

November 15, 2026

Thirty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time

Written by
THE FAITHFUL DISCIPLE

Prv 31:10-13, 19-20, 30-31 | 1 Thes 5:1-6 | Mt 25:14-30

GROW AS A DISCIPLE | PRAY, STUDY, ENGAGE, SERVE

In biblical times, a talent was a large unit of currency, equating to over a decade's worth of work. A single talent would be a huge treasure for a master to leave in a servant's care, let alone two or five! As we read this, we marvel at the trust the master places in his servants. Yet we know that God has also entrusted us with much. In marriage, spouses are entrusted with the hearts of one another, as proclaimed in the passage from Proverbs. We know that priests are entrusted with shepherding those in their parishes and communities. Our loving Father places others in roles to care for family members, students, those who are ill. In the work of building his kingdom here on earth, God entrusts us with his greatest treasures – one another.

GO EVANGELIZE

PRAYER, INVITATION, WITNESS, ACCOMPANIMENT

The talents in the Gospel are coins, but we know that God gives us many good gifts, both physical and spiritual. God expects us to use these gifts, and if we use them in the way he intends, he will surely multiply them. When we live as the people whom God created us to be, we share our gifts and also recognize the gifts of others, thereby returning our gifts to the Lord and building up the Body of Christ. When our interactions with others reveal God's love and encourage them to love others better in return, the love of God multiplies. God's love fills us, flows from us, and ripples out into the world through others. In doing so, we reveal ourselves to be "children of the light" and have hope that we will be welcomed into the eternal joy of heaven.

REFLECT

In order to multiply the love we have been given from our heavenly Father, we must first be mindful of the many treasures with which we have been blessed. What blessings has God entrusted to you? How are you being called to love and care for those closest to you? Spend some time this week reflecting on ways that you are called to steward these treasured relationships and multiply God's love.

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OUR MISSION

'Inspired by the Holy Spirit we are a Eucharistic community called by God
To share the love of Jesus Christ and create a welcoming parish of renewal and mission.'

MONTH of Holy Souls in Purgatory

Sunday **November 15**	Monday **November 16**	Tuesday **November 17**	Wednesday **November 18**	Thursday **November 19**	Friday **November 20**	Saturday **November 21**
10a Mass **12:30p Mass** **1:30p-4pm Adoration** **7p Mass**	**9:30a** CWL Quilters **6:30p** RCIC **6:30p** RCIA	**8:30a** Mass **6p** First Fruits	**8:30a** Mass **9:30a** Drop-in Bible Study	**8:30a** Mass **55+** Cards **6p** Youth Choir	**8:30a** Mass **9a-12p** Adoration	**11a-12p** Confession **5p** Mass **6:30p** Youth Group

LIVE-STREAM MASS EVERY SUNDAY AT 10AM MASS FACEBOOK.COM/HOLYSPIRITSASK

Drop-in Bible Study

The Book of Revelation: a story about the past, present, and future

Wednesdays November 18 & 25
9:30AM | AFTER MORNING MASS

Musical Adoration

Wednesday, November 18
7-8PM

Come pray in the Presence of Jesus while music is played and sung to help focus our hearts.
The sacrament of Reconciliation will be available

55+ Cards

Thursday, November 19
1:30-4PM

High School Youth Group

Grades 8-12
Trivia Night & Pizza
SAT | NOV 21 **6:30-9PM**
JOIN US FOR 5PM MASS TOO!
Message Krista 306.220.7431

Commissioning of Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion

All Masses November 21 & 22

All new and returning EMOHC must be commissioned each year. Check in at the Connection Corner before Mass.

