

Sainte Anne Parish

Salem, MA



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SUNDAY

IN ORDINARY TIME

THE PARABLE OF THE TALENTS

Since you were faithful in small matters, I will give you great responsibilities. Come, share your master's joy.

Matthew 25:21



Sainte Anne Parish is a faith community in the Roman Catholic tradition. We strive to live up to the motto: "We Are Family." We see ourselves as a local expression of the universal Church, the People of God, the Body of Christ. Through God's grace we seek to be welcoming and loving. Our life centers on the weekend celebration of the Eucharist. We meet Jesus Christ in the Eucharist and are then challenged to bring His love to others.

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Sainte Anne Parish

WEEKEND MASSES:Saturday 4:00 PM; Sunday 8:30 & 11:00 AM
DAILY MASSES: Monday through Friday, 9:00 AM
HOLY DAY MASSES:As Announced
CAMEROON MASS:2nd and 4th Sunday of Month, 1:00 PM
EUCHARISTIC ADORATION: Thursday, 9:30 AM - 6:00 PM
ROSARY GROUP:Thursday, 6:00 PM
CHARISMATIC PRAYER GROUP:Tuesday, 6:00 - 8:00 PM
CONFESSIONS:Saturday 3:15 - 3:45 PM or By Appointment
CHAPEL:Closed Until Further Notice
CHURCH:Will Remain Open After 9 AM Mass Until 7 PM Monday,
Tuesday, Wednesday, and Friday; Saturday 9 AM-5 PM;
Sunday Open for Mass Only

Welcome to New Parishioners: Please introduce yourself to us after Mass. To register, contact the Parish Office or online at stannesalem.org.

Sacrament of Baptism: Baptisms are celebrated on the fourth Sunday of the month at 12:15 pm. A preparation for parents and godparents will take place on the second Wednesday of the month at 7:00 PM at the Rectory. Please contact the Parish Office to arrange a baptism.

Matrimony: Please contact the Parish Office at least six months in advance to arrange for the celebration of your wedding.

Home Visitation: We are happy to visit for confession, holy communion, anointing of the sick, or with anyone who is unable to come to church. Please contact the Parish Office.

Anointing of the Sick: This sacrament is for anyone who is seriously ill, in a weakened condition, facing surgery, entering hospice care, or near death. Please contact the Parish Office for this sacrament to be celebrated.

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THE PROPHET EZEKIEL

Ezekiel, alongside Jeremiah and Isaiah, is one of the major prophets of Israel, and one of the prophets of the exilic period. He was a priest (1:3) though he never served in that office because of the Babylonian captivity during the reign of Jehoiachin (2Kings 24:10-16) who was king of Judah after Jehoiakim. His father was Buzi. He was a contemporary of Jeremiah and Daniel. However, Jeremiah was an old man at the time he started his prophecy. The account in 2Kings 24:14-16 reveals that the Babylonians took captives mostly from the prominent and influential families of the land. This means Ezekiel was probably from such a family. He prophesied to the Jewish exiles in Babylon at the same time Jeremiah was prophesying in Judah and Daniel in the Babylonian court. Ezekiel 1:1 tells us that his prophecy began in the thirtieth year. This is taken by scholars to refer to his age. Like many priests of Israel, he was married but his wife died during his prophetic ministry and God prevented him from mourning for her in public as a sign of Judah's lack of concern for the things of God (24:16-24).

Who wrote the book of Ezekiel? The book takes its title from the priest of the same name. Written from a first-person perspective, this book records the visions and revelations he received from the Lord while in exile in Babylon. Ezekiel is the author of the book. In this book, his priestly lineage shines through in his ministry. His concern for the temple, the priesthood, the glory of the Lord and the sacrificial system.

When was it written? It was written during his captivity in Babylon between 592 and 570 B.C. After being taken captive, he settled with other Jews in a place called Tel Abib on the Chebar River (1:1-3) where he recorded his visions of God. This makes us understand psalm 137: 'By the rivers of Babylon, there we sat down and wept, when we remembered Zion.' At the same time that Israel was mourning in this psalm, Ezekiel was writing his visions: 'the heavens were opened, and I saw visions of God.' (1:1). He was among the captives who were placed by the great canal that came off the river Euphrates. Thus, he began his ministry five years after being taken into captivity at about thirty. And he spoke in the darkest days of the nation when their hope was all gone. He prophesied for about 20 years (29:17).

Message of Ezekiel. He is considered the most 'spiritual' of all the prophets because he dealt particularly with the person of God. Against the same false prophets whom Jeremiah had confronted before who held that Jerusalem would not be destroyed, he confirmed Jeremiah's message and warned them that they must return to God before they could return to Jerusalem. Because he spoke to a people whom God had allowed to be exiled due to their rebellion, most of his prophecies and warnings communicated judgment for sins committed (1:1-32:32). However, he also provided them with hope (33:1-48:35).

