



IMMACULATE HEART OF *M*ARY

Parish Mission + Mision Parroquial

*With Mary, we seek to know Christ better and to make him better known through our words and actions.
Con María, deseamos conocer mejor a Cristo y darlo a conocer por medio de nuestras acciones y palabras.*

THIRTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME, NOVEMBER 15, 2020



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Dear families of the Immaculate Heart of Mary,

The letters of Paul to the Thessalonians are among his earliest writings and are driven by his belief and the belief of the entire early Christian community that the return of Christ was imminent, and that devoting time or attention to anything else was foolish.

As time progressed, this fervor subsided a bit. Today we may wonder, when we hear these readings about the coming end-times, if we should take them to heart, ***if we really believe that Christ still may come upon us as a "thief at night"*** (1 Thessalonians 5:2). Does this mean that we are to stop our long-range goal setting, get rid of our yearly calendars and planners, or stop putting money in the college education fund? Of course not. What it does mean is that we need to change our lives, living like children of the light and illuminating the world around us with the light of the gospel. Then, on that day, when the details of our daily living become unimportant, we will be ready to find our peace and security in Christ Jesus.

By now our Faith Formation for all ages has begun. For the younger ages it is a new way to learn with Zoom classes. Even with the challenges for the teachers and the parents we will work our way through this. For our adults even though we got a late start we are progressing to prepare them for the Easter Vigil. Pray for all those eager to follow Christ and pray for those who guide them.

Immaculate Heart of Mary, pray for us.

Father Quang

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Queridas familias del Inmaculado Corazon de Maria,

Las cartas de Pablo a los tesalonicenses están entre sus primeros escritos movidos por su creencia, y la creencia de la comunidad de la Iglesia joven, de que el retorno de Cristo era inminente, y que dedicar tiempo y atención a otras cosas era tontería.

Con el paso del tiempo este fervor disminuyó un poco. Hoy, cuando escuchamos sobre la llegada del fin de los tiempos, podemos preguntarnos si la tenemos que tomar en serio, ***si es que realmente creemos que Cristo todavía puede venir por nosotros como "un ladrón en la noche"*** (1 Tesalonicenses 5:2). ¿Significa esto que debemos ponerle un paro a establecer metas a largo plazo, despojarnos de nuestros calendarios y agendas anuales, dejar de ahorrar para una educación universitaria? Por supuesto que no. Lo que significa es que necesitamos cambiar nuestra vida, vivir como hijos de la luz e ir iluminando el mundo que nos rodea con la luz del Evangelio. Entonces, en aquel día, cuando los detalles de nuestra vida diaria se tornen poco importantes, estaremos listos para encontrar nuestra paz y seguridad en Cristo Jesús.

A estas alturas, nuestra formación en la fe para todas las edades ha comenzado. Para las edades más jóvenes es una nueva forma de aprender con las clases de Zoom. Incluso con los desafíos para los maestros y los padres, trabajaremos en esto. Para nuestros adultos, aunque empezamos tarde, estamos progresando para prepararlos para la Vigilia Pascual. Rezad por todos los que están ansiosos por seguir a Cristo y rezad por los que les guían.

Inmaculado Corazón de María, ruega por nosotros.

Padre Quang

Weekday Masses/Misas Diarias

Monday, Wednesday, Friday: 8:00AM (English) - Tuesday, Thursday, Saturday: 8:00AM (Bilingual)

Saturday Vigil Mass

5:00PM (English)

Sunday Mass/Domingo Misa

7:30AM (English) - 9:00AM (English) - 10:45AM (Español) - 12:30PM (English) - 2:00PM (Español)

5:00PM - Traditional Roman Rite (Latin)

Confessions

Tuesdays 6:00PM - 7:00PM — Saturdays 3:30PM - 4:30PM

Prayers & Weekly Scriptures/Oraciones y Lecturas de la Semana

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK **INTENCIONES PARA MISAS DE LA SEMANA**