Advent Wreath Making and Potluck

Tuesday, November 24 **6-8PM**

Avent Wreath: base, candle holders, greenery, candles $35
Wreath Refresher: greenery, candles $25
Space is limited. Sign up today

Evening of Prayer

Holy Spirit Parish and McClure United Church, in Covenant, invite members from both churches to an evening of prayer **at Holy Spirit Parish**

Wednesday, November 25
7PM

Coffee and fellowship to follow

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THE POPE'S PRAYER INTENTION

For the proper use of wealth. Let us pray for the proper use of wealth, that not succumbing to the temptation of selfishness, it may always be put at the service the common good and solidarity of those who have less. NOVEMBER 2026

LET US PRAY

- **For the sick and all those who care for them, today we pray for:** Vera Wolkosky, Frederick Vizeacoumar, Vijaykumar Soupramania Modaliar, Evangeline Manzon, Adel Gorges, Mary Cody, Camilla Wren, Zelpha Rolph, Marygold Uchendi, Stephen Faytaren, Wayne Hackl, Stephanie Grzybowski, Stan Garchinski
- **For all those who have died, today we remember:** Sandra Zakerson, Peter Krysak, David Maier
- **And on the anniversary of death:** Bruna Martini

Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them. May the souls of the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen.

Catholic Women's League

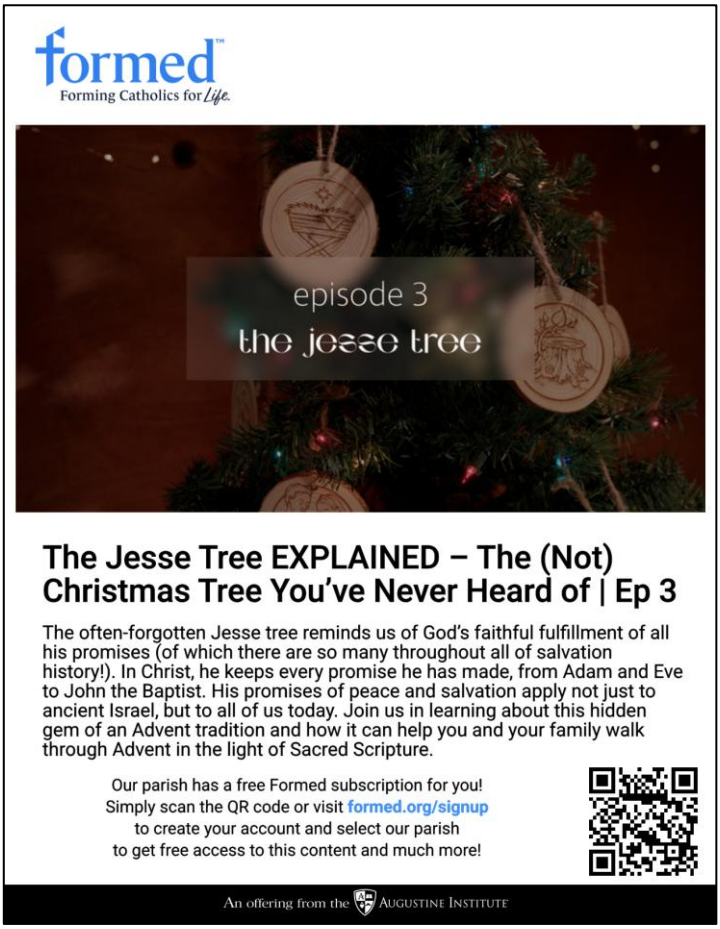
Thank you to the parishioners of Holy Spirit Parish for your generous donations to Our Lady of Guadalupe Parish. We were able to supply 2 carloads of food and over $4000 in monetary donations.

The Choir for Kindness (in support of St. Mary's Mission & Outreach) will take place at the Cathedral of the Holy Family parish on December 1st. They are looking for donations of baking for their bake sale. If you would like to donate baking, please deliver directly to the Cathedral or to Holy Spirit church before NOON on Monday, November 30th.

CWL is open to all women of the parish 16 years or older

Eucharistic Adoration

Wednesdays **7-8PM**
Fridays **9 AM - 12 PM**
Sundays **1:30 - 4 PM**



Ministry of Care

If you need prayer, support, a visit (with the Eucharist or otherwise), Anointing of the Sick, or assistance with funeral planning, **Ministry of Care** is just a phone call or email away. Please contact **Kelly Wormsbecker** kwormsbecker@rcdos.ca or call 306-374-1425

MASS TIMES	ADORATION	CONFESSIONS
Saturday 5 pm	Wednesdays 7-8pm	Saturdays 11 am - 12 noon
Sunday 10 am, 12:30pm, 7 pm	Fridays 9 am - 12 pm	*or by appointment.*
Weekdays Tues. - Fri. 8:30 am	Sundays 1:30 - 4 pm	

