St Benedict Parish
St. John the Baptist Church

Thirty-second Sunday in Ordinary Time (A)

Wisdom 6:12–16 / 1 Thessalonians 4:13–18 or 4:13–14 / Matthew 25:1–13

Keep Your Light Burning Bright

ANN M. GARRIDO

We have entered that time of year when the readings turn our attention toward the “end of time”—that moment we await in which all of God’s dreams for us will be realized. The “kingdom of God come.” Jesus, like prophets before him, compared this moment to a wedding feast. In Jesus’ time, marriage was the most decisive event of one’s life, and the wedding feast was the greatest feast families ever celebrated. There was nothing better than a good wedding party— and nothing more embarrassing than a bad one. So much at stake! In the parable in today’s gospel, Jesus focuses on the role of the bridesmaids in making the wedding feast a spectacular event—or not. They are trusted to provide a parade of light to greet the groom as he arrives at his family’s home with the bride, but it turns out that not all have prepared adequately. The parable forces us to consider our own commitment to the Christian life. In baptism, we, too, were given a special role to serve the coming kingdom of God. We, too, were entrusted with a light and told to “keep it burning bright” until that time in which we “come out to greet him.” At the beginning of our faith journey, we often embrace this role with much fervor. But we forget that the Christian life takes a good bit of endurance and involves a lot of waiting. We will need oil to keep that light burning bright— the oil of prayer, participation in the sacraments, time spent in study and renewal. No one else can nourish your relationship with God for you. It is something you will need to do yosurself.

Reflect

What are you doing to keep your light of faith burning bright right now?



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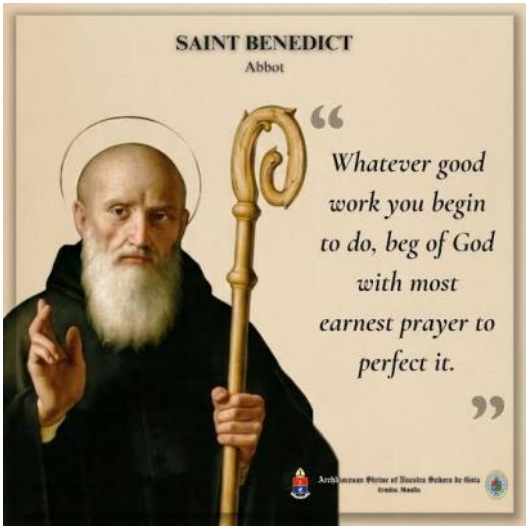
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4:00 +Robert Wilson

6:00 Helen Burnett, health .
Fernandez family, Special Intention

8:00 For our Parish members (Misa Pro Populo)

10:00 Our children and grandchildren special intention



Wisdom is at the heart of today's readings. It is one of the seven gifts of the Holy Spirit and an essential gift for living the stewardship way of life. As Christian stewards, we should continually ask the Holy Spirit to deepen this gift within us.

In today's Gospel, Jesus tells the parable of the 10 virgins waiting for the bridegroom. Five are wise, and five are foolish. The wise virgins prepare ahead of time, bringing enough oil to keep their lamps burning. The foolish ones fail to prepare and are caught off guard when the bridegroom arrives. Jesus concludes with this reminder: "Therefore, stay awake, for you know neither the day nor the hour."

Stewardship helps us live with that same spirit of readiness. When we seek the Lord each day through prayer, the sacraments, and the faithful use of the gifts He has entrusted to us, we keep our hearts prepared to meet Him whenever He calls.
That is the wisdom Christ desires for each of us.

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Attendance	**October 24-25-2026**	
St. Benedict	**59**	**2**
St. John	**69**	**13**
TOTAL	**128**	**15**

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Pray for the peaceful comfort and healing of our 'Ohana

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*Jan Neumann
*Dolores Sedlack
*Mahina Kaupiko
*Kamala Galletes
*Miriam Janczak
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*Gwen Menchaca
*Deb Reed
*Gloria Grapa
*William Anderson
*Johnny Koene

AMEN



Are We Awake?

This Week's Readings at Mass

- ► Wisdom 6:12-16 • Wisdom for those who seek
- ► 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18 • Resurrection of the dead
- ► Matthew 25:1-13 • Parable of the ten virgins

The wedding customs of Jesus' time may be unfamiliar to us, but the point of the parable today isn't the details about how wedding ceremonies worked. The parable focuses on Jesus' teaching to remain alert and vigilant as we await the full coming of the Kingdom of Heaven.

There is debate about whether this parable points to our need to be watchful for Jesus' second coming at the end of time or is making another point. We know from other New Testament writings that St. Paul, Jesus' other apostles, and the whole early Christian community expected Jesus to return in their lifetime. The second reading today gives us Paul's version of how he imagined this happening. "The Lord himself, with a word of command, with the voice of an archangel and with the trumpet of God, will come down from heaven..." (Thess. 4:16). The early Christians understood this parable as the need for vigilance for the end of the world,