SAT. NOV. 14TH

8:00AM + Coralia A. Bermudez and Jaime Amaya
+ Sean Hoban
5:00PM + Angelita and Carol Morris

SUN. NOV. 15TH

7:30AM Virginia Nubia – Special Intention
9:00AM Ryan Adler and Family - Health
10:45 AM + Ester Ayala
+ Hector Arcos
12:30PM Immaculate Heart of Mary
2:00PM Banuelos de Zesati Family
5:00PM + Souls in Purgatory

MON. NOV. 16TH

8:00AM + Jim Westjohn
+ Frederick G. Ellenberger

TUE. NOV. 17TH

8:00AM + Francisca and Jose Cervante
Banuelos de Zesati Family

WED. NOV. 18TH

8:00AM Florentino Bermudez – Special Int.
+ Andre Friant

THU. NOV. 19TH

8:00AM + Juan and Francisca Nalam
+ Vangelina Gonzalez

FRI. NOV. 20TH

8:00AM + Quintin Paredes
Harry Luna – Special Intention



Funerals for the month of October

John Brosnan
John A. Garcia
Alan Hoeschen
Priscilla May Martinez
Angelita M. Perez
Robert (Bob) Specht
Eulalia Vega
Jorge A. Viray

Sick Relatives & Friends **Parientes y Amigos Enfermos**

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If You would like a name added to the prayer list, please call the parish office at (925) 634-4154 or e-mail: bulletin@ihmbrentwood.com. At the end of each month you must call to place the name again on the list.

Ud. quiere añadir un nombre en esta lista, por favor llame a la oficina de la parroquia al (925) 634-4154 o mande un correo electrónico al: bulletin@ihmbrentwood.com. Al final del mes, usted debe llamar a la oficina si desea que el nombre aparezca de nuevo.

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

LECTURAS DE LA SEMANA

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|------------|--|-----------------------------------|
| Monday | 497: Rv 1:1-4; 2:1-5 Lk 18:35-43 | Ps 1:1-4, 6 |
| Tuesday: | 498: Rv 3:1-6, 14-22 Lk 19:1-10 | Ps 15:2-5 |
| Wednesday: | 499: Rv 4:1-11 Lk 19:11-28 | Ps 150:1b-6 |
| Thursday: | 500: Rv 5:1-10 Lk 19:41-44 | Ps 149:1b-6a, 9b |
| Friday: | 501: Rv 10:8-11 103, 111, 131 | Ps 119:14, 24, 72, Lk 19:45-48 |
| Saturday: | 502: Rv 11:4-12 Lk 20:27-40 | Ps 144:1-2, 9-10 |
| Sunday: | 160: Ez 34:11-12, 15-17 5-6 1 Cor 15:20-26, 28 7 Mt 25:31-46 | Ps 23:1-3, |

Gloria

Gloria a Dios en el cielo,
Y en la tierra paz a los hombres
Que ama el Señor.
Por tu inmensa Gloria te alabamos,
te bendecimos,
te adoramos,
te glorificamos,
te damos gracias,
Señor Dios, Rey celestial,
Dios Padre todopoderoso.
Señor, Hijo único, Jesucristo,
Señor Dios, Cordero de Dios,
Hijo del Padre;
Tu que quitas el pecado del mundo,
Ten piedad de nosotros;
Tu que quitas el pecado del mundo,
Atiende nuestra suplica;
Tu que estas sentado a
La derecha del Padre,
Ten piedad de nosotros;
Porque solo tu eres Santo,
Solo tu Señor,
Solo tu Altísimo Jesucristo.
Con el Espíritu Santo
En la gloria de Dios Padre.
Amen.

