

**PRAYER CORNER**

God our Father, source of all health, be near those who suffer in the time of weakness and pain; relieve them of their burden and heal them, if it be Your will. Give peaceful sleep to those who need rest for soul and body, and be with them in their hours of silence. Bless those who know not what another day will bring. Grant this in Jesus name, Amen.

**Pray for the needs of Sick/ Shut-in**

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Severano Garcia

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*Love one another as I have  
love you*

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Friday: 10:00 a.m.—1:00 p.m.

**Parish Office Closed for  
Thanksgiving Holiday  
November 23 and 24**

**Thirty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time**

This week's Gospel speaks of how Jesus' disciples are to conduct themselves as they await the Kingdom of Heaven. In the preceding passages and in last week's Gospel, Jesus taught that there is no way to predict the coming of the Kingdom of Heaven. His disciples must, therefore, remain vigilant and ready to receive the Son of Man at any time.

Jesus' parable talks about Christian discipleship using economic metaphors. Before he leaves on a journey, the master entrusts to his servants a different number of talents, giving to each according to their abilities. A talent is a coin of great value. Upon the master's return, he finds that the first and second servants have doubled their money, and both are rewarded. The third servant, however, has only preserved what was given to him because he was afraid to lose the money. He has risked nothing; he did not even deposit the money in a bank to earn interest. This servant is punished by the master, and his talent is given to the one who brought the greatest return.

Read in light of last week's parable of the wise and foolish bridesmaids, this parable teaches that God's judgment will be based on the service we render to God and to one another in accordance with the gifts that God has given to us. Our gifts, or talents, are given to us for the service of others. If we fail to use these gifts, God's judgment on us will be severe. On the other hand, if we make use of these gifts in service to the Kingdom of Heaven, we will be rewarded and entrusted with even more responsibilities. This Gospel reminds us that Christian spirituality is not passive or inactive. Our life of prayer helps us to discern the gifts that have been given to us by God. This prayer and discernment ought to lead us to use our gifts in the service of God and our neighbor. God's grace allows us to share in the work of serving the Kingdom of Heaven.

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**Bulletin Reflections**

“Well done, my good and faithful servant. Since you have been faithful in small matters, I will give you great responsibilities.” - MATTHEW 25:21

God calls us to nurture and develop the gifts He has given us and then generously return a portion with increase. He doesn't want us to waste or hoard the gifts He has given us. He expects us to grow our gifts, to use them wisely, and to be generous with them. Unfortunately, many of us are not generous in proportion to all that God has given us. God asks us to be generous with all our gifts, especially the one that means the most to you.

“Bien hecho, mi buen y fiel sirviente. Porque has sido fiel en lo poco, te daré grandes responsabilidades.” - MATEO 25:21

Dios nos llama a cultivar y desarrollar los dones que Él nos ha dado, y entonces devolver generosamente una parte con aumento. Él no quiere que desperdiciemos o acumulemos los dones que nos ha dado. Él espera que hagamos crecer nuestros dones, que los utilicemos sabiamente, y que seamos generosos con ellos. Lamentablemente, muchos de nosotros no somos generosos en proporción a todo lo que Dios nos ha dado. Dios nos pide que seamos generosos con todos nuestros dones, especialmente con aquellos que significan más para nosotros.

With Prayers and Love

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**Weekly Mass Schedule**

Dates	Times
<b>Monday, November 20</b> Fr. Richard Flores	Mass 7:00 a.m. Confession After Mass
<b>Tuesday, November 21</b> Fr. Bob Strittmatter	Confession—6:30 a.m. Mass 7:00 a.m.
<b>Wednesday, November 22</b> Fr. Richard Flores	Mass 7:00 a.m. Confession after Mass Adoration 5:00 p.m.-7:00 p.m.
<b>Thursday, November 23</b> Fr. Bob Strittmatter	Confession—6:30 a.m. Thanksgiving Mass 10:00 a.m.  
<b>Friday, November 24</b> Fr. Richard Flores	Mass 7:00 a.m. Confession after Mass Adoration 8 a.m.—Noon
<b>Saturday, November 25</b> Fr. Richard Flores	Adoration 4:00-5:00 p.m. Confession—4:30 p.m. Mass 5:00 p.m.
<b>Sunday, November 26</b> Christ the King	Mass 10:00 a.m. (Livestream)
Rosary is Monday-Friday at 6:20 a.m. Rosary on Sunday is at 11:30 a.m. after Mass	