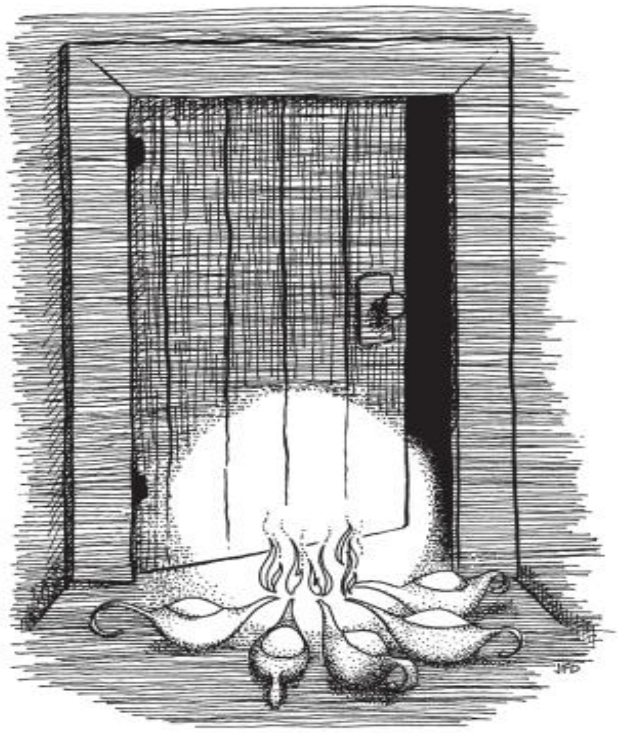
Perhaps that isn't the meaning of it for us today, however. Assuming Jesus doesn't return in our lifetimes, what might he be urging us to prepare for? What are we called to stay awake to? Many of Jesus' teachings focused on the Kingdom of God, which he repeatedly said "is at hand." Perhaps that is the invitation to us—to be alert to how the Kingdom of God is breaking into our world today, right where we find ourselves. As we near the end of a tumultuous 2023, we may be challenged to see how God is active in the world right now. Yet Jesus, too, lived in a world racked by racial and economic injustice, military domination, and sickness and suffering, yet he still saw ways God was active and working. Can we?



"Stay awake, for you know neither the day nor the hour."

Sheepish Question:

So why am I not getting an "E"? What must I do about it?



Questions of the Week

1. Do you ever find yourself wondering about how and when the world will end? If so, does thinking about it change the way you live?
2. Despite all the bad news in our world this year, how do you see the Kingdom of God breaking in

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St. Benedict of Nursia, Italy (A.D. 480-543), the twin brother of St. _____ is the Father of Western Monasticism. His *Rule* came to be the basis of organization for many religious orders, including the Franciscans and Dominicans.

DEAR VISITOR
TO ST. BENEDICT CATHOLIC CHURCH, ALOHA! THANK YOU FOR VISITING US TODAY! WE WISH YOU A BEAUTIFUL EXPERIENCE AND THAT YOU LEAVE ST. BENEDICT'S CHURCH TODAY, REFRESHED IN SPIRIT AND WITH PEACE IN YOUR HEART! SINCE THE EARLY DAYS OF THE CHURCH, IT HAS BEEN CATHOLIC TRADITION TO OFFER A "MASS INTENTION". THIS IS A WAY OF REMEMBERING A PERSON AND LIFTING THEM UP IN PRAYER. YOU MAY ASK THE GREETER FOR A FORM AND ENVELOPE.

Dear Padre,



What happens to the sacred treasures in a deconsecrated Catholic church? When a diocesan bishop deconsecrates a church, he issues a decree that removes a church's dedication and relegates it to "profane but not sordid use" when it "cannot be used in any way for divine worship and there is no possibility of repairing it" (Code of Canon Law, 1222). The impossibility of repairing a badly damaged church doesn't mean only an architectural impossibility. Inadequate finances to maintain the church properly, an insufficient number of parishioners to foster ecclesiastical vitality, and a shortage of priests are also grave causes for a church's closure. Decorative appointments and sacred treasures in these relegated churches often find new homes in other churches and religious institutions. This traditional custom of dissemination is a sign of solidarity with the broader Church and in continuity with its rich heritage. It honors the faith and sacrifices of the charter members when the church was built and the generations that followed. Remaining religious items in a relegated church, such as an unmovable altar, "lose their dedication or blessing if they have been destroyed in large part, or have been turned over permanently to profane use by decree of the competent ordinary or in fact" (CCL 1238). Stained glass windows, mosaics, and other sacred art that remain in a repurposed church don't lose their aesthetic beauty and evocative power, however. "A thing of beauty is a joy for ever," wrote the poet John Keats.

● Fr. Byron Miller, CSsR / DearPadre.org

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
November 9	November 10	November 11	November 12	November 13	November 14	November 15
The Dedication of the Lateran Basilica	*St. Leo the Great, Pope and Doctor of the Church*	*St. Martin of Tours, Bishop*	*St. Josaphat, Bishop and Martyr*	*St. Frances Xavier Cabrini, Virgin*	*Weekday*	*Thirty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time*
Ez 47:1–2, 8–9, 12	Ti 2:1–8, 11–14	Ti 3:1–7	Phlm 7–20	2 Jn 4–9	3 Jn 5–8	Prv 31:10–13, 19–20, 30–31
1 Cor 3:9c–11, 16–17	Lk 17:7–10	Lk 17:11–19	Lk 17:20–25	Lk 17:26–37	Lk 18:1–8	1 Thes 5:1–6
Jn 2:13–22						Mt 25:14–30 or 25:14–15, 19–21

Do you have a question for the Padre?

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A WORD FROM POPE LEO XIV

Brothers and sisters support each other in hardship; they do not turn their back on those who are in need; and they weep and rejoice together in the active pursuit of unity, trust, and mutual reliance. The dynamic is that which Jesus himself gives to us: "Love one another as I have loved you."

GENERAL AUDIENCE, ROME, NOVEMBER 12, 2025

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