Primera lectura Prov 31: 10-13. 19-20. 30-31

Dichoso el hombre que encuentra una mujer
hacendosa: Muy superior a las perlas es su valor.
Su marido confía en ella y, con su ayuda, él se
enriquecerá; todos los días de su vida
le procurará bienes y no males.
Adquiere lana y lino y los trabaja con sus hábiles
manos.
Sabe manejar la rueca y con sus dedos mueve el huso;
abre sus manos al pobre y las tiende al desvalido.
Son engañosos los encantos y vana la hermosura;
merece alabanza la mujer que teme al Señor.
Es digna de gozar del fruto de sus trabajos
y de ser alabada por todos.

Salmo Responsorial Salmo 127: 1-2. 3. 4-5

Dichoso el que teme al Señor. Dichoso el que teme al
Señor.

Segunda Lectura 1 Tes 5: 1-6

Hermanos: Por lo que se refiere al tiempo y a las
circunstancias de la venida del Señor, no necesitan que
les escribamos nada, puesto que ustedes saben
perfectamente que el día del Señor llegará como un
ladrón en la noche. Cuando la gente esté diciendo:
“¡Qué paz y qué seguridad tenemos!”, de repente
vendrá sobre ellos la catástrofe, como de repente le
vienen a la mujer encinta los dolores del parto, y no
podrán escapar.
Pero a ustedes, hermanos, ese día no los tomará por
sorpresa, como un ladrón, porque ustedes no viven en
tinieblas, sino que son hijos de la luz y del día, no de la
noche y las tinieblas.
Por lo tanto, no vivamos dormidos, como los malos;
antes bien, mantengámonos despiertos y vivamos
sobriamente.

Evanglio

Mt 25, 14-30

En aquel tiempo, Jesús dijo a sus discípulos esta
parábola: “El Reino de los cielos se parece también a
un hombre que iba a salir de viaje a tierras lejanas;
llamó a sus servidores de confianza y les encargó sus
bienes. A uno le dio cinco talentos; a otro, dos; y a un
tercero, uno, según la capacidad de cada uno, y luego
se fue. El que recibió cinco talentos fue enseguida a
negociar con ellos y ganó otros cinco. El que recibió
dos hizo lo mismo y ganó otros dos. En cambio, el que
recibió un talento hizo un hoyo en la tierra y allí
escondió el dinero de su señor. Después de mucho
tiempo regresó aquel hombre y llamó a cuentas a sus
servidores. Se acercó el que había recibido cinco
talentos y le presentó otros cinco, diciendo: ‘Señor,
cinco talentos me dejaste; aquí tienes otros cinco, que
con ellos he ganado’. Su señor le dijo: ‘Te felicito,
siervo bueno y fiel. Puesto que has sido fiel en cosas
de poco valor, te confiaré cosas de mucho valor. Entra
a tomar parte en la alegría de tu señor’. Se acercó
luego el que había recibido dos talentos y le dijo:
‘Señor, dos talentos me dejaste; aquí tienes otros dos,
que con ellos he ganado’. Su señor le dijo: ‘Te felicito,
siervo bueno y fiel. Puesto que has sido fiel en cosas
de poco valor, te confiaré cosas de mucho valor. Entra
a tomar parte en la alegría de tu señor’. Finalmente, se
acercó el que había recibido un talento y le dijo:
‘Señor, yo sabía que eres un hombre duro, que
quieres cosechar lo que no has plantado y recoger lo
que no has sembrado. Por eso tuve miedo y fui a
esconder tu talento bajo tierra. Aquí tienes lo tuyo’.
El señor le respondió: ‘Siervo malo y perezoso. Sabías
que cosecho lo que no he plantado y recojo lo que no
he sembrado. ¿Por qué, entonces, no pusiste mi
dinero en el banco, para que a mi regreso lo recibiera
yo con intereses? Quítenle el talento y dónselo al que
tiene diez. Pues al que tiene se le dará y le sobraré;
pero al que tiene poco, se le quitará aun eso poco que
tiene. Y a este hombre inútil, échelo fuera, a las
tinieblas. Allí será el llanto y la desesperación’ ”.