A message of symbolic actions: When he started his ministry, the people were indifferent and despondent. They would not listen to him. Therefore, he resorted to new methods. He acted out his words to attract the attention of the people. He locks himself in a room and starts digging himself out (12:8-16); acts symbolic of siege and exile (4:1-5:4); the refusal to mourn for his wife (24:15-24). All these acts were meant to pass across a message of God's judgment on the people and invite them back to the Lord.

A message of the glory of the Lord: This is one of the key messages of his prophecy, God's glory which makes Israel great. When Israel sinned, he saw the glory of the Lord leaving Solomon's temple, but he also saw the return of the glory of the Lord in future which will come to pass during the kingdom age. He not only prophesies the judgment on Israel's rebellion but also on the resurrection and restoration of God's people (ch.37), he offers a picture of the reconstructed temple in Jerusalem, complete with the return of God's glory to his dwelling place (40:1-48). Thus, Ezekiel is clear on one point that the Lord punished and restored for one reason, which is for the sake of his name in order to demonstrate once and for all that he is the Lord. God becomes for them now a just shepherd (34:15) under whose rule a restored people enjoy prosperity (37:1-4) in a restored land, no longer afraid of the mysterious forces of God whom God has defeated for the sake of his name (38-39).

A message of repentance and humility: Israel's exile is not primarily to punish them, but this judgment of God is a means to an end. To bring his people to a state of repentance and humility before the one true God. They needed God to remind them of his holy nature and their humble identity in a dramatic way by removing them from the promised land. The Israelites who embrace his preaching now become the new Israel, enlivened by a new heart, imbued with a new breath (36-37), restored to a recreated land, temple and covenant relationship (40-48).

What does it mean for us today Christians? The latter section of his prophecy where he offers hope of a recreated land, temple and covenant relationship looks forward to our worship of Christ who offers us a new covenantal relationship. He will rule Israel and the nations from his throne in Jerusalem during his thousand-year rule. Even in our sins, God does not abandon us, his glory and mercy keeps pointing us back to the covenant he made with us in Jesus Christ who gives us a new heart and a new mind. (*Fr Denis Tameh*)



**ST. PAUL CENTER
FOR BIBLICAL THEOLOGY**

**By Dr. Scott Hahn
Settling Accounts**

Thirty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time (Cycle A)

Readings:

Proverbs 31:10-13, 19-20, 30-31

Psalm 128:1-5

1 Thessalonians 5:1-6

Matthew 25:14-30

The day of the Lord is coming, Paul warns in today's Epistle. What matters isn't the time or the season, but what the Lord finds us doing with the new life, the graces He has given to us.

This is at the heart of Jesus' parable in today's Gospel. Jesus is the Master. Having died, risen, and ascended into heaven, He appears to have gone away for a long time.

By our baptism, He has entrusted to each of us a portion of His "possessions," a share in His divine life (see 2 Peter 1:4). He has given us talents and responsibilities, according to the measure of our faith (see Romans 12:3, 8).

We are to be like the worthy wife in today's First Reading, and the faithful man we sing of in today's Psalm. Like them, we should walk in the "fear of the Lord" - in reverence, awe, and thanksgiving for His marvelous gifts. This is the beginning of wisdom (see Acts 9:31; Proverbs 1:7).

This is not the "fear" of the useless servant in today's parable. His is the fear of a slave cowering before a cruel master, the fear of one who refuses the relationship that God calls us to.

He has called us to be trusted servants, fellow workers (see 1 Corinthians 3:9), using our talents to serve one another and His kingdom as good stewards of His grace (see 1 Peter 4:10). In this, we each have a different part to play.

Though the good servants in today's parable were given different numbers of talents, each "doubled" what he was given. And each earned the same reward for his faithfulness - greater responsibilities and a share of the Master's joy.

So let us resolve again in this Eucharist to make much of what we've been given, to do all for the glory of God (see 1 Corinthians 10:31). That we, too, may approach our Master with confidence and love when He comes to settle accounts.