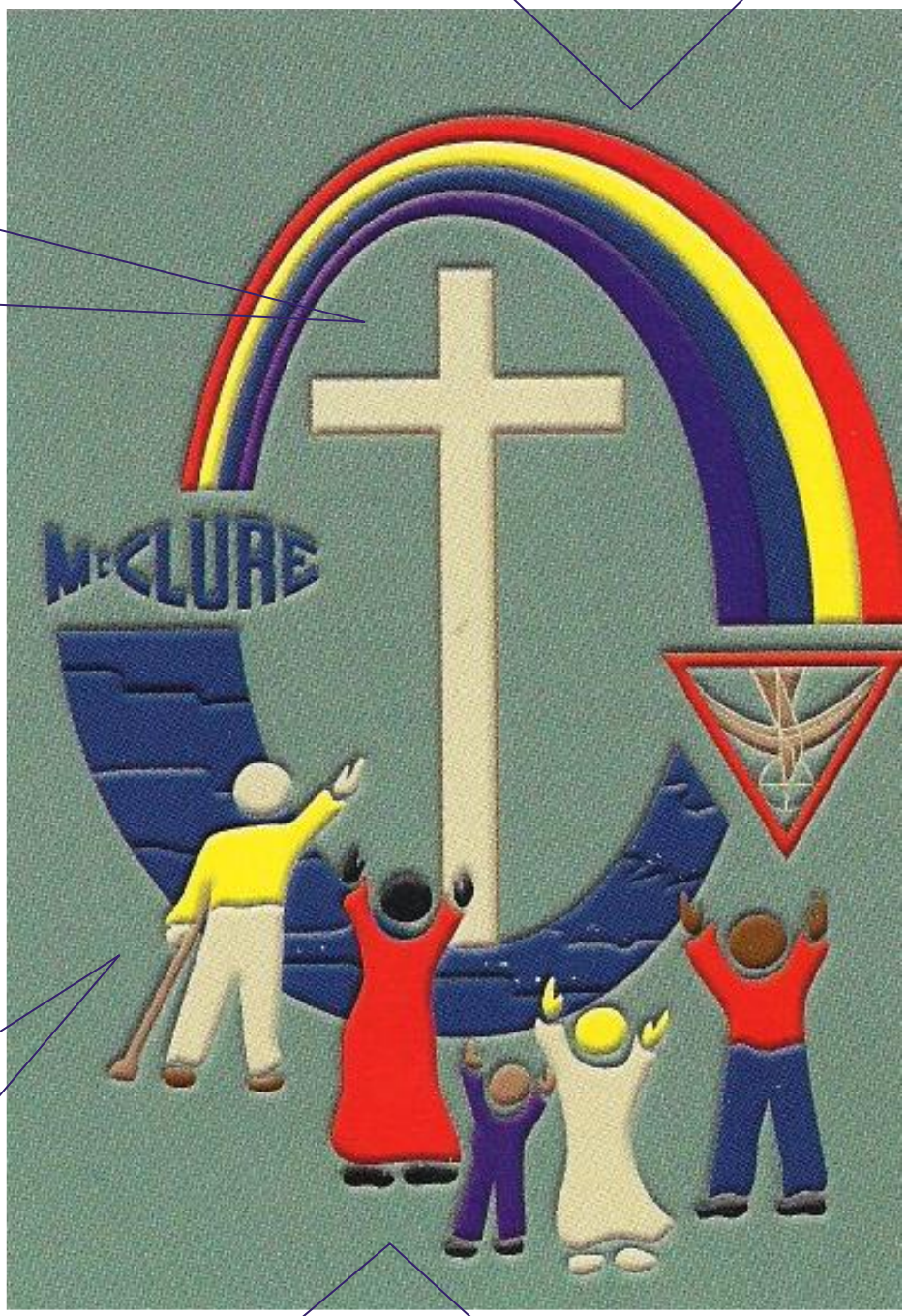
For more news and events in our diocese, see the Diocesan Bulletin at rcdos.ca under the News and Events tab.

HOLY SPIRIT PARISH & MCCLURE UNITED CHURCH

COVENANT BANNER

A rainbow connecting the logos of McClure United Church and Holy Spirit Roman Catholic Parish symbolizes the covenant signed between our two congregations.