Credo de Nicea

Creo en un solo Dios, Padre todopoderoso, Creador del
cielo y de la tierra, de todo lo visible y lo invisible.
Creo en un solo Señor, Jesucristo, Hijo único de Dios,
nacido del Padre antes de todos los siglos: Dios de Dios,
Luz de Luz, Dios verdadero de Dios verdadero,
engendrado, no credo, de la misma naturaleza del Padre,
por quien todo fue hecho; que por nosotros, los hombres,
y para nuestra salvación bajó del cielo, **y por obra del
Espíritu Santo se encarnó de María, la Virgen, y se
hizo hombre**; y por nuestra causa fue crucificado en
tiempos de Poncio Pilato, padeció al tercer día, según las
Escrituras, y subió al cielo, y está sentado a la derecha
del Padre; y de nuevo vendrá con gloria. Para juzgar a
vivos y muertos, y su reino no tendrá fin. Creo en el
Espíritu Santo, Señor dador de vida, que procede del
Padre y del Hijo, que con el Padre y el Hijo recibe una
misma adoración y Gloria, y que hablo por los profetas.
Creo en una iglesia, que es santa, católica y apóstolica.
Confieso que hay un solo bautismo para el perdón de los
pecados. Espero la resurrección de los
muertos y la vida futura del mundo. Amen.

Readings

Gloria

Glory to God in the highest,
and on earth peace to people of good will.
We praise you, we bless you,
we adore you, we glorify you,
we give you thanks for your great glory,
Lord God, heavenly King,
O God, almighty Father.
Lord Jesus Christ,
Only Begotten Son,
Lord God, Lamb of God,
Son of the Father,
you take away the sins of the world,
have mercy on us;
you take away the sins of the world,
receive our prayer;
you are seated at the right hand of the Father,
have mercy on us.
For you alone are the Holy One,
you alone are the Lord,
you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ,
with the Holy Spirit,
in the glory of God the Father. Amen

First Reading

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

When one finds a worthy wife,
her value is far beyond pearls.
Her husband, entrusting his heart to her,
has an unfailing prize.
She brings him good, and not evil,
all the days of her life.
She obtains wool and flax
and works with loving hands.
She puts her hands to the distaff,
and her fingers ply the spindle.
She reaches out her hands to the poor,
and extends her arms to the needy.
Charm is deceptive and beauty fleeting;
the woman who fears the LORD is to be praised.
Give her a reward for her labors,
and let her works praise her at the city gates.

Reponsorial Psalm

128:1-2, 3, 4-5

O blessed are those who fear the Lord and walk in his ways.
O blessed are those who fear the Lord and walk in his ways.

Second Reading

1 Thes 5:1-6

Concerning times and seasons, brothers and sisters,
you have no need for anything to be written to you.
For you yourselves know very well that the day of the Lord will come like a thief at night.
When people are saying, "Peace and security,"
then sudden disaster comes upon them,
like labor pains upon a pregnant woman,
and they will not escape.
But you, brothers and sisters, are not in darkness,
for that day to overtake you like a thief.
For all of you are children of the light
and children of the day.
We are not of the night or of darkness.
Therefore, let us not sleep as the rest do,
but let us stay alert and sober.

Gospel

Mt 25:14-30

Jesus told his disciples this parable:

