

SUNDAY, November 8, 2020
Thirty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

Who seeks Christ will find 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: LM**

O Christ our King, supreme in power,
The Father's glory and delight
Our fallen nature you restored,
By dying you defeated death.
Increase in us the life of grace
That when as Bridegroom you return,
With lamps well trimmed we be prepared
To follow you at once with joy.
Receive us as a judge serene
Into the realms of peace and light,
Whom faith and love have bound to you,
Adoring your great Trinity.

Canticle **Ephesians 1:3, 7-10**

Whoever watches for wisdom at dawn shall not be disappointed. (cf. Wis 6:14)

The wise virgins seek Christ, who is the wisdom of God. Today's readings urge us to seek Christ at all costs and to be prepared for the joy of finding him, the source of all wisdom, at unexpected moments and in unexpected places.

Praised be the God and Father
of our Lord Jesus Christ,
who has bestowed on us in Christ
every spiritual blessing in the heavens.
In him and through his blood, we have been
redeemed,
and our sins forgiven,
so immeasurably generous
is God's favor to us.
God has given us the wisdom
to understand fully the mystery,
the plan he was pleased
to decree in Christ.
A plan to be carried out
in Christ, in the fullness of time,
to bring all things into one in him,
in the heavens and on earth.

Glory to the Father...

Word of God **Wisdom 7:10**

Beyond health and comeliness I loved her,/ And I
chose to have her rather than the light,/ because
the splendor of her never yields to sleep.

*Those who love me I also love,/ and those who
seek me find me. (Prv 8:17)*

Canticle of Zechariah

*When you look for me, you will find me. Yes, when
you seek me with all your heart. (Jer 29:13)*

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

Wisdom is as wisdom does. Let us pray to the
source of wisdom to make us wise:

R/ Grant us wisdom of heart.

You are present always and everywhere: grant that
we may seek and find you in all things.

R/

You are the peace at the heart of all quarrels:
grant that we may seek and find you as the source
of reconciliation.

R/

You are the light in the midst of all darkness: grant
that we may seek and find you as we struggle to
make right decisions.

R/

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 **Wisdom 6:12-16**

Wisdom is radiant and unfading, and she is easily discerned by those who love her, and is found by those who seek her.

She hastens to make herself known to those who desire her. One who rises early to seek her will have no difficulty, for she will be found sitting at the gate.

To fix one's thought on her is perfect understanding, and one who is vigilant on her account will soon be free from care, because she goes about seeking those worthy of her, and she graciously appears to them in their paths, and meets them in every thought.

Reading **1 Thessalonians 4:13-18**

We do not want you to be uninformed, brothers and sisters, about those who have died, so that you may not grieve as others do who have no hope.

For since we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so, through Jesus, God will bring with him those who have died. For this we declare to you by the word of the Lord, that we who are alive, who are left until the coming of the Lord, will by no means precede those who have died. For the Lord himself, with a cry of command, with the Archangel's call and with the sound of God's trumpet, will descend from heaven, and the dead in Christ will rise first. Then we who are alive, who are left, will be caught up in the clouds together with them to meet the Lord in the air; and so we will be with the Lord forever.

Therefore encourage one another with these words.

Gospel **Matthew 25:1-13**

Jesus spoke this parable to the disciples: The kingdom of heaven will be like this. Ten bridesmaids took their lamps and went to meet the bridegroom.

Five of them were foolish, and five were wise. When the foolish took their lamps, they took no oil with them but the wise took flasks of oil with their lamps. As the bridegroom was delayed, all of them became drowsy and slept. But at midnight there was a shout, Look! Here is the bridegroom! Come out to meet him.'

Then all those bridesmaids got up and trimmed their lamps. The foolish said to the wise, 'Give us some of your oil, for our lamps are going out.' But the wise replied,

'No! There will not be enough for you and for us; you had better go to the dealers and buy some for yourselves.' And while they went to buy it, the bridegroom came, and those who were ready went with him into the wedding banquet; and the door was shut.

Later the other bridesmaids came also, saying, 'Lord, lord, open to us.'

But he replied, 'Truly I tell you, I do not know you.' Keep awake therefore, for you know neither the day nor the hour."

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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