Central to the banner, to our Christian faith, and to our unity, is the cross, a symbol of reconciliation and hope.



The radiating quilting lines show Christ's love going out to our congregations and beyond to all of humanity.

A stream of blue water is used on the lower portion of the ellipse to indicate our union through the waters of baptism.

The figures are representative of all people sharing in the joy of and giving their support to this remarkable journey forward in faith.

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This Week on Formed

Week of November 15, 2026



How to Advent | Episode 3

The often-forgotten Jesse tree reminds us of God's faithful fulfillment of all his promises (of which there are so many throughout all of salvation history!). In Christ, he keeps every promise he has made, from Adam and Eve to John the Baptist. His promises of peace and salvation apply not just to ancient Israel, but to all of us today. Join us in learning about this hidden gem of an Advent tradition and how it can help you and your family walk through Advent in the light of Sacred Scripture.



The Hour of Our Death | Eternal Rest | Episode 3

The Anointing of the Sick is one of the seven sacraments of the Church. This session, we discover the role of this sacramental anointing in the spiritual struggle during serious illness, the final stages of our temporal life, and the hour of our death.



Lectio: Mary

Join Dr. Brant Pitre in this 8-part Bible Study on Mary, the Mother of God.

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Diocesan Bulletin

Nov. 15, 2026 – 33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time
World Day of the Poor

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In all things we are *rooted in Christ*,
in His desire to bring God's love to all peoples.

Upcoming Events

Anchor is a prayer group ministry for people living with chronic illness and their caregivers. Even if illness is stabilized, there are always daily challenges. Anchor meets on the third Monday of each month to support one another through prayer, faith, hope, and gratitude, with the goal to create and build supportive relationships. The next Anchor prayer group meeting is from 6:30 p.m. to 8 p.m., **Monday, Nov. 16** at Saint Anne Parish, 217 Lenore Dr., Saskatoon. For registration or more information, please contact Dietta Todos at: durr2todos@gmail.com.

The Apostolate of the Precious Blood prayer group will meet at 10:30 a.m. on **Tuesday, Nov. 17** at Saint Anne Church, 217 Lenore Drive, Saskatoon, to pray the Rosary, as well as the Litany and Chaplet of The Precious Blood of Jesus. Everyone is welcome.

A World Youth Day celebration will be held on the Feast of Christ the King, **Nov. 22** as part of the 11 a.m. Mass at the Cathedral of the Holy Family, 123 Nelson Road, Saskatoon, with Fr. Gerard Cooper presiding. Held each year on Christ the King Sunday, World Youth Day involves dioceses around the world uniting in prayer and connecting spiritually to millions of youth and young adults journeying in faith across the globe. This is a great moment to celebrate together the joy of our faith; fellowship follows.

Hope in Health Care – Support for health care professionals: The Catholic Health Association of Saskatchewan in partnership with the Roman Catholic Diocese of Saskatoon, invites healthcare professionals to "Hope in Health Care" to explore the challenges and opportunities in living their vocations in a health-care environment that includes practices such as medically-provided euthanasia (MAID). The next gathering is 7 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. **Tuesday, Nov. 24** at the Catholic Pastoral Centre, 2nd Floor, Cathedral of the Holy Family, 123 Nelson Road, Saskatoon. For more information, contact Jackie Saretsky, diocesan Coordinator of Hospital Chaplaincy at (306) 659- 5839 or Dr. Mary Heilman, PhD, of CHAS at (306) 655-5197 or e-mail hope@chassk.ca. *(Hospital Chaplaincy is supported by gifts to the Bishop's Annual Appeal.)*

World Day of the Poor Nov. 15

"*The Lord is the refuge of the poor.*"

"Pope Leo XIV reminds us that poverty is not simply about material deprivation. Too often, those experiencing poverty are also deprived of a voice, a place in society and the dignity of being seen and heard. The Holy Father challenges us to do more than speak about poverty. He calls us to listen to people experiencing poverty, to stand alongside them and, ultimately, to become a refuge for the poor." - *Society of St. Vincent de Paul resource*)

Find Pope Leo's 2026 message for the World Day of the Poor on the Vatican website at: www.vatican.va/content/leo-xiv/en/messages/poor/documents/20260613-messaggio-giornata-poveri.html

