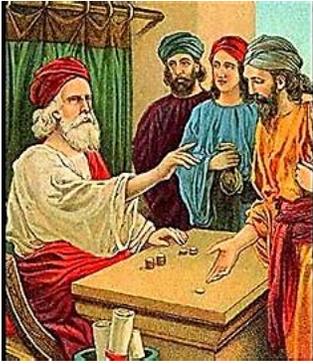


November 15th, 2020 – 33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time



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 wailing and grinding of teeth.' -MT 25:25-30

True Humility and Talents

Some people think that humility is a matter of taking yourself to be small, unworthy, not up for much. But, in the Gospel parable, the servant who thinks he is too little to do much with his talent is dismissed as wicked and useless, and his talent is taken away from him. The Lord doesn't praise him for humility.

So, what is humility? It is the opposite of pride—but what is pride? Pride isn't denying that there is some excellence, some talent, in yourself when there really is. Rather, pride is a failure to recognize that that talent is given you by the Lord.

Of course, we *are* small and unworthy. What else would we be? Our talents are not a function of what we are and can do. Every excellence in us is a gift of the Lord's. We can acknowledge the excellence that is truly in us without danger of pride, provided we remember that such excellence comes from the Lord and is to be used for His glory.

Not only that, but in the Gospel Reading our Lord announces a funny distribution principle: to him who has, more will be given. So here is the idea. A person who does not refuse a gift of the Lord's receives it and consequently has more. Then, because he has more, the Lord will offer him another gift. If he does not refuse that new gift, it will be given—and so he will have more. And then more will be given to him. And so on and on, till a person blazes in glory for the Lord.

Unlike the useless servant in the parable, then, we can aim as high as we like, with true humility, provided we recognize as gift every excellence we have. Everything is gift, and everything is meant to be given back in service of love for the Lord.

--Eleonore Stump

Readings This Sunday

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

Reading II: 1Thessalonians 5: 1-6

Gospel: Matthew 25:14-30

Readings For Next Sunday

Reading I: Ezekiel 34:11-12, 15-17

Reading II: 1Corinthians 15:20-26, 28

Gospel: Matthew 25:31-46

Finance / Stewardship Collection: The plate last weekend was **\$2,351.** Building & Maintenance was **\$759.**

Matching Funds

An anonymous benefactor from our parish has graciously offered to match dollar-for-dollar up to a total of a **\$30,000** donation. We have now raised **\$24,906** in donations for the Matching Funds which will go towards the **renovation of the church sanctuary.** We appreciate your support.

ALL SOULS DAY/ MONTH INTENTIONS There are All Souls Day envelopes on the table by the side entrance. If you would like to have loved ones remembered at the Holy Mass please fill out the All Souls Day envelopes with their names. If you wish please include a donation and place the envelope in the collection basket. They will be placed on the Altar during the month of November.

Next Sunday is the Solemnity of Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe

The last Sunday of Ordinary Time is the feast of Christ the King, instituted by Pope Pius XI in 1925 in the context of the growing secularization of the world. In its core document, Our First, Most Cherished Liberty: A Statement on Religious Liberty, the USCCB Ad Hoc Committee for Religious Liberty "urge[d] that the Solemnity of Christ the King—a feast



born out of resistance to totalitarian incursions against religious liberty—be a day specifically employed by bishops and priests to preach about religious liberty, both here and abroad." Let us pray fervently that we will help others encounter anew Christ, our King, bringing the Gospel to the margins of society, that all might bear witness to Him before others. Christ's lordship over the universe is commemorated and the Church highlights even more clearly Christ's sovereignty over all creation, including human history. Jesus is the center of history: not only the history of mankind as a whole, but also of each individual person. Even when it seems that everything is lost, it is

always possible to appeal to our Lord, like the good thief, as the gospel tells us. ¡ Viva Cristo Rey!

