



CONSOLATA SHRINE THIRTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



15th November 2020

First Reading

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

“A good wife works with willing hands.”

A reading from the Book of Proverbs

Who can find a good wife? She is far more precious than jewels. The heart of her husband trusts in her, and he will have no lack of gain. She does him good, and not harm, all the days of her life. She seeks wool and flax, and works with willing hands. She puts her hands to the distaff, and her hands hold the spindle. She opens her hand to the poor, and reaches out her hands to the needy. Charm is deceitful, and beauty is vain, but a woman who fears the Lord is to be praised. Give her of the fruit of her hands, and let her works praise her in the gates.

Responsorial Psalm

Psalm 128:1-5

R. Blessed are all who fear the Lord

Blessed are all who fear the Lord,
and walk in his ways!

By the labour of your hands you shall eat.

You will be blessed and prosper. **R**

Your wife like a fruitful vine
in the heart of your house;
your children like shoots
of the olive around your table. **R**

Indeed thus shall be blessed
the man who fears the Lord.

May the Lord bless you from Sion.

May you see Jerusalem prosper all the days of your life! **R**

Second Reading

1 Thessalonians 5:1-6

“Let not the day of the Lord surprise you like a thief.”

A reading from the first Letter of Saint Paul to the Thessalonians

As to the time and the seasons, brethren, you have no need to have anything written to you. For you yourselves know well that the day of the Lord will come like a thief in the night. When people say, “There is peace

and security,” then sudden destruction will come upon them as labour pains comes upon a woman with child, and there will be no escape. But you are not in darkness, brethren, for that day to surprise you like a thief. For you are all sons of light and sons of the day; we are not in the night or of darkness. So then let us not sleep, as others do, but let us keep awake and be sober.



ALLELUIA

*Abide in me, and I in you, says the Lord;
he who abides in me bears much fruit.*

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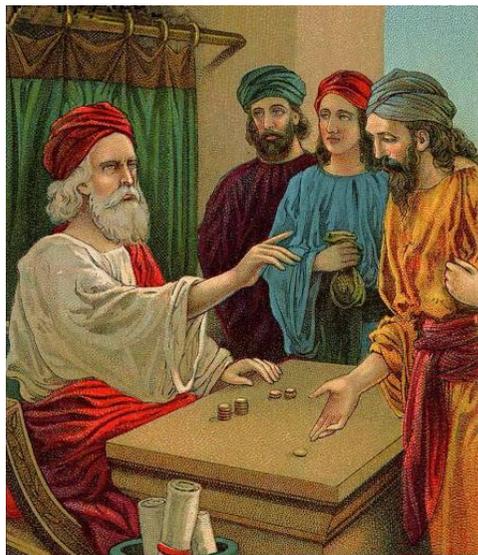
GOSPEL

Matthew 25:14-30

“You have been faithful over a little, enter into the joy of your master.”

A reading from the Holy Gospel according to Matthew

At that time: Jesus told his disciples this parable: “A man going on a



journey called his servants and entrusted to them his property; to one he gave five talents, to another two, to another one, to each according to his ability. Then he went away. He who had received the five talents went at once and traded with them; and he made five talents more. So also, he who had the two talents made two talents more. But he who received the one talent went and dug in the ground and hid his master’s money. “Now after a long time the master of those servants came and settled accounts with them. And he who had received the five talents came

forward, bringing five talents more.’ Saying; master you delivered to me five talents; here I have five talents more; His master said to him, ‘Well done, good and faithful servant; you have been faithful over a little, I will set you over much; enter into the joy of your master.’ “And he also who had the two talents came forward, saying, ‘Master, you delivered to me two talents; here I have made two talents more.’ His master said to him, ‘Well done, good and faithful servant; you have been faithful over a little, I will set you over much; enter into the joy of your master.’ “He also who had

received one talent came forward, saying, ‘Master, I knew you to be a hard man, reaping where you did not sow, and gathering where you did not winnow; so I was afraid, and I went and hid your talent in the ground. Here you have what is yours.’ “But his master answered him, ‘You wicked and slothful servant! You knew I reap where I have not sowed, and gather where I have not winnowed? Then you ought to have invested my money with the bankers, and at my coming I should have received what was my own with interest. So take the talent from him, and give it to him who has the ten talents. For to everyone who has will more be given, and he will have abundance; but from him who has not, even what he has will be taken away. And cast the worthless servant into the outer darkness, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.’”

Reflection: Setting Accounts by Scott Hahn, Ph. D

The day of the Lord is coming, Paul warns in today’s Epistle. What matters



isn’t the time or the season, but what the Lord finds us doing with the new life, the graces He has given to us. This is at the heart of Jesus’ parable in today’s Gospel. Jesus is the Master. Having died, risen, and ascended into heaven, He appears to have gone away for a long time. By our

Baptism, He has entrusted to each of us a portion of His “possessions,” a share in His divine life. He has given us talents and responsibilities, according to the measure of our faith. We are to be like the worthy wife in today’s First Reading and the faithful man we sing of in today’s Psalm. Like them, we should walk in the “fear of the Lord”—in reverence, awe, and thanksgiving for His marvelous gifts. This is the beginning of wisdom. This is not the “fear” of the useless servant in today’s parable. His is the fear of a slave cowering before a cruel master, the fear of one who refuses the

relationship that God calls us to. God has called us to be trusted servants, fellow workers, using our talents to serve one another and His kingdom as good stewards of His grace. In this, we each have a different part to play. Though the good servants in today's parable were given different numbers of talents, each "doubled" what he was given. And each earned the same reward for his faithfulness—greater responsibilities and a share of the master's joy. So let us resolve again in this Eucharist to make much of what we've been given, to do all for the glory of God. That we, too, may approach our Master with confidence and love when He comes to settle accounts.

Announcements

1. Today the Christian Education Committee will have a formation talk on the Eucharist in relation to Vatican II Document of the Church. The session will be led by Fr. Joakim at 11am in the Parish Hall. All are welcome.
2. In November, we remember all departed souls in all masses during the month. Envelopes are available at the entrance of the Church for you to fill and deposit in the blue boxes with an offering.
3. You remember that we had announced the engraving of names will be done towards last mile contributions of Allamano Centre. We invite you to visit Allamano Centre and see the engraved names. We invite more people to register for engraving the names in honour or in memory.
4. We are all reminded to put on mask properly, wash hands before entering the Church, keep social distance in and outside the Church. The Communion is strictly by hand.

Saint of the Week

Monday: *St Margaret o Scotland & St Gertrude*

Tuesday: *St Elizabeth of Hungary, religious, memorial*

Wednesday: *Dedication of the Churches of Sts Peter & Paul, Memorial*

Saturday: *The Presentation of the B.V. Mary, Memorial*

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