Establishing the Society of Saint Vincent de Paul in the Diocese of Saskatoon: What might the Society of Saint Vincent de Paul (SSVP) look like in the diocese and who will it serve? Learn about successes elsewhere and imagine what might be possible in our parish settings 6:30 p.m. **Monday, Nov 23** at the Catholic Pastoral Centre Library, 2nd floor, Cathedral of the Holy Family, 123 Nelson Road, Saskatoon (elevator available). **Register online at https://form.jotform.com/263048335881260** or for more information, contact Justice and Peace Coordinator Myron Rogal at mrogal@rcdos.ca or call (306) 659-5841. *Background:* Founded in 1833, the Society of Saint Vincent de Paul (SSVP) is an international lay organization, united in the mission to serve persons in need. In Canada alone, the SSVP helps more than 350,000 people each year. Learn more about the society at **https://ssvp.ca**. (*Justice and Peace is supported by gifts to the Bishop's Annual Appeal).*

Diocesan Prayer – On this World Day of the Poor, we pray that our Loving Saviour would help us renew our commitment to those in need outside our doors, and to bless, heal and comfort them. Lord God, help us to build a world together where the poor are strangers to none, and the very chains of poverty are broken. *(Adapted from Catholic Relief Services and SSVP)*

Message Board

Christmas at the Prison - The diocesan Restorative Ministry Office is seeking monetary donations to purchase identical small gifts to distribute at the Saskatoon Correctional Centre as a way of sharing the joy of the birth of our Saviour Jesus Christ with those in prison, letting them know that they are not forgotten. Please drop labelled monetary donations into the parish collection or send to the attention of "Prison Ministry" at the Catholic Pastoral Centre, 123 Nelson Road, Saskatoon, S7S 1H1, or donate online through the "designated ministry" form (select from drop-down) at: **https://dscf.ca/designated-ministry-support**. Volunteers are also needed for celebration of Mass at the prison on Saturdays; if you are interested, contact Dianne Anderson at danderson@rcdos.ca or (306) 659-5845.

The Catechetical Forum is a day to renew, encourage, and equip those who teach the faith in parishes across the Roman Catholic Diocese of Saskatoon, offering focused teaching, round-table discussion, prayer and reflection, and the sharing of practical ideas and best practices, held at:

- **St. Mary Parish, Macklin:** 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. **Nov. 21** *(Kerrobert deanery);*
- **St. Augustine Parish, Humboldt:** 6:30 p.m. **Nov. 25** *(Humboldt deanery);*
- **St. Joseph Parish, Kindersley:** 1 to 5 p.m. **Nov. 28** *(Eatonia deanery, new date/time).*

For information and/or links to register, please contact diocesan Rural Catechesis Coordinator Quin Kleiboer, at (306) 659-5857 or qkleiboer@rcdos.ca. *(Rural Catechesis is supported the Bishop's Annual Appeal.)*

Choir for Kindness: An evening of music, community and Christmas spirit in support of St. Mary Mission and Outreach will be held at 7 p.m. **Tuesday, Dec. 1** at the Cathedral of the Holy Family, 123 Nelson Road, Saskatoon (doors open at 6 p.m.). Enjoy a showcase of local musical talent, along with a sale of delicious baking to take home for Christmas celebrations. Tickets are $10, available online at: **www.zeffy.com/en-CA/ticketing/choir-for-kindness-concert-for-st-marys-mission-and-outreach** or contact Jennifer Nunes at junes@rcdos.ca or (306) 292-7592. Learn more at **www.stmarysoutreach.com**.

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Red Wednesday Nov. 18

Prayer, awareness, and advocacy for persecuted Christians around the world:

An ecumenical prayer service will be held 7 p.m. Nov. 18 at Our Lady of Czestochowa Church, 301 Avenue Y South, Saskatoon.

All are welcome. *Note:* Volunteers are needed to assist with the event; if you can help, please contact Myron Rogal at mrogal@rcdos.ca or (306) 659-5841.