"A man going on a journey called in his servants and entrusted his possessions to them. To one he gave five talents; to another, two; to a third, one--to each according to his ability. Then he went away. Immediately the one who received five talents went and traded with them, and made another five. Likewise, the one who received two made another two. But the man who received one went off and dug a hole in the ground and buried his master's money. "After a long time the master of those servants came back and settled accounts with them. The one who had received five talents came forward bringing the additional five. He said, 'Master, you gave me five talents. See, I have made five more.' His master said to him, 'Well done, my good and faithful servant. Since you were faithful in small matters, I will give you great responsibilities. Come, share your master's joy.' Then the one who had received two talents also came forward and said, 'Master, you gave me two talents. See, I have made two more.' His master said to him, 'Well done, my good and faithful servant. Since you were faithful in small matters, I will give you great responsibilities. Come, share your master's joy.' Then the one who had received the one talent came forward and said, 'Master, I knew you were a demanding person, harvesting where you did not plant and gathering where you did not scatter; so out of fear I went off and buried your talent in the ground. Here it is back.' His master said to him in reply, 'You wicked, lazy servant! So you knew that I harvest where I did not plant and gather where I did not scatter? Should you not then have put my money in the bank so that I could have got it back with interest on my return? Now then! Take the talent from him and give it to the one with ten. For to everyone who has, more will be given and he will grow rich; but from the one who has not, even what he has will be taken away. And throw this useless servant into the darkness outside, where there will be weeping and grinding of teeth.'"

The Nicene Creed

I believe in one God, the Father almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all things visible and invisible. I believe in one Lord Jesus Christ, the Only Begotten Son of God, born of the Father before all ages. God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, consubstantial with the Father; through him all things were made. For us men and for our salvation he came down from heaven, **and by the Holy Spirit was incarnate of the Virgin Mary, and became man.** For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate, he suffered death and was buried, and rose again on the third day in accordance with the Scriptures. He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead and his kingdom will have no end. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son is adored and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets. I believe in one, holy, catholic and apostolic Church. I confess one Baptism for the forgiveness of sins and I look forward to the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come. Amen.



Advent Parish Retreat

December

3rd – English, 7:00 PM. in Church

10th – Español, 7:00 PM. in Church

Rev. Mr. Candelario Jiménez

"Prepare the Way of the Lord"

Isaiah 40: 1-11

Oracion San Miguel

San Miguel Arcángel,
defiéndenos en la batalla.
Sé nuestro amparo contra la
perversidad y asechanzas del
demonio. Reprímale Dios,
pedimos suplicantes,
y tú Príncipe de la Milicia Celestial,
con el divino poder de Dios,
arroja al infierno a Satanás
y a todos los espíritus malignos
que andan dispersos
por el mundo
para la perdición de las
almas. Amén.



Prayer to St. Michael

St. Michael the Archangel,
defend us in battle,
be our protection
against the wickedness and
snares of the devil.
May God
rebuke him we humbly pray;
and do thou, O Prince of the
Heavenly host,
by the power of God,
cast into hell Satan
and all the evil spirits
who prowl about the world seeking the
ruin of souls.
Amen

Information/Información

St. Vincent de Paul for Friday's Food Pantry

For the weekend of November 22, 2020, please bring canned milk. THANK YOU!

Para el fin de semana del 22 de noviembre, 2020, por favor traigan leche enlatada. GRACIAS!!