Eureka Holy Mass Intentions

Saturday 14

4:00 pm SJ Mary Gierek Hoffman †

Sunday 15

7:30 am SJ No Intention

9:00 am SH VanderVeldt Family Int.

10:30 am SB Mass for the People

12:15 pm SH Francisco Vega † (Sp)

4:30 pm SH John Talbot †

Monday 16

12:15 pm SB No Intention

5:30 pm SH No Intention

Tuesday 17

7:30 am SJ No Intention

5:30 pm SH No Intention

Wednesday 18

12:15 pm SB Jay Sullivan †

6:00 pm SH Adoration

7:00 pm SH For the healing and support for the victims of clergy sexual abuse. (Sp)

Thursday 19

7:30 am SJ Henry Lutje †

5:30 pm SH No Intention

Friday 20

12:15 pm SB No Intention

5:30 pm SH M. Walker Int.

Saturday 21

4:00 pm SJ Kathy Wood Int.

Sunday 22

7:30 am SJ Kayla Pepper Int.

9:00 am SH Richard DeGuzman †

10:30 am SB Bertha Yost †

12:15 pm SH Mass for the People (Sp)

4:30 pm SH Francesco Vega & Oscar Camacho †

Please pray for : Marilyn Ziblich, Baby Olivia, Monika Rose Cleenewerck, Chad Kryla, Don DeHennis, Basil & Santos Mainus, Harold Giacomini, Chet Branum, Florence, Fran Hill, Isela Adams, Lindy Timmerman & Family, Mary James, Dave Silverbrand, John Bertain, Denise Sledge, James Iron Shell, James Lemon, Wm. Hahn Family, Rose Ann Hurst, Armado De Los Santos, Judy Mill, Julia Walters, Connie Mather, Steve Mill, Ryan Pepper, Fred Pepper, Paul Shabata & Family.

Catholic Detention Ministries is requesting donations of Christmas cards and small individually wrapped candies.

Please only *unused* Christmas cards with envelopes for the use of the inmates of the Humboldt County Correctional Facility. The facility requests that *candies remain in their unopened store packages* in which they are sold for safety reasons. **Yes! they are welcoming the cards and candies this year.**

This is a combined effort of the local Catholic churches to put together 300 packages, one for each inmate. This has been much appreciated by the inmates in the past. These people do not have a source of cards to send to their families, so these cards are very welcome. The candies provide a little something nice for these people who find little joy on Christmas. Please leave donations at the church or church office no later than Tuesday December 1st for pickup. For information or questions call Bob at 677-1952

Confirmation News...It's that time of year again for us to begin preparation for the Sacrament of Confirmation. If you or a loved one is between 7th grade and 17 years old, now is the perfect time to join us! Please leave a message with Dn. Dance @ (707) 442-2233 / email at dancefarrell@gmail.com, and clearly say that you are interested in Confirmation, leave your name, the name of your child, and your phone number. Deacon will contact you soon regarding classes! Deacon W. Dance Farrell, St. Bernard / St. Joseph's & Sacred Heart Parishes Director of Campus Ministry – St. Bernard Academy

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION WILL BEGIN SOON

SVDP THANKSGIVING MEAL VOLUNTEERS

St. Vincent de Paul Dining Facility will host an **OUTDOOR Thanksgiving Holiday Meal** on Thursday, November 26, 2020.

Volunteers are needed for the following:
Food Prep: NOV 24-25, 12:00 – 4:00 PM

Thanksgiving Day:

Serving Table Set-Up & Kitchen Help: 8:30 – 10:45 AM

Meal Service & Kitchen Help: 10:30 AM – 1:30 PM

Clean-Up: 1:30 – 3:30 PM

Drop-Off Winter Wear Donations – Wool

Blankets, Gloves, Snowcaps, Heavy-Duty Socks, Winter Coats, Back-Packs, Disposable Face Masks
Please contact Mary or Steven at 707-445-9588SVDP Dining Facility - 35 W. Third Street, Eureka 95501

Thank You for your support!