(Justice and Peace is supported by gifts to the BAA)

"Red Wednesday" is an annual event organized by Aid to the Church in Need (ACN) that aims to raise awareness about the persecution suffered by our brothers and sisters in the faith. Currently, 413 million Christians live in countries where religious freedom is severely violated. Suggested "Red Wednesday" activities include wearing red or lighting up buildings in red and/or organizing prayer services to pray for persecuted Christians.

See: **https://acn-canada.org/red-wednesday/**

"Voices in the Waiting" Ecumenical Advent prayer and reflection with the prophets: Prairie Centre for Ecumenism presents a free weekly online series from 7 p.m. to 8 p.m. Tuesday evenings on Zoom, from **Nov. 24 to Dec. 15,** led by Christian leaders from a variety of traditions gathering in hope to prepare for the coming of Christ. See the PCE website at **https://pcecumenism.ca** or e-mail admin@pcecumenism.ca

CWL Clothing Depot seeks Christmas sale donations: The Clothing Depot wish list includes new toys, socks, gloves, linens, jewelry, health and beauty items, kitchen items, and individually-wrapped candy, to help those with limited funds purchase Christmas gifts and toys at affordable prices. **Donation drop-off hours** are weekdays, 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the alley of 619-20th St. West, Saskatoon (ring the bell).

"Keep Christ in Christmas" - Outdoor Nativity Sets for Sale: Knights of Columbus of Saskatoon Council 8215 is selling weather-proof outdoor wooden Nativity silhouette sets, made of sturdy half-inch plywood, four feet by four feet, easily assembled and stored; ready for paint, stain, lighting, $90 each. Call or text (306) 514-3499 or (639) 597-4811.



Bringing Home the Word

Thirty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time (A)
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The Edges: Where God Works

Fr. Joseph Juknialis

Those who are willing to take great risks are often the ones who give birth to dreams of growth and new life. Often, it is at the scary edge of life where such growth ultimately takes place. In 1776, those who sparked a revolution and risked their personal wealth founded a new nation. President Abraham Lincoln issued his Emancipation Proclamation in 1863, when many were urging him not to do so, thus opening the door of freedom to those who found it locked. In South Africa, Nelson Mandela risked speaking out against apartheid, was imprisoned for twenty-seven years, and was eventually freed to become the leader of a new South Africa.

So often those who risk to make life new are those who are living at the growing edge of God's reign; they are instruments of God, bringing creation to new life.

In the parable in this week's gospel, three individuals are entrusted with a treasure of great worth. The third person backs away from any risk, burying the money because he is stifled by fear. God's dynamic presence, on the other hand, grows when individuals risk doing the right thing in spite of the consequences, when they are willing to speak an unpopular truth, when they take a stand for those on the edges of society, when they break down the barriers of racism and oppression. In the end, we need to listen less to our fears and more to our dreams. It's where God does God's best work: at the edges. ✝

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Sunday Readings

Proverbs 31:10–13, 19–20, 30–31

Charm is deceptive and beauty fleeting; / the woman who fears the Lord is to be praised. / Acclaim her for the work of her hands.

1 Thessalonians 5:1–6

You yourselves know very well that the day of the Lord will come like a thief at night.

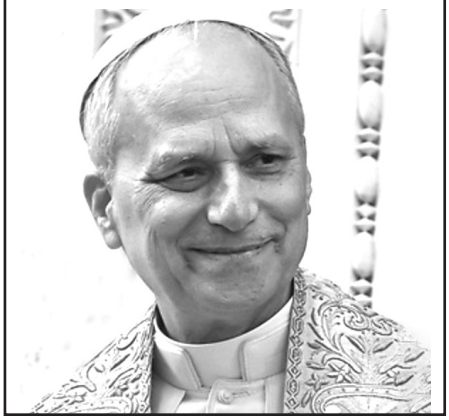
Matthew 25:14–30 or 25:14–15, 19–21

[Jesus said,] "It will be as when a man who was going on a journey called in his servants and entrusted his possessions to them."

A Word from Pope Leo XIV

To those who seek to alleviate the conditions of the poorest, I express my gratitude.… You know well that the question of the poor leads back to the essence of our faith, for they are the very flesh of Christ.… "Where the world sees threats, [the Church] sees children; where walls are built, [the Church] builds bridges."

