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Thirty Third Sunday in Ordinary Time



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Year A, Volume 2 (Page 155): Proverbs 31:10-13, 19-20, 30-31; Psalm 127; 1 Thessalonians 5:1-6; Matthew 25:14-30

Sunday 26 November: Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe (Page 158): Ezekiel 34:11-12, 15-17; Psalm 22;

1 Corinthians 15:20-26, 28; Matthew 25:31-46

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MASS TIMES

Sunday Mass: 8.00am, 9.30am and 11.00am

Monday to Friday Mass: 9.30am; Saturday Morning: 11.00am

Saturday Morning: Confessions: 9.30am to 10.45am with

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament,

Saturday Evening: 5.00pm Vigil Mass for Sunday

Ethnic Chaplaincies: Polish Mass every Sunday 1.00pm, Ukrainian

Mass 2nd Sunday 2.30pm & 4th Saturday 7.00pm; Malayalam Mass 3rd

Sunday 2.30pm; Mass in Tagalog 4th Saturday 3pm; Mass led by

Nigerian Chaplaincy 4th Sunday 2.30pm.

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Reflection on the Parable of the Talents. Matthew 25:14-30

Many lessons can be learned from the Parable of the Talents. Just as applicable today as it was thousands of years ago, this parable explains the role of opportunity, hard work, and accountability in our everyday life. We must put our talents into action.

First and foremost, the parable of the talents teaches us that we are put on earth to work. This is evident not only in this particular parable, but in several other bible stories.

God rewards those who put considerable effort into bettering their lives and the lives of those in their community. He does not command us to bury our talents and sit back, awaiting salvation. Rather, we are commanded to use what we have to make the world a better place.

More pointedly for the workplace, it commends putting capital at risk in pursuit of earning a return. Sometimes Christians speak as if growth, productivity, and return on investment were unholy to God. But this parable overturns that notion. We should invest our skills and abilities, but also our wealth and the resources made available to us at work, all for the affairs of God's kingdom. This includes the production of needed goods and services. The volunteer who teaches Sunday school is fulfilling this parable, so are the entrepreneurs who start new businesses and gives jobs to others, the health service administrator who initiates health awareness campaigns, and the machine operator who develops a process innovation.

God does not endow people with identical or necessarily equals gifts and God does not expect identical or necessarily equal results from everyone's work. In the parable, one servant makes a return of five talents, while another makes two talents, it is important to observe that both servants invest for the benefit of their master, and they return to him not only his original investment, but also what they make on his behalf. When we say that everything we have is a 'gift' from God, we don't mean that what we have belongs to us now, instead of to God. We mean that it is a privilege to be entrusted with resources and opportunities to work toward God's purpose in the world.

Add the parable of the talents to your reading list. Reflect on how its lesson can make a difference for you and those you love most. This parable could have a transformative impact on your adherence to God's word, and how you apply your unique blessings to daily life.

God bless.

Deacon Rolly