**Liturgical Ministry Schedule**

Live Stream Support	
10:00 am Mass	Sunday
11/19/2023	Isabel Garza
11/26/2023	Debra Savage
12/3/2023	Lisa Jones

Lectors		
11/18-19	C. Mitchell	Carolyn Yusuf Amanda Flood
11/25-26	Natasha Cha	Mary Battle Zayne Willars

**Weekly Readings**

11/20—1 Mc 1:10-15, 41-43, 54-57, 62-63; Lk 18:35-43  
 11/21—2 Mc 6:18-31; Lk 19:1-10  
 11/22—2 Mc 7:1, 20-31; Lk 19:11-28  
 11/23—Thanksgiving Day any readings from the Mass in “Thanksgiving to God”  
 11/24—1 Mc 4:36-37, 52-59; Lk 19:45-48  
 11/25—1 Mc 6:1-13; Lk 20:27-40  
 11/26—Ez 34:11-12, 15-17; 1 Cor 15:20-26, 28; Mt 25:31-46 Our Lord Jesus Christ the King

**Announcements**

**Special Collections for November**  
 November 19 –Human Development  
 November 23 –Thanksgiving  
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In remembrance of our deceased loved ones, we will be honoring them in mass this November. You are invited to bring framed pictures and place them on the altar.



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**Sunday Mass Missals for Sale**  
 See Frank Novel or Mike Barks for missals. They are \$6. Read along with the priest during Mass.  
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**Christmas Gifts**

The church is selling genuine leather bound copies of the Great Adventure Catholic Bible for \$45. See Lydia Salas to purchase.  
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 Follow us on Facebook for daily prayers.  
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**AUDITIONS! AUDITIONS! AUDITIONS! FOR A CHRISTMAS STORY**

Children's Christmas Pageant based on the Gospel of Luke.

**Audition Date:** Sunday, November 19, 2023, at 11:05 a.m. in the Church.  
**Presentation Date:** Monday, December 24, 2023, at 12:00 a.m. Christmas Midnight Mass. The presentation will be proclaimed during the Liturgy of the Word's Gospel Reading

**Children needed:** 2) Marys, (2) Josephs, (2) Angels of the Lords, (2) Roman Soldiers, (2) Julius Caesar, (2) Angel Gabriels, (40) Baby Angel & Shepherds.

**Requirements for Audition:** Open to grades from Pre-K 3 (age 3) to Sixth Grade. Must be able to attend four rehearsals: Sundays: 12/3, 12/10, 12/17 & 12/24 at 3:00 pm. Must be able to present before a large assembly. Major characters (Mary, Angel Gabriel, and Angel of the Lord) must be able to memorize their part. Must be available to perform at Midnight Mass 12/25.  
**Children's Choir:** They will rehearse every Sunday, beginning December 3, 2023, in the church.  
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**OMOM CCE Calendar –December**

MLK Jr. Essay due by 11/26  
 CCE/HS Ministry Sessions 12/3, 12/10, and 12/17  
 Nativity Play 12/16 or 12/17 (TBD)  
 Popcorn Fundraiser (TBD)  
 (\*Catechist/Teacher/Volunteer Meeting 12/2) \*Volunteer (TBD)



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The OMOM Angel Tree goes up this week. Please use this opportunity to pick up an Angel from the tree. This year we have

48 angels. Please return your gifts by 12:00 p.m. Sunday December 10. Thank you. It is very much appreciated.  
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