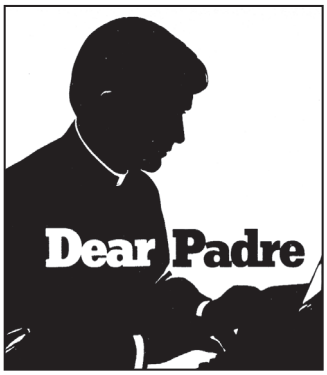
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REFLECTION QUESTIONS

- Do I listen to my fears or my dreams?
- Have I risked bringing about new life?

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Dear Padre,
My grandmother says Catholics used to fast from midnight until they received Communion. When did the fasting time change to only one hour, and why?

The ancient discipline of fasting before Communion became a universal practice by the fifth century. Until 1953, those who would receive holy Communion refrained from consuming food, water, and medicine from midnight to the time of Communion. In 1953 and 1957, Pope Pius XII reduced the fast from food to three hours and from water for one hour (*Christus Dominus* and *Sacram Communionem*).

In 1966, Pope St. Paul VI further reduced the fast to one hour and allowed water and medicine at any time (*Paenitemini*). In 1973, he reduced the fast for the sick and elderly to fifteen minutes before Communion when one hour is prohibitive (*Immensae Caritatis*).

The loosening of the restrictions was in no way intended to lessen the reverence for the holy Eucharist. The changes were made to allow as many Catholics as possible to receive the Eucharist, which can be difficult when priests are in short supply. For the same reason, *Immensae Caritatis* also allowed the practice of having extraordinary ministers give Communion. Despite the changes to the Communion fast, unity and uniformity have been maintained. And, of course, Catholics are free to fast before Communion beyond the duration and degree currently prescribed. ✝

Fr. Byron Miller, CSsR / DearPadre.org

Do you have a question for the Padre?

Go to ***DearPadre.org*** to send your question and to learn more about ***Dear Padre***.

Wisdom from Catholic Update

From *Seeing Family Life as Holy, Warts and All* by Mitch Finley

Sometimes people think they need to get away from their families to find God. True, it's important to build in opportunities for spouses, parents, and others to have time for prayerful solitude. But most of the time, we'll find God in the unpredictability of daily life. God is in washing the pots and pans, as St. Teresa of Ávila remarked. Difficult as it may be to accept, God is in the most tiring and painful situations as well as in moments of comfort and joy.

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PRAYER

Gracious God, make us mindful of our blessings and increase in us the gift of gratitude, which makes possible a generous life of service. We pray in Jesus' name. Amen.

The Redemptorists

WEEKDAY READINGS

November 16–21

Monday, Weekday, Rv 1:1–4; 2:1–5 / Lk 18:35–43

Tuesday, St. Elizabeth of Hungary, Rv 3:1–6, 14–22 / Lk 19:1–10

Wednesday, Weekday, Rv 4:1–11 / Lk 19:11–28

Thursday, Weekday, Rv 5:1–10 / Lk 19:41–44

Friday, Weekday, Rv 10:8–11 / Lk 19:45–48

Saturday, Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary, Rv 11:4–12 / Lk 20:27–40

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Sunday, Nov 15, 2026

God's gifts are meant to be regifted

Any gift from God is an occasion for our greatest praise. Christ, however, often reminds us that praise merely begins our acceptance of God's grace. What follows is responsibility. The act of giving not only displays God's love, but also God's trust. Booker T. Washington touched upon the complex nature of this gift when he said, "Few things can help an individual more than to place responsibility on him, and to let him know that you trust him." By taking responsibility for the gifts God has given us, we confirm both our faith in God and God's faith in us. Look at the particular gifts you have been given and how you can use them to move the world toward God.

THIRTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Proverbs 31:10-13, 19-20, 30-31; 1 Thessalonians 5:1-6; Matthew 25:14-30 (157). *"'Master, you gave me five talents. See, I have made five more.'"*

Monday, Nov 16, 2026

How well do you know yourself?

"Know thyself" is an ancient philosophical and spiritual imperative. If Jesus were to ask you, "What do you want me to do for you?", would you know what you needed to be made whole? How honest are you with yourself about the things that bring you joy or cause you shame? How well do you understand your motivations? Daily prayer and examination of conscience are practices spiritual masters use to attain self-knowledge. As you prepare for Advent, get to know yourself better by including these spiritual exercises in your daily routine: prayer of thanksgiving; petition for the grace to see faults and the will to cast them out; inspection of daily actions; request for forgiveness for sins; commitment to change unworthy behavior.

