

November 8, 2026

Thirty-second Sunday in Ordinary Time

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THE FAITHFUL DISCIPLE

Wis 6:12-16 | 1 Thes 4:13-18 | Mt 25: 1-13

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

Have you ever gotten up early to watch the sunrise? It certainly takes commitment! One has to go to bed early and set an alarm, then get up in the stillness of the early hours before stepping outside. Although catching a glimpse of the sun peeking over the horizon can be a magical moment, our first reading tells us that finding wisdom is far better. It says wisdom is "readily perceived by those who love her, and found by those who seek her." In other words, it takes commitment. Persistence. Active involvement. Just like getting up before the break of dawn to catch the sunrise. If we want our lives to be shaped by wisdom, we must actively seek her. And Scripture promises that "whoever watches for her at dawn shall not be disappointed, for he shall find her sitting by his gate."

GO EVANGELIZE

PRAYER, INVITATION, WITNESS, ACCOMPANIMENT

Our Gospel today offers a parable of individuals (wise virgins) who are ready to wake up at midnight to meet the Lord when he comes. But not everyone in the parable is so prepared. Upon discovering they would not have enough oil, the foolish virgins ask the wise ones to share theirs. The wise virgins say no, telling them to go and buy some for themselves. At first glance, one may wonder why the wise virgins wouldn't share theirs. Are they being selfish? But another important detail in the text gives us further perspective: we read that the bridegroom was "long delayed" in his return. What this suggests is that the foolish virgins had all the time in the world to go and buy the oil they needed. And yet they procrastinated doing the one thing necessary to be ready when the bridegroom arrived. Through the years, the Church has read this text as a reminder that we can't put off conversion, deluding ourselves into thinking that we still have time to get right with God. In reality, the time for repentance is *now.*

INVITATION

This week, consider making a commitment to fast from hitting the snooze button. Offer up this sacrifice for someone whose conversion to the Lord you are earnestly praying for. And may this simple act also help you to overcome, with the assistance of God's grace, any procrastination that may be subtly taking root in your heart so you will be ready to meet the Lord when he comes again.

Transmission of Faith

The document "**Venite ad me**: Considerations on the Transmission of the Faith in an Epochal Change" was published on Oct. 22 by the Vatican.

The text openly acknowledges that the traditional, automatic passing down of the Catholic faith through families and society has largely broken down in many parts of the world.

It addresses secularization, hyper-individualism, family shifts, and digital or AI-driven "do-it-yourself" spirituality.

The document urges returning to the **core kerygma**—the personal announcement that Jesus Christ is alive, loves you, and offers salvation.

Key recommendations:

• **Role of Parents**: The family is reaffirmed as the primary site for faith formation, where children experience living faith.

• **Adult Evangelization:** The Church must shift focus toward re-evangelizing adults, who may lack a deep, personal encounter with Christ.

• **Beauty and Witness**: Faith spreads through "attraction" via Christian holiness, closeness to people, the liturgy, popular piety, art, and music rather than coercion or cold doctrine.

Catholic Campaign for Human Development *- Nov. 22*

The 10th World Day of the Poor next Sunday is also the Catholic Campaign for Human Development. It is the U.S. bishops' domestic anti-poverty program, founded in 1969, aimed at breaking the cycle of poverty by funding local community-based projects that create jobs, improve education, and strengthen neighborhoods.

Ascension Building Fund Collection

Nov. 8

This is our semi-annual collection to assist with the ongoing maintenance and upkeep of our facilities. Thank you for your support.

WEEKLY OFFERING *Nov 1*

-Total: $**6,690** ($4,530 + online: $760+$1,400).
-YTD Sunday: $103,216. Budget: $126,000.
Thank you for your generosity.
"God loves a cheerful giver" (2Cor 9:7)

MASS INTENTIONS

Nov 07	Sat	05pm	Thelma Wanter +
Nov 08	Sun	07am	Edward Gembala +
		09am	Henry Stolz +
		11am	Khiem Maria Bui +
		05pm	The Borromeo Family
Nov 09	Mon	08am	Anton Kayser +
Nov 13	Fri	08am	Marianna Rohr (L)
Nov 14	Sat	09am	Men's Club Memorial Mass

Seeing God in All Creation



St. Francis of Assisi viewed the physical world as a sacred reflection of God, addressing natural elements and animals as family—such as "Brother Sun," "Sister Moon," and "Brother Wolf."

As later described by St. Bonaventure, Francis practiced "contuition"—the ability to look at created things and see God's footprints or a ladder leading back to the Creator.

Pope John Paul II officially declared St. Francis the Patron Saint of Ecology in 1979 due to his deep reverence for the natural world. His vision heavily inspired Pope Francis's 2015 environmental encyclical, "Laudato si'."

Laudato Si'

Pope Francis wrote this important encyclical "On Care for Our Common Home."

The phrase "Laudato si'" is Italian for "Praise be to you," taken from the opening line of St. Francis of Assisi's prayer, the Canticle of the Creatures.

Pope Francis argues that environmental problems cannot be separated from social and economic justice; "everything is connected."

The encyclical links environmental degradation (climate change, pollution, water scarcity, and biodiversity loss) directly to the suffering of marginalized and impoverished communities.

it urges an "ecological conversion" and global solidarity to protect the Earth for future generations.

God Lights Our Steps

"We will never be disillusioned or lose our way if we are guided by God." *- Pope Francis*

Stay with Us, Lord

Mini Retreat for Young Adults, organized by the Vocations Office, on Nov. 21 from 3pm - 9pm. Will be held at Saint Lawrence, 1971 Saint Lawrence Dr., Santa Clara, CA 95051. The retreat is free and will be offered in English and Spanish simultaneously. Together we will enjoy talks, Holy Mass, adoration, confessions, dinner, and fellowship.
Please sign up using the QR code.

Altar Servers Needed!

At least 8 years old, in the 3rd or 4th grade, and have received Communion.
Contact Fr. Hao at 408-725-3939.

Men's Club

Meeting in-person: Worner Hall/Lounge Room
Friday, November 13 at 6:00pm.