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HELP GRANDMA MAKE SALES and bring in much needed money into our parish. If you have been following the bulletins, you know that committed volunteers have been working in Grandma's Attic this Spring, Summer, and Fall (2-3 times a week) preparing items thus far raising \$5,645 during this COVID pandemic! This without holding a community sale! Wow! How can this be? **This is how:** we continue to sell items on a one-on-one on demand basis, socially distancing and requiring masks/face coverings for shoppers as well as workers. Hand sanitizer is available for all. Most impactful, we also ventured into on-line sales via Facebook Marketplace. We have sold over 125 items ranging from \$5 to \$100 for over \$3,000! And we are still going strong! Check out our on-line items at Facebook Marketplace (follow Alma Pelletier on Facebook). APPOINTMENTS are necessary to shop in Grandma's Attic for the safety of all. To make an appointment for safe shopping at Grandma's Attic within the guidelines of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, please contact (call, leave a message, or text) Alma Pelletier (978.314.7344) or Judy Ware (781.258.6974).

*Happy
are all who
fear
the LORD,
who walk in the
ways of God.
Psalm 128:1*

Society of St Vincent de Paul

In the Gospels we see how Jesus encouraged his followers to treat those in need with mercy. You can also treat the poor with mercy by giving to the St. Vincent de Paul Society. Our members use your gifts to directly assist those in need in Salem - through food vouchers, payments to landlords, or payments to utilities. We gratefully acknowledge your generous contributions of money and time to help those in need in Salem. Due to COVID-19 and associated health and safety rules, the Society of Saint Vincent de Paul is still not holding our traditional monthly collections with volunteers at the church doors, but we need your donations now more than ever. Our volunteers are still hard at work helping our Salem neighbors in need. During the last six weeks, we have received over 60 calls for assistance, with the majority being for rental assistance and food. We depend on your generous donations to St Vincent's via the baskets in the back of Ste. Anne's church, through the Parish website, or by mail to SVdP at 158 Federal Street, Salem, MA 01970. Those who benefit from your donations are most appreciative of your generosity.





Saturday, Nov. 14 4:00 pm	<u>Vigil: 33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time</u> Parish Family
Sunday, Nov. 15 8:30 am 11:00 am	<u>33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time</u> Parish Family Doris Fournier, by the Parish Pastoral Council
Monday, Nov. 16 9:00 am	Alfred & Cynthia Bedard
Tuesday, Nov. 17 9:00 am	<u>Memorial of Saint Elizabeth of Hungary, Religious</u> Doris Fournier, by the Parish Pastoral Council
Wednesday, Nov. 18 9:00 am	Doris Fournier, by the Parish Pastoral Council
Thursday, Nov. 19 9:00 am	Mary Gillogley, by Mary Warren
Friday, Nov. 20 9:00 am	Dr. Stanley Cahill, by Robert & Judy St. Pierre
Saturday, Nov. 21 4:00 pm	<u>Memorial of the Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary</u> Fr. Laurier Martineau, by the Parish Pastoral Council
Sunday, Nov. 22 8:30 am 11:00 am 1:00 pm 5:30 pm	<u>The Solemnity of Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe</u> Doris Fournier, by the Parish Pastoral Council Parish Family Cameroon Community Confirmation Class

Videotaped Mass is Discontinued

After careful consideration, the decision has been made to discontinue videotaping the 4pm Mass. The link to CatholicTV is posted on our website for viewing the daily and weekend Masses. Daily Mass airs live at 9:30 am and 12:30 pm, and is rebroadcast at 7pm and 11:30 pm. Sunday Masses air throughout the day at 10am, 4pm, 7pm, and 11:30 pm. Viewers can watch these Masses on demand at any time at www.WatchtheMass.com.



CATHOLIC APPEAL UPDATE

Our levy:	\$20,437.00
Contribution thus far:	\$17,873.33
Outstanding balance:	\$ 2,563.67



I am very, very happy and grateful that the people of God responded so generously regarding the October weekend appeal towards achieving our goal. From the figures, we raised over \$6K in the month of October, and when you put the Monstrance in the picture, it means the two appeals raised over \$10K for October. Ste. Anne's always rises up to the occasion, when push comes to shove. I think between now and December 31st, we will be able to raise the \$2.5K and meet our target. I am calling some people directly to see if they can send us donations to get the \$2.5K, since we are closing the Catholic Appeal for 2019/2020 and preparing to launch 2020/2021. God bless, Fr. Maurice.

Mass Cards Available

Mass Cards with the Mass Responses and Prayers have been purchased and are available for your use and participation during Mass. Please take one and bring it with you to Mass each time you attend in order to more fully participate in the Mass. Please ask an usher for a Mass Card as you enter church.



