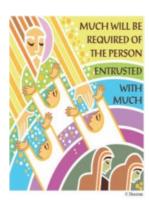
## 19th Sunday in Ordinary Time - Year C (2025)

## Theme: "Faithful and Ready"

Dear Beloved Parishioners,

This weekend's Gospel (Luke 12:32–48) offers both comfort and challenge. Jesus reassures us: "Do not be afraid, little flock, for it is your Father's good pleasure to give you the king-dom." Yet immediately, He calls us to be vigilant—like servants awaiting their master's return. The Christian life is not passive; it is a daily journey of faith, trust, and purposeful living.



St. Paul reminds us that faith is not merely about seeing—it's about trusting. Just as Abraham stepped forward into an unknown future, confident in God's promises, we too are invited to live each day as a sacred gift. Our readiness should not stem from fear, but from hope rooted in love.

Where is your treasure? Where is your heart? Let our answer be reflected in how we live: generously, prayerfully, and always prepared for the Lord's coming. "Blessed are those servants whom the master finds vigilant upon his arrival."

Dear friends, let us not grow weary or complacent. Let us be people of faith like Abraham—servants who are ready with love when the Master knocks. And when He comes—whether today or in the distant future—may He find us alert, joyful, and generous, with lamps lit and hearts full.

Amen.

## + Fr. Albert's Upcoming Trip to Kenya

Many of you are aware of my father's ongoing health challenges. His battle with throat cancer remains difficult, and I feel called to be with him and my mother during this time. I will be traveling to Kenya from **Monday, August 11** for **three and a half weeks** to spend precious time with them. I humbly ask for your prayers—for my family, for healing, and for strength. In my absence, **Msgr. Mike** will graciously continue serving our beloved parish with dedication and care. Please know that I will be praying for each of you as well. God bless us all with faith and wisdom.

Fr. Albert & Msgr. Mike