Revelation 1:1-4; 2:1-5; Luke 18:35-43 (497). *"Jesus asked him, 'What do you want me to do for you?'"*

Tuesday, Nov 17, 2026

No rest for the weary

"She died of exhaustion," the biographies say. At the age of 23, Elizabeth of Hungary (1207-31) had already accomplished much. When her royal husband perished on crusade in 1227, Elizabeth found herself and her three children barred from the courts by relatives who did not care for her generous ways with the poor. Selling her jewelry and clothes, she opened a hospital and continued her good works as a Third Order Franciscan. She remains the patron saint of bakers—and an inspiration to those who work tirelessly for what they believe in. Honor Elizabeth today by sharing with someone in need.

MEMORIAL OF ELIZABETH OF HUNGARY, RELIGIOUS

Revelation 3:1-6, 14-22; Luke 19:1-10 (498). *"Behold, half of my possessions, Lord, I shall give to the poor."*

Wednesday, Nov 18, 2026

It's the little things

To be a saint, you have to do something big and dramatic, right? Not necessarily. Just look at what the great Saint Thérèse of Lisieux, a doctor of the church, said: "That shall be my life . . . to miss no opportunity of making some small sacrifice . . . always doing the tiniest things right, and doing it for love." She wasn't talking about perfectionism—trying never to make a mistake. Rather, she is telling us that everything, even the littlest things—cooking and cleaning, commuting, working, dealing with people in person or virtually—are worth doing well and with devotion and love. Remember this as you go through your day: If you do something with care and a spirit of sacrifice, you do it for God.

Revelation 4:1-11; Luke 19:11-28 (499). *"'Well done, good servant! You have been faithful in this very small matter; take charge of ten cities.'"*

Thursday, Nov 19, 2026

A numbers game

Seven is considered a "lucky" number to those who roll the dice for their fortune. Christians rely on grace, not luck, of course. Yet for early Christians the number seven represented perfection. It's composed of two other significant numbers, four and three. Four is traditionally the number of completeness or fullness, as in the totality of four directions. Three is the Christian designation for divinity: Think Trinity. Seven, then, suggests perfect goodness, as with the Lamb of Revelation or the Spirit's seven gifts. It's also the source of "perfect" evil, as with the Seven Deadly (or Capital) Sins. Though the circumstances of our lives often seem like a game of chance, we do have agency to make wise choices that lead to love. Choose your sevens wisely!

Revelation 5:1-10; Luke 19:41-44 (500). *"He had seven horns and seven eyes; these are the seven spirits of God sent out into the whole world."*

Friday, Nov 20, 2026

Take a fresh look at your finances

What impact does your faith have on your personal finances? For many believers, faith may only have a minimal effect on their budgets—perhaps a few dollars dropped into the collection basket on Sunday and an occasional charitable donation. A *Money* magazine report found, however, that for about 15 percent of the population who are "devout practitioners," their faith has a much greater influence on their spending choices. Everything from food purchases to tithes come into play. Interested in knowing what you value most? Sit down with your bank statements and a calculator and see where your money goes.

Revelation 10:8-11; Luke 19:45-48 (501). *"My house shall be a house of prayer, but you have made it a den of thieves."*

Saturday, Nov 21, 2026

For those who pray

Today Catholics around the world are encouraged to remember the thousands of men and women who choose to live their vowed religious life as cloistered contemplatives. Like the Blessed Virgin Mary, these men and women consecrate their lives in service to God; yet for contemplatives, their special offering to the church is separated, silent lives of prayer. In dedicating this Pro Orantibus ("For those who pray") Day in 1997, Pope John Paul II called cloistered contemplatives the church's vanguard who "serve as a leaven of renewal and of the presence of the spirit of Christ in the world." In honor of Mary and those who pray, say the Rosary, visit a monastery, or send a greeting to your favorite contemplative today. Learn more at cloisteredlife.com.

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Revelation 11:4-12; Luke 20:27-40 (502). *"He is not God of the dead, but of the living."*

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