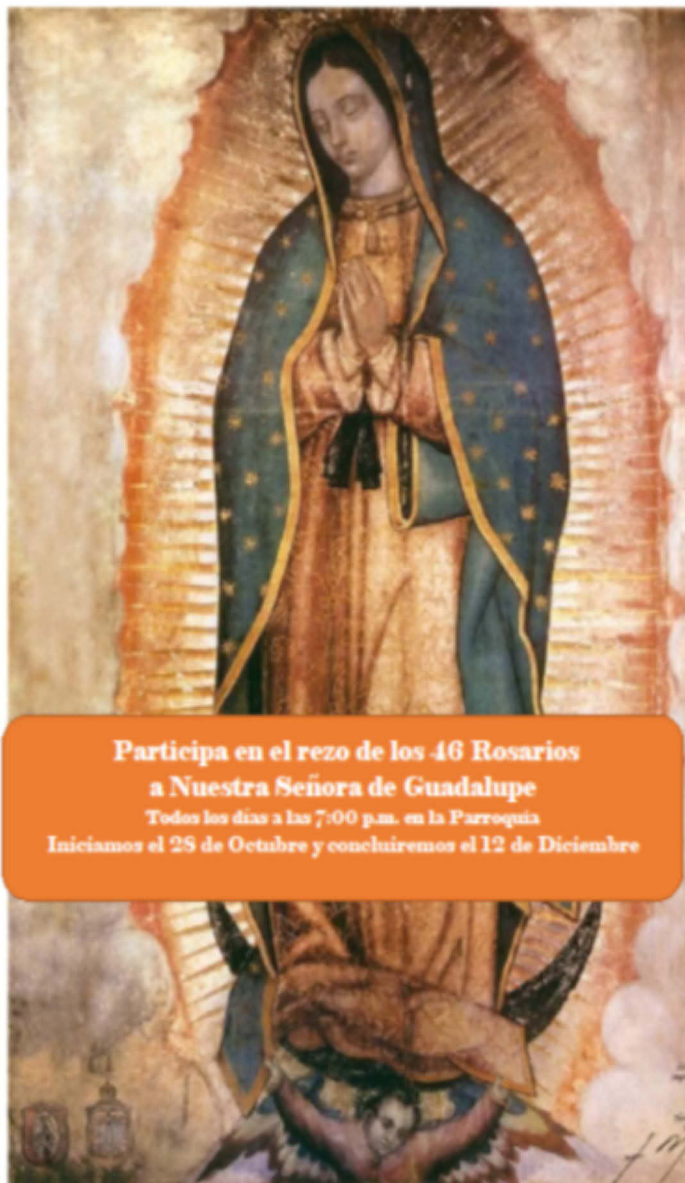
SCHEDULE OF SECOND COLLECTIONS

November 29, 2020 - St. Vincent de Paul
December 6, 2020 - Facility Improvement Fund

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FECHAS DE SEGUNDAS COLECTAS

29 de noviembre, 2020 - San Vicente de Paul
6 de diciembre, 2020 - Fondo del Mejoramiento de las Instalaciones.



“People rejoiced because they had offered so willingly, for they made their offering to the Lord with a whole heart.”
- 1 Chronicles 29:9

Our to-do lists can get lengthy during this season, but Faith Direct's eGiving program will give you one less thing to remember each week. No more envelopes to find before you go to Mass, no more scrambling thru your purse for your donation.

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NOVEMBER 8TH, NOVEMBER 15TH AND NOVEMBER 22ND

DRAWING WILL BE HELD ON: Monday November 23rd

Do not need to be present to win!

PRIZES ARE: (1) Christmas Tree 7 1/2' Tall (1) Nativity Scene

(5) Handmade Rosaries (1) Christmas Mystery Gift Basket

(1) Visa Gift Card valued at \$100

(1) Safeway Gift Card valued at \$100



**Picture of actual Christmas Tree prize*



**Handmade 13 piece Nativity set*

We now have a code for the website **FORMED.ORG** - Simply open a web browser and type in: www.formed.org. - Go to the lower right hand side and click on "Register" and follow the prompts. Our IHM code is: **CM7TFZ**

This is a dynamic website that has all things Catholic, on demand, all the time! Check it out!!!

Are you new to Immaculate Heart of Mary? We Welcome you!

We are a very vibrant and active parish in Brentwood whose mission is, "with Mary, we seek to know Christ better and to make him better known through our words and actions." We do this in a variety of ways through our several sacramental programs, social outreach, as well as our active ministries, Bible studies, and energetic youth program.

We also LOVE new parishioners and hold quarterly "Welcoming Gathering" specifically those new to IHM. See our bulletin for details on the date for the next upcoming gathering. If you are not registered, please call the parish office at 624-4154 and ask for Ana. She will be happy to mail you a registration form.

