

SUNDAY, November 15, 2020
Thirty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

God gives us life in Christ: let us give thanks and praise.

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit, as it was in the beginning, is now and will be for ever, Amen. Alleluia!

Hymn **Meter: 87 87 D**

Those who love and those who labor
Follow in the way of Christ;
Thus the first disciples found him,
Thus the gift of love sufficed.
Jesus says to those who seek him,
I will never pass you by;
Raise the stone and you shall find me;
Cleave the wood, and there am I.
Where the many work together,
They with Christ himself abide,
But the lonely workers also
Find him ever at their side.
Lo, the Prince of common welfare
Dwells within the market strife;
Lo, the bread of heaven is broken
In the sacrament of life.

Psalm **24:1-6**

*Give her a reward of her labors, / and let her works
praise her at the city gates. (Prv 31:31)*

*God's faithful people, women and men alike,
praise God by their lives of faithful, often unsung
labor as they put their gifts to use in the service of
family, friends, neighbors, and strangers. Their
reward is assured, though love, not reward, is their
motive.*

The Lord's is the earth and its fullness,
the world and all its peoples.
It is he who set it on the seas;
on the waters he made it firm.
Who shall climb the mountain of the Lord?
Who shall stand in his holy place?
The man with clean hands and pure heart,
who desires not worthless things,
who has not sworn so as to deceive his neighbor.
He shall receive blessings from the Lord
and reward from the God who saves him.
Such are the men who seek him,
seek the face of the God of Jacob.

Glory to the Father...

Word of God **Titus 3:8**

This saying is trustworthy. I want you to insist on these points, that those who have believed in God be careful to devote themselves to good works;

these are excellent and beneficial to others.

Work at your tasks in due season, and in his own time God will give you your reward. (Sir 51:30)

Canticle of Zechariah

When you look for me, you will find me. Yes, when you seek me with all your heart. (Sir 16:14)

Blessed be the Lord, the God of Israel; he has come to his people and set them free. He has raised up for us a mighty savior, born of the house of his servant David.

Through his holy prophets he promised of old that he would save us from our enemies, from the hands of all who hate us. He promised to show mercy to our fathers and to remember his holy covenant.

This was the oath he swore to our father Abraham: to set us free from the hands of our enemies, free to worship him without fear, holy and righteous in his sight all the days of our life.

You, my child, shall be called the prophet of the Most High; for you will go before the Lord to prepare his way, to give his people knowledge of salvation by the forgiveness of their sins.

In the tender compassion of our God the dawn from on high shall break upon us, to shine on those who dwell in darkness and the shadow of death, and to guide our feet into the way of peace.

Glory to the Father...

Intercessions

The Lord Jesus glorified his Father by accomplishing the work he was given to do. Let us pray for the grace to follow his example.

R/ May we do faithfully the work you have given.

You call some to care for a household: may they be rewarded with the love of those for whom they care.

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You call some to feed and clothe the poor: may they be rewarded with wealth of heart.

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You call some to work for the economic or political good of the world: may they be rewarded with peace.

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Personal intentions

Our Father....

O God of wisdom, you call us to keep watch for the coming of Christ. Grant us the wisdom to await him, to recognize him in his coming, and to prefer

him above all else, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God for ever and ever. Amen.

Mass

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

A capable wife, who can find her?
She is far more precious than jewels. The heart of her husband trusts in her, and he will have no lack of gain. She does him good, and not harm, all the days of her life. She seeks wool and flax, and works with willing hands. She considers a field and buys it; with the fruit of her hands she plants a vineyard. She girds herself with strength, and makes her arms strong.
She perceives that her merchandise is profitable. Her lamp does not go out at night. She opens her hand to the poor, and reaches out her hands to the needy. She opens her mouth with wisdom, and the teaching of kindness is on her tongue. Her children rise up and call her happy; her husband too, and he praises her: "Many women have done excellently, but you surpass them all." Charm is deceitful, and beauty is vain, but a woman who fears the Lord is to be praised. Give her a share in the fruit of her hands, and let her works praise her in the city gates.

Reading 1 Thessalonians 5:1-6

Now concerning the times and the seasons, brothers and sisters, you do not need to have anything written to you. For you yourselves know very well that the day of the Lord will come like a thief in the night. When they say, "There is peace and security," then sudden destruction will come upon them, as labour pains come upon a pregnant woman, and there will be no escape!

But you, beloved, are not in darkness for that day to surprise you like a thief.
You are all children of light and children of the day; we are not of the night or of darkness. So then let us not fall asleep as others do, but let us keep awake and be sober.

Gospel Matthew 25:14-30

[Jesus spoke this parable to his disciples: "For it is as if a man, going on a journey, summoned his slaves and entrusted his property to them; to one he gave five talents, to another two, to another one, to each according to his ability. Then he went away.]

The one who had received the five talents went off at once and traded with them, and made five more talents. In the same way, the one who had the two

talents made two more talents. But the one who had received the one talent went off and dug a hole in the ground and hid his master's money.

After a long time the master of those slaves came and settled accounts with them.

Then the one who had received the five talents came forward, bringing five more talents, saying, 'Master, you handed over to me five talents; see, I have made five more talents.'

His master said to him, 'Well done, good and trustworthy slave; you have been trustworthy in a few things, I will put you in charge of many things; enter into the joy of your master.'

And the one with the two talents also came forward, saying, 'Master, you handed over to me two talents; see, I have made two more talents.'

His master said to him, 'Well done, good and trustworthy slave; you have been trustworthy in a few things, I will put you in charge of many things; enter into the joy of your master.'

Then the one who had received the one talent also came forward, saying,

'Master, I knew that you were a harsh man, reaping where you did not sow, and gathering where you did not scatter seed; so I was afraid, and I went and hid your talent in the ground. Here you have what is yours.'

But his master replied, 'You wicked and lazy slave!

You knew, did you, that I reap where I did not sow, and gather where I did not scatter?

Then you ought to have invested my money with the bankers and on my return

I would have received what was my own with interest.

So take the talent from him, and give it to the one with the ten talents.

For to all those who have, more will be given, and they will have an abundance; but from those who have nothing, even what they have will be taken away. As for this worthless slave, throw him into the outer darkness, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.' "

Men of St. Joseph Prayer

St. Joseph, help me to be like you. Help me to be obedient to the teachings of the Church and faithful to God's commands. Help me to patiently endure my cross each day. Let me be a model of holiness and a pillar of virtue. I solemnly promise to embrace God's will and I accept the challenge to work tirelessly for my family's salvation. Be my guide and companion on this journey. St. Joseph, terror of demons, pray for us!

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