



Resurrection Our Lord Church

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Thirty-second Sunday in Ordinary Time: Nov 12, 2023

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Offering for Nov 05, 2023

Total Sum. Collection \$ 3,529.00

Capital Improvement	\$	
Voice candles	\$	
All Saints	\$	889.00
All Souls	\$	1,231.00

Thirty-second Sunday in Ordinary Time:

Therefore, stay awake, for you know neither the day nor the hour.

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Baptism : Arrangements must be made one week in advance.
Sacrament of Reconciliation: Sunday from 7:15 am to 7:35 am or by appointment.

Mass Schedule & Mass Intentions

Sun 11/12: *Louis Hien by family
* Thanksgiving for 32 wedding Anniversary by Loan Lan

Mon 11/13: * Ancestors both sides by Nu Nguyen

Tue 11/14: * 2 Peter by Lo Nguyen

Wed 11/15: * Dominic by Ca Do

Thurs 11/16: * Paul Dai Vo by family

Fri 11/17: * All souls and well-being by Thuy Le
* 2 Maria, 2 Tomaso, Dominic & John the Baptist by Ngot

Sat 11/18: * Ancestors both sides & Intention by Huong Truong

Today's Gospel: Mt 25:1-13 Jesus told his disciples this parable: "The kingdom of heaven will be like ten virgins who took their lamps and went out to meet the bridegroom. Five of them were foolish and five were wise. The foolish ones, when taking their lamps, brought no oil with them, but the wise brought flasks of oil with their lamps. Since the bridegroom was long delayed, they all became drowsy and fell asleep. At midnight, there was a cry, 'Behold, the bridegroom! Come out to meet him!' Then all those virgins got up and trimmed their lamps. The foolish ones said to the wise, 'Give us some of your oil, for our lamps are going out.' But the wise ones replied, 'No, for there may not be enough for us and you. Go instead to the merchants and buy some for yourselves.' 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."

My soul is thirsting for you, O Lord my God.

Holy Father's Intention for November:

For the Pope: We pray for the Holy Father; as he fulfills his mission, may he continue to accompany the flock entrusted to him, with the help of the Holy Spirit.

Thirty-second Sunday in Ordinary Time: In this week's Gospel, Jesus talks about what it means to be prepared to receive the Kingdom of Heaven. This week's reading follows a series of warnings and predictions by Jesus about the coming of the Son of Man. Jesus wants his disciples to understand that the exact day and time cannot be predicted. He teaches the disciples that they must remain vigilant so that they will not be caught unprepared.

When thinking about the parable of the wise and foolish virgins, it is important to consider the first-century wedding traditions of Palestine. Scholars tell us that it was the custom of the day for young maidens—friends and family members of the bride—to meet the bridegroom when he came to bring his bride to her new home.

As with many of Jesus' parables, several levels of interpretation are possible. In last week's Gospel, we heard Jesus warn against following the example of the Pharisees and scribes. If read in the context of early Christianity's struggle to define itself against Pharisaic Judaism, this parable is a continuing critique of Judaism. It suggests that the Jewish leaders were like the foolish virgins, unprepared to meet Jesus, the bridegroom of Israel.

In the chapter preceding this parable, however, Jesus warns about the destruction of Jerusalem, the tribulation of the end times, and the coming of the Son of Man. When read in this context, today's parable is a warning to the Christian community to remain vigilant and prepared to receive Jesus, the Son of Man who will return at the end of time. This interpretation is supported by the reference to the delay of the bridegroom. The Christian community for whom Matthew wrote this Gospel was coming to terms with the realization that the promise of Jesus' return would not be fulfilled within their lifetimes. The question remains for us to ask ourselves, Are we ready to receive Jesus? Will we be prepared to receive him?

Thanksgiving Mass on Thursday, Nov. 23, 2023

We will celebrate a bilingual Thanksgiving Mass on Thursday, November 23, 2023, at 10:00 am. This Mass will also honor 117 Martyrs of Vietnam. Please come to thank God for all the blessings He has given us in the family, the Parish, and our nation throughout the year. We'll also give thanks to God for the gift of martyrdom, being witnesses of God in life.

Support the Catholic Campaign for Human Development Collection on World Day of the Poor! On the weekend of November 11-12, Catholics across the United States have the opportunity to honor the World Day of the Poor and help their neighbors who struggle against poverty by giving to the unique annual collection for the Catholic Campaign for Human Development (CCHD)

Second Collection: Next Sunday (November 19, 2022), there will be a Second Collection for Campaign for Human Development. **Please be prepared!**