Spirituality of The Lord of the Rings

In early 2021, we are going to offer a class on the Spirituality of The Lord of the Rings, the classic work of JRR Tolkien. In 1999, readers named it one of the best books of the millennium. The BBC named it one of the most inspiring books ever written! If it's been a while since you read it, dust it off and dig in. If you have never read it, get it and get ready for an adventure! The class will be based on the book not the films. More information will be coming, so start reading and keep an eye on the bulletin!



November 15, 2020

Thirty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time

Written by
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Prv 31:10-13, 19-20, 30-31 | 1 Thes 5:1-6 | Mt 25:14-30

GROW AS A DISCIPLE | PRAY, STUDY, ENGAGE, SERVE

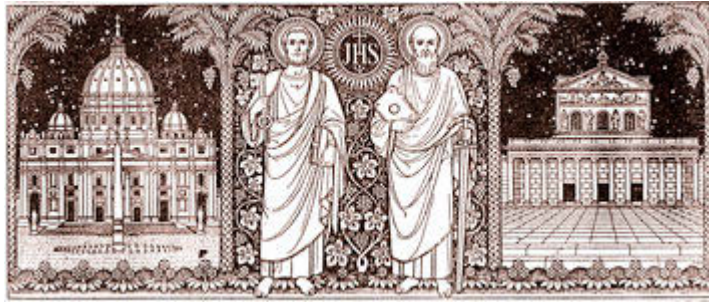
I'm bemused by the servant in today's Gospel who basically buries the single talent that was entrusted to him. (A talent was an ancient measuring unit of weight for silver and gold.) Meanwhile, the other two wisely invested the talents entrusted to them, and doubled their money. Building on last week's Gospel which showed those who were prepared to meet the bridegroom were invited into the wedding feast, this parable challenges us to realize that the invitation to the feast is the beginning, not the end. We are not to rest comfortably with what we have been given – the gift of faith – but to invest in the Kingdom, and to build on that gift of faith. For example, we may have a palpable experience of God's presence at a retreat or through Eucharistic adoration. However, if that goes no further than being buried as a memory or feel-good experience, we are no better than the wicked, lazy servant. Faith is a gift intended to be put into practice and shared. When we invest in it through the sacraments, serving others, and reading the Scriptures, our faith will continue to grow.

GO EVANGELIZE

PRAYER, INVITATION, WITNESS, ACCOMPANIMENT

So, I'm a bit of a hoarder. I cling to mementoes of days past, whether it's my son's first plastic Playskool vacuum (sold at a garage sale by my husband, but that's another story), a book given to me by a friend, or a treasured letter. I admit I relate to the servant who buried his money for fear he'd lose it. Sometimes I think I cling to memories – relationships and experiences that are important to me – and fail to invest in what makes those memories valuable. A similar dynamic can happen with our faith and our friendship with Jesus. We can go through the motions without giving it much thought. Today's Gospel challenges us to seek opportunities to grow in our faith and "make new memories" with Jesus – to invest in building the kingdom of God, whether that's inviting a friend to Mass, returning to the Eucharist ourselves, or spending more time with Scripture. By putting our faith into action in this way, we cannot only grow in our faith, but invite others to come along with us on the journey.

ENCOUNTER Find a Eucharistic adoration chapel near you and spend some time with Christ. Thank Jesus for the blessings in your life. Bring him your needs. Ask Jesus to give you his grace that you might grow in union with him.



Dedication of St. Peter and St. Paul Basilicas - November 18

The ancient basilica of Saint Peter stood, like the present one, on the hill of Rome called in Latin *Mons Vaticanus*, at the northwestern extremity of the city, on the right bank of the Tiber. What we call the Vatican is a Roman palace, the ordinary dwelling of the Pope. Near the Lateran palace where the early Popes dwelt, which was itself built by Constantine the Great or Saint Liberius, Constantine built on the same hill, over the tomb of Saint Peter called *the Confession*, the Church of the first Vicar of Christ, where once a Roman circus had stood. This first Christian emperor placed there a plaque to honor Saint Peter, on which he had inscribed:

Because the world under your guidance has risen triumphant to the very heavens, Constantine, victorious, has built this temple to your glory.

