of death."
Lead us into a new millennium of life.
We ask this through Christ Our Lord.
Amen.

Source: BostonCatholic.org

The Values of a Talent

A talent was a unit of weight of approximately 80 pounds, and when used as a unit of money, was valued for that weight of silver. As a unit of currency, a talent was worth about 6,000 denarii. A denarius was the usual payment for a day's labor. At one denarius per day, a single talent was therefore worth 16 years of labor.

A Talent as Personal Ability

Traditionally, the parable of the talents has been seen as an exhortation to Jesus' disciples to use their God-given gifts in the service of God, and to take risks for the sake of the Kingdom of God. These gifts have been seen to include personal abilities ("talents" in the everyday sense), as well as personal wealth. Failure to use one's gifts, the parable suggests, will result in negative judgment. From a psychological point of view, the failure is the immediate result of the failure of feeling God's love. The first two servants can see God in a positive perception, as understanding, generous, and kind, while the third servant sees God as harsh, demanding, and critical.

Suggested Interpretations of the Parable

- The master is Christ.
- The journey of the master to another place and his return speaks of Christ's going away to Heaven at his ascension and his return as the time when he comes again.
- His entrustment to his servants of his possessions while he is away on his journey should be Christ's gifts and various possessions ("capital") given to the believers in his church in anticipation of them producing a spiritual "profit" for Him in the kingdom of God. While he is away, he expects his believers to "Do business with this until I come back."
- His evaluation of the business they have conducted during his absence takes place upon his return and is an account of their activity. This must be the Judgment Seat of Christ. This is an evaluation of stewardship.
- The positive rewards for two of the servants is based upon their faithfulness to properly use what Christ entrusted to them. This probably speaks of positive reward for believers who are faithful in serving Christ.
- The negative reward (recompense) for the unfaithful servant likely speaks of some negative dealing by Christ with an unfaithful believer.

From: Wikipedia, <https://bit.ly/36bm1UR>

Bishop Robert Barron's Insights into the Parable

The talents given to the three servants are not so much monetary gifts or personal capacities; they are a share in the mercy of God, a participation in the weightiness of the divine love. But since mercy is always directed to the other, these "talents" are designed to be shared. Actually, they will increase precisely in the measure that they are given away.

The problem with the timid servant who buried his talent is not that he was an ineffective venture capitalist but that he fundamentally misunderstood the nature of what he had been given. The divine mercy—received as a pure gift—is meant to be given to others as a pure gift. Buried in the ground hugged tightly to oneself as one's own possession, such a talent necessarily evanesces. And therefore, the master's seemingly harsh words should not be read as the punishment of an angry God but as an expression of spiritual physics: the divine mercy will grow in you only inasmuch as you give it to others.

From: Catholic World Report, <https://bit.ly/3oZyhAi>

Ideas and Tips for Creative and Courageous Faith Sharing in your Daily World

In Your Everyday Comings and Goings...

Wear a cross or a religious symbol. You may be surprised how many times this will start a conversation about your faith.

Pray before a meal, especially with family and friends, but also in public places.

Refer to your church, your faith and the Bible in casual conversation with others.

Respond “Thank God!” or “God is Good!” when someone shares an uplifting story with you.

Say “I will pray for you” when some one shares a personal concern or difficulty with you.

Send a card or note of encouragement, offer words of blessing that convey your faith and trust in God.

Be courteous and helpful in all public transactions; look for ways to give a verbal and positive witness to the hope that is within you.

As you walk through your day, **scatter blessings.** Some will take root and grow, others won't.

Share a smile and personal greeting with a stranger.

Turn times of **tension** and conflict **into moments of blessing.**

Offer a “God word” in conversations about current public events (e.g. “this situation war, natural disaster, famine sure makes me thankful for God and the way God’s people are working to make this world a better place”)

Ask someone you may have hurt **for forgiveness.**

Model Christian behavior when you coach or attend your child’s sport events.

Speak up against injustice, evil and verbal insult.

Be clear that your perspective is informed by your faith and belief in a loving, forgiving God.

In moments **when God is blasphemed,** **speak up** and say “Excuse me, you’re talking about someone who is very important to me.”

In talking about the weather or scenery, **marvel at the intricate beauty of God’s creation.**

Carry cards of encouragement and distribute them when appropriate.



At the office...

Decorate your office with symbols or pictures that say something about your faith or could invite conversation about God.

Offer affirmation to colleagues for a job well done; share how thankful you are to God for their gifts.

Carry your faith over into your work by insisting on fair prices, good products and just treatment of customers and employees.

Share what motivates you to stand up for these values in such a way.

Take a colleague to lunch and share something about how God is working in your life or something that you have recently been involved in at your church.

Remember birthdays, job transitions with notes of blessing and encouragement.

Invite a colleague to come with you to worship or to participate in a church-related activities.

Host a lunch time Bible study once a week for those who might be interested. Check with your employer first.

In times of struggle and pain...

Visit neighbors, friends and colleagues when they are sick or hospitalized.

Share a devotional booklet and offer a prayer.

Deliver a meal or plate of cookies to the family or person struggling with loss, tragedy or illness.

Share a CD of uplifting, encouraging Christian music.

Mow the lawn, shovel the driveway, buy groceries or clean the house without waiting to be asked. Then share why you were motivated to care in such a way.

Recognize the variety of issues that bring pain to people's lives (financial crisis or loss, death, illness, divorce, abuse, etc.)

Be a listening ear.

Share how God has carried you in moments of personal struggle. Send cards, more than once, with encouraging words of scripture.



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