33rd Sunday
IN ORDINARY TIME

“The one who had received five talents came forward bringing the additional five. He said, ‘Master, you gave me five talents. See, I have made five more.’” - Mt 25:20

NFL Pastoral Region
Opening Hymn  Love Divine, All Loves Excelling

1. Love di - vine, all loves ex - cell - ing,
2. Come, al - might - y to de - liv - er,
3. Fin - ish then your new cre - a - tion,

Joy of heav'n to earth come down!
Let us all your life re - ceive;
Pure and spot - less, gra - cious Lord,

Fix in us your hum - ble dwell - ing,
Sud - den - ly re - turn and nev - er,
Let us see your great sal - va - tion

All your faith - ful mer - cies crown.
Nev - er more your tem - ples leave.
Per - fect - ly in you re - stored.

Je - sus, source of all com - pas - sion,
Lord, we would be al - ways bless - ing,
Changed from glo - ry in - to glo - ry,

Love un - bound - ed, love all pure;
Serve you as your hosts a - bove,
Till in heav'n we take our place,

Vis - it us with your sal - va - tion,
Pray, and praise you with - out ceas - ing,
Till we sing be - fore the al - might - y

Let your love in us en - dure.
Glo - ry in your pre - cious love.
Lost in won - der, love and praise.
-Liturgy of the Word-

First Reading

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

When one finds a worthy wife, her value is far beyond pearls. Her husband, entrusting his heart to her, has an unfailing prize. She brings him good, and not evil, all the days of her life. She obtains wool and flax and works with loving hands. She puts her hands to the distaff, and her fingers ply the spindle. She reaches out her hands to the poor, and extends her arms to the needy. Charm is deceptive and beauty fleeting; the woman who fears the LORD is to be praised. Give her a reward for her labors, and let her works praise her at the city gates.

The word of the Lord.

Responsorial Psalm

Psalm 128

Blest are those who love you, happy those who follow you, blest are those who seek you, O God.

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Second Reading

1 Thessalonians 5:1-6

Concerning times and seasons, brothers and sisters, you have no need for anything to be written to you. For you yourselves know very well that the day of the Lord will come like a thief at night. When people are saying, "Peace and security," then sudden disaster comes upon them, like labor pains upon a pregnant woman, and they will not escape. But you, brothers and sisters, are not in darkness, for that day to overtake you like a thief. For all of you are children of the light and children of the day. We are not of the night or of darkness. Therefore, let us not sleep as the rest do, but let us stay alert and sober.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.
Remain in me as I remain in you, says the Lord. / Whoever remains in me bears much fruit.

The Lord be with you. 

And with your spirit.

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew

Glory to you, O Lord.

Jesus told his disciples this parable: ‘A man going on a journey called in his servants and entrusted his possessions to them. To one he gave five talents; to another, two; to a third, one— to each according to his ability. Then he went away. Immediately the one who received five talents went and traded with them, and made another five. Likewise, the one who received two made another two. But the man who received one went off and dug a hole in the ground and buried his master’s money. After a long time the master of those servants came back and settled accounts with them. The one who had received five talents came forward bringing the additional five. He said, ‘Master, you gave me five talents. See, I have made five more.’ His master said to him, ‘Well done, my good and faithful servant. Since you were faithful in small matters, I will give you great responsibilities. Come, share your master’s joy.’ Then the one who had received two talents also came forward and said, ‘Master, you gave me two talents. See, I have made two more.’ His master said to him, ‘Well done, my good and faithful servant. Since you were faithful in small matters, I will give you great responsibilities. Come, share your master’s joy.’ Then the one who had received the one talent came forward and said, ‘Master, I knew you were a demanding person, harvesting where you did not plant and gathering where you did not scatter; so out of fear I went off and buried your talent in the ground. Here it is back.’ His master said to him in reply, ‘You wicked, lazy servant! So you knew that I harvest where I did not plant and gather where I did not scatter? 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.’

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.
Apostles’ Creed
I believe in God, the Father almighty, Creator of heaven and earth, and in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried; He descended into hell; On the third day he rose again from the dead; He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from there he will come to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and life everlasting. Amen.

-Liturgy of the Eucharist-

Preparation of Gifts
For the Healing of the Nations

My Jesus, I believe that You are present in the Most Holy Sacrament. I love You above all things and I desire to receive You into my soul. Since I cannot at this moment receive you sacramentally; come at least spiritually into my heart. I embrace You as if You were already there and unite myself wholly to You. Never permit me to be separated from you. Amen.
Communion Hymns

Let Us Be Bread

Refrain

Let us be bread, blessed by the Lord, broken and shared,

life for the world. Let us be wine, love freely poured.

Let us be one in the Lord.

Verse 1

1. I am the bread of life, broken for all.

Eat now and hunger no more.

Verse 2

2. You are my friends if you keep my commands,

no longer servants but friends.

Verse 3

3. See how my people have nothing to eat.

Give them the bread that is you.

Verse 4

4. As God has loved me so I have loved you.

Go and live on in my love.

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Gift of Finest Wheat

Refrain

You satisfy the hungry heart With
gift of finest wheat; Come give to us, O
saving Lord, The bread of life to eat.

Verses

1. As when the shepherd calls his sheep, They
know and heed his voice; So when you call your
famil-ly, Lord, We fol-low and re-joice.

2. With joyful lips we sing to you Our
praise and grat-i-tude, That you should count us
wor-thy, Lord, To share this heav’n-ly food.

3. Is not the cup we bless and share The
blood of Christ out-poured? Do not one cup, one
loaf, de-clare Our one-ness in the Lord?

4. The mys-tery of your pres-ence, Lord, No
mor-tal tongue can tell; Whom all the world can-
not con-tain Comes in our hearts to dwell.

5. You give your-self to us, O Lord; Then
in your name In truth and char-i-ty.

D.C.

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PRAYER TO
ST. MICHAEL THE ARCHANGEL

Saint Michael, the Archangel, defend us in battle. Be our protection against the wickedness and snares of the Devil. May God rebuke him, we humbly pray; and do thou, O Prince of the heavenly host, by the power of God cast into hell Satan and all the evil spirits who wander through the world seeking the ruin of souls. Amen.

#PrayForTheChurch
Closing Hymn

City of God

Verses 1, 2

1. A-wake from your slum-ber! A-rise from your sleep!
2. We are sons of the morn-ing; we are daugh-ters of the One who has dawn-ing day.

for all those who weep. The peo-ple in dark-ness have seen a great light.
has bright-en-ed our way. The Lord of all kind-ness has called us to be The Lord of our long-ing has con-quered the night.
people to set their hearts free.

Refrain

Let us build the cit-y of God. May our tears be turned in-to danc-ing! For the Lord, our light and our love, has turned the night in-to day!

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