There's nothing quite as exciting as the discovery of a new artistic talent: a great singer, a gifted writer, or an extraordinary musician. Friends and neighbors take pride in the newfound fame and success and the story of this great discovery can become the stuff of legends. Although the 'overnight sensation' has worked and practiced for years, the appreciation of a new audience breathes life into the artist's work and his or her talent is rewarded, often generously. What about our own, not-so-famous talents? God gifts each of us with abilities and graces that can make a difference in the lives of others. Discovering and using them is part of the practice of our faith. By investing our talents in the lives of others, everyone benefits. The Gifts of the Holy Spirit are given for the good of the church as we each grow in holiness and grace. No gift or ability is too small or meaningless when it is used for someone else. A friendly visit, a generous spirit, a listening ear or helping hand can change someone's life for the better. If we truly trust the Holy Spirit to guide and direct us, our contribution will count. It will breathe new life into the work of the church and our efforts will be rewarded.

~James Gaffney, © 2008 Karides Lic. to St. George Publishing
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*When the Sacred Scriptures
are read in the Church,
God himself speaks to his people,
and Christ, present in his own word,
proclaims the Gospel.*

(GIRM, no. 29)

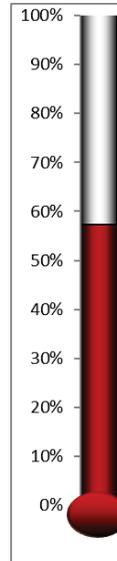
FINANCIAL UPDATE - SUPPORT YOUR PARISH

Your financial support of the parish pays for utilities, staff and clergy salaries, property maintenance, supplies, and supports our parish ministries. Everything we do as a parish relies on the offertory collections and other donations. Your continuing generous and sacrificial giving will assist your parish to provide for your spiritual needs and to serve the wider community.

Merci and Thank You!

Week ending 11/8	Collection	Online Giving
Offertory	\$2,899	\$585
Sacramentals	\$40	
Grand Annual	\$1,402	
Gifts & Bequests		
Maintenance & Repairs	\$190	
St. Vincent de Paul*	\$392	\$200
Religious Education	\$115	
All Saints Day	\$70	
Totals	\$5,108	\$785

GRAND ANNUAL Goal - \$30,000
Current Total - \$17,189 (57%)



*\$220 checks to St. Vincent de Paul

Scripture Readings

Sunday	November 15
	Prv 31:10-13, 19-20, 30-31/1 Thes 5:1-6/Mt 25:14-30 or 25:14-15, 19-21
Monday	November 16
	Rv 1:1-4; 2:1-5/Lk 18:35-43
Tuesday	November 17
	Rv 3:1-6, 14-22/Lk 19:1-10
Wednesday	November 18
	Rv 4:1-11/Lk 19:11-28
Thursday	November 19
	Rv 5:1-10/Lk 19:41-44
Friday	November 20
	Rv 10:8-11/Lk 19:45-48
Saturday	November 21
	Rv 11:4-12/Lk 20:27-40
Sunday	November 22
	Ez 34:11-12, 15-17/1 Cor 15:20-26, 28/Mt 25:31-46



"Every member of the Church must be vigilant in seeing that this sacrament of love shall be at the center of the life of the people of God so that through all of the manifestations of worship due to it, Christ shall be given back love for love, and truly become the life of our souls. The best, the surest and most effective way of establishing peace on the face of the earth is through the great power of Eucharistic Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament." - St. Pope John Paul II

THERE IS *Nothing* TOO GREAT OR TOO SMALL **FOR PRAYER**

For the Sick: Jason Alexander, Dorothy Sherry, Armen Sarafian, Pat John, Steve L., Kathleen Levy, Ron Budka, Denise Wells, Kayla Campagna, Jay P., Madeline St. Pierre, Joan Driscoll Bick, Pat Jalbert, Steven Conner, Raymond Thompson, Larry Blanchard, Chris Hall, Laurie Babbin, Rob Holloran, Karen Friedrich, Peter and Ben, Carol Whyntott, Barbara Newman, Lila LaMalfa, Dina Russo, Carson Borden, Terry Walters, Bill Walters, Frank Popielski, Jean Sacco

For the Military: Jason Boyle, Nicholas Budka, Sean Patrick Mautone, Keith Lovely, David Irwin, K. Ryan McKinley, Michael Angers

For all victims of the Coronavirus, for all front line workers, and for all medical researchers that they may find an effective prevention.

For all the deceased members of our parish.

For Priests and Seminarians: Please pray each day for our Boston priests and seminarians:

- Saturday - Fr. Sean McCarthy and Jose Montero Burgos
- Sunday - Fr. Walter Carreiro and Joseph Ferme
- Monday - Fr. Joseph Hennessey and Bertrand Proux
- Tuesday - Fr. Jean Pierre Aubin and Patrick O'Connor
- Wednesday - Fr. Richard Santerre and Diego Alejandro Pena
- Thursday - Fr. Timothy Shea and Gelber Salomon Sepulveda
- Friday - Fr. Leo Martel and Nicholas Stano
- Saturday - Fr. Matthew Norwood and Francis Trewin



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