

November 8th, 2020 – 32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time



While they went off to buy it, the bridegroom came and those who were ready went into the wedding feast with him. Then the door was locked. Afterwards the other virgins came and said, 'Lord, Lord, open the door for us!' But he said in reply, 'Amen, I say to you, I do not know you. Therefore, stay awake, for you know neither the day nor the hour. – MT 25: 10-13

Are We There Yet?

How can it be that the “typical questions” of children pass down from generation to generation? They do.

Our family car was half way to Colorado and I was about six or seven and I clearly remember asking my mother that famous, time-honored question, “Mommy, are we there yet?” It was a real question, and I wasn’t quoting someone else, so I thought.

By now I have heard child after child ask exactly the same question of a parent, in exactly the same words. Maybe it is an innate instinct, like geese flying south or robins pulling up worms.

As we become mature, we human beings do learn to wait, to live with the “not yet.” We call it “delayed gratification.” We may want to be home, for instance, but to get there from work, we might have to walk to the bus stop, wait for the #10, hand over the fee, stand until there is a seat, sit down at long last, wait some more, get off, walk 50 blocks (it seems), unlock the door, and finally, finally, finally, put our feet up and relax. Some days this can be annoying, but usually “we get used to it.”

But we shouldn’t get overly used to it. That is the point of this week’s readings. Since we are not children, we can overlook the joy or pleasure when our goal finally arrives. Do you even remember to taste food when you finally get your dinner? Did you remember to enjoy in quiet detail the friend you haven’t seen (at least virtually) in a year?

Sunday’s First Reading reminds us peacefully and beautifully to watch for God at dawn; to keep vigil because Wisdom (the Holy Spirit of God) actually is searching for those who are waiting. The Responsorial Psalm boldly names our craving for God! It says, “my soul is thirsting for you, O Lord my God.” And, the Gospel adds, stay awake, make preparations. Do not be foolish. Do not forget to be ready.

We are like parched ground without rain. We have huge fractures in our surface. Our souls ache

for the gentle, courteous and tender outpouring God wants to do—not a thing like hurricanes or floods, but like a mother feeding her newborn.

Let’s face it. You and I desire God more than anything else. At the center of our souls is a thirst that will never be slaked unless the God of all creation comes in person to be living water for us.

“Your kindness is a greater good than life,” the Psalm says to God.

What did you say? But life is so essential, so to be preserved, so valuable that we fight like a cornered wolf when it is threatened. Even so, in spite of all our flurry, God’s delicious kindness is a far greater good than anything else we know, greater even than being alive. It is worth the wait, no matter how long.

So, be excited like a child. Let yourself say “I want,” like kids do. But also, be calm like an adult. Know that when our desires are thwarted, we can wait, as wisdom waits for us. -John Foley, SJ

Readings This Sunday

Reading I: Wisdom 6:12-16

Reading II: 1Thessalonians 4:13-18

Gospel: Matthew 25:1-13

Readings For Next Sunday

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

Reading II: 1Thessalonians 5: 1-6

Gospel: Matthew 25:14-30

Finance / Stewardship Collection: The plate last weekend was **\$2,340.**

RCIA

More good news: the last of our Elect received the sacraments of Initiation this week! We congratulate and celebrate the newest member of our faith community - **Eain Graham!** In the midst of hard times for our world, God is reminding us of His constant love and care; we are blessed!

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 **\$24,756** in donations for the Matching Funds which will go towards the **renovation of the church sanctuary.** We appreciate your support.

Eureka Holy Mass Intentions

Saturday 07

8:30 am SH 1st Sat. Marian Devotion
Stella Reyes Int.
4:00 pm SJ Deb Allen Int. HB

Sunday 08 All Saints Day

7:30 am SJ Kathryn Allen Int.
9:00 am SH Mass for the People
10:30 am SB Mr. & Mrs. Narciso Leija †
12:15 pm SH Francisco Vega † (Sp)
4:30 pm SH Carmen Salazar †

Monday 09

12:15 pm SB No Intention
5:30 pm SH Young Ladies Institute

Tuesday 10

7:30 am SJ No Intention
5:30 pm SH No Intention

Wednesday 11

12:15 pm SB Chad Kryla Int.
6:00 pm SH Adoration
7:00 pm SH For the strength of the bishops
to be holy shepherds in protecting and leading their
sheep from all harm. (Sp)

Thursday 12

7:30 am SJ Henry Lutje †
5:30 pm SH No Intention

Friday 13

12:15 pm SB Deceased Members of YLI †
5:30 pm SH No Intention

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 †

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.



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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.

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

We are awaiting our home instruction books for
enrolled families and will inform you as soon as
possible of the starting date of religious education.
Thank you for your patience. This year, due to
COVID, Religious Education will begin with at-
home instruction by the family. Assistance from
parish catechists will be available after
Masses monthly for registered families in person or
by phone. Contact Kim Farrell, DRE for more
information. Her phone number is on the bulletin.
Our Faith and Life series is still our main text, but
during at home instruction this text is much easier
for parents:

<https://www.comcenter.com/program/429/>