The Divine Office for this day narrates its origins as follows:

The Emperor Constantine the Great, on the eighth day after his baptism, after deposing the diadem and prostrating himself, shed a great many tears; then taking up a pick and a shovel, he dug into the soil and drew out twelve loads of earth in honor of the twelve Apostles, thereby designating the site of the basilica he desired to build to honor their Prince. This basilica was dedicated by Pope Saint Sylvester on the fourteenth day of the calendes of December, just as on the fifth of the ides of November he had consecrated the Church of the Lateran, but here he did so by raising a stone altar which he anointed with sacred chrism... When the old Vatican basilica became decrepit, it was rebuilt, through the piety of several Pontiffs, on the same foundations but larger and more magnificent. And in the year 1626, on this same day, Urban VII solemnly consecrated it.

As during the earliest centuries, still today from all corners of the world Christians go to venerate the tomb of the Prince of the Apostles.

The tomb of Saint Paul is on the Ostian Way, at the southern extremity of the city. The characters indicating the Apostle buried there, which clearly date from the epoch of Constantine, are engraved in the marble which closes the sarcophagus: PAULO APOSTOLO ET MARTYRI.

On the same day, Saint Sylvester dedicated *the Basilica of Saint Paul the Apostle* which the emperor Constantine had also built with magnificence on the Ostian Way, enriching this one, too, with revenues, ornaments and valuable gifts. In the year 1823, a violent fire totally consumed this Basilica, but it was raised again, more beautiful than before, by the persevering zeal of four Pontiffs, who recovered it from its ruins. Pius IX chose for the time of its consecration the blessed occasion of the definition of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary, which he had just proclaimed, and which had drawn to Rome from the farthest places of the Catholic world, a number of Bishops and Cardinals. It was on the 10th day of December in 1854, that amid this beautiful crown of prelates and princes of the Church, he carried out the solemn dedication, and fixed its annual commemoration for the present day. (*November 18*)

Thus the city is laid out between the two pillars of the Church, the two Apostles who from Rome made the Word of God resound throughout the entire world.

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Saint Elizabeth of Hungary's Story

In her short life, Elizabeth manifested such great love for the poor and suffering that she has become the patroness of Catholic charities and of the Secular Franciscan Order. The daughter of the King of Hungary, Elizabeth chose a life of penance and asceticism when a life of leisure and luxury could easily have been hers. This choice endeared her in the hearts of the common people throughout Europe.

At the age of 14, Elizabeth was married to Louis of Thuringia, whom she deeply loved. She bore three children. Under the spiritual direction of a Franciscan friar, she led a life of prayer, sacrifice, and service to the poor and sick. Seeking to become one with the poor, she wore simple clothing. Daily she would take bread to hundreds of the poorest in the land who came to her gate.

After six years of marriage, her husband died in the Crusades, and Elizabeth was grief-stricken. Her husband's family looked upon her as squandering the royal purse, and mistreated her, finally throwing her out of the palace. The return of her husband's allies from the Crusades resulted in her being reinstated, since her son was legal heir to the throne.

In 1228, Elizabeth joined the Secular Franciscan Order, spending the remaining few years of her life caring for the poor in a hospital which she founded in honor Saint Francis of Assisi. Elizabeth's health declined, and she died before her 24th birthday in 1231. Her great popularity resulted in her canonization four years later.

Reflection

Elizabeth understood well the lesson Jesus taught when he washed his disciples' feet at the Last Supper: The Christian must be one who serves the humblest needs of others, even if one serves from an exalted position. Of royal blood, Elizabeth could have lorded it over her subjects. Yet she served them with such a loving heart that her brief life won for her a special place in the hearts of many. Elizabeth is also an example to us in her following the guidance of a spiritual director. Growth in the spiritual life is a difficult process. We can play games very easily if we don't have someone to challenge us.



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