

O God, you are my God whom I seek;
for you my flesh pines and my soul thirsts
like the earth, parched, lifeless and without water.

PSALM 63:2

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NOVEMBER 8, 2020

CONSEQUENCES

Actions have consequences. As children, we were often told that if we would do something, then we would receive a present or a reward. If we didn't, it might result in a punishment. Geometry also uses the "If-Then Statement." That is what our scriptures are like this Sunday. In each reading, there is a suggested action on our part, which will result in a desired outcome. There is a feminine personification of God as Wisdom, Psalm 63 and the intimate thirsting for God, the letter to the Thessalonians on believing in Christ, and Matthew's parable of the wise and foolish virgins. In the world of instant everything, we are not good about being patient, and our follow-through can be terrible. But each reading in its own way promises us that if we diligently seek God, we will be blessed and rewarded, and that it is worth the work and the wait!

KEEP YOUR LAMPS

In the old spiritual, "Keep Your Lamps Trimmed and Burning" we hear the imperative to wait and be ready, and while there are many variations, it usually ends "The world is nearly done." "The time is drawing near." or "The day is dawning nigh." The liturgical year is near its end, and we begin to feel that tension of "already but not yet" as the readings become more eschatological (about the end-times) in nature. We are called to wait patiently. Yet, like the wise and foolish virgins, we run the risk of falling asleep, and or running out of oil. Waiting for God, preparing for God, requires much hope, much preparation and discipline, and at times it is counter-intuitive. We must put aside impatience or the desire for immediate gratification and keep the end in sight. In running terms, it is not a sprint, but a marathon.

TRIMMED AND BURNING

So how do we do this? Whether we are sitting in the pew or one of those involved more intimately in liturgical ministry, this is a call for spiritual self-maintenance. None of our scriptures today is passive. Seeking and waiting for God requires work. Presence and participation in the liturgy are among the easiest and most natural ways to provide fuel for our spiritual lamps. But like a car, we need to do more than just put in gasoline. There are other needs to attend to for upkeep. Just read the opportunities in this bulletin! Perhaps you may want to attend a parish scripture class or find a spiritual book to read. Sign up online to receive the daily readings or some sort of daily reflection. Find a spiritual podcast to listen to on your commute home from work or turn off the news and music and drive in morning silence. Share simple, regular prayer times as a family such as at meals and bedtime. Experience the sacrament of Reconciliation. Or maybe you do too much, and the call is to let go of something. Do not become burned out or lose heart. Take courage and remember, "The day is drawing nigh!" Amen.

TODAY'S READINGS

Wisdom 6:12-16
Psalm 63:2, 3-4, 5-6, 7-8
1 Thessalonians 4:13-18 [13-14]
Matthew 25:1-13

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WEEKEND MASSES:

Saturday 4:30 p.m., Sunday 8:30 a.m. & 10:30 a.m., Spanish Mass 2:00 p.m.

WEEKDAY MASSES: See Mass Schedule & Intentions section of bulletin

CONFESSIONS: Tuesdays & Thursdays at 5:00 p.m.

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 8, 2020

32ND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

EXPECTING THE UNEXPECTED: If it ever crossed your mind that Jesus was somewhat lacking in a sense of humor, today's Gospel should belie any such notion. Jesus' story of the five wise and five foolish bridesmaids is downright hilarious. The circumstances of the story were surely familiar to Jesus' listeners, just as they are—if we think about it—to us. Weddings never, ever start on time. There's always a delay. Buttons pop off at the last minute. Flowers wilt. Cars full of wedding guests get caught in traffic. Soloists contract laryngitis. Brides or grooms or priests show up late! So, the only reasonable way to approach a wedding is with a sense of humor, to realize that something probably will go awry, and, when that happens, to smile about it. Jesus tells this funny story to encourage us to be watchful, yes; to be ready, yes. But he doesn't tell it to make us dour and somber. The heavy-hearted tremble, waver, lose sight of their place and purpose, and fall asleep. The lighthearted know that the unexpected will happen—is bound to happen—so they are awake in their place and ready in their purpose when it comes. Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co.

WEEKEND LITURGY

First Reading: Wisdom is easily discerned by those who love her (Wisdom 6:12-16).

Psalm: My soul is thirsting for you, O Lord my God (Psalm 63).

Second Reading: Since we believe that Jesus died and rose again, through Jesus, God will bring with him those who have died (1 Thessalonians 4:13-18 [13-14]).

Gospel: Stay awake! You know neither the day nor the hour (Matthew 25:1-13). The English translation of the Psalm Responses from *Lectioary for Mass* © 1969, 1981, 1997, International Commission on English in the Liturgy Corporation. All rights reserved.

READINGS FOR THE UPCOMING WEEK

Monday: Ez 47:1-2, 8-9, 12; Ps 46:2-3, 5-6, 8-9; 1 Cor 3:9c-11, 16-17; Jn 2:13-22

Tuesday: Ti 2:1-8, 11-14; Ps 37:3-4, 18, 23, 27, 29; Lk 17:7-10

Wednesday: Ti 3:1-7; Ps 23:1b-6; Lk 17:11-19

Thursday: Phlm 7-20; Ps 146:7-10; Lk 17:20-25

Friday: 2 Jn 4-9; Ps 119:1-2, 10-11, 17-18; Lk 17:26-37

Saturday: 3 Jn 5-8; Ps 112:1-6; Lk 18:1-8

Sunday: Prv 31:10-13, 19-20, 30-31; Ps 128:1-5; 1 Thes 5:1-6; Mt 25:14-30

MASS SCHEDULE & INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK (11/9-11/15)

Monday 8:30 AM: Brenda Spalding

Tuesday 5:30 PM: Angel Starr, Edgar, Teresa & Terry Mattingly

Wednesday 11:00 AM: Joyce Krawczewski

Thursday 5:30 PM: C.H. Haydon

Friday 8:30 AM (*School Mass Only*): Nora Smith & Smith Family

Saturday 8:30 AM: Helen Brady

4:30 PM: For the Parish

Sunday 8:30 AM: Barber & Haydon Families (Liv. & Dec. Members)

10:30 AM: Betty Lou Montgomery

2:00 PM (Spanish Mass): Presider's Intention

LITURGICAL ROLES

Weekday Lectors: (**Mon.**) Perry Carrico, (**Tues.**) Wassie Parrott, (**Wed.**) Julee Jones, (**Thurs.**) Ione Pinkston, (**Fri.**) School, (**Sat.**) Hamilton Simms

Weekday Sacristans: (**Mon.**) Mary Ann Hale, (**Tues.**) Belle Sutton, (**Wed.**) Betty C. Barber, (**Thurs.**) Perry Carrico, (**Fri.**) School, (**Sat.**) Julee Jones

Weekend Liturgical Roles for the month have been sent/will be sent via email.

St. D Prayer List: Powerful things can happen when the people of God stand together in prayer. Most weeks in our bulletin is a prayer list, which is likely in need of some editing, so why not start anew? Prayers of many have been answered while others are still in need of prayer. Help us keep our prayer list current, contact the parish office at 336-3569/stdom@bellsouth.net if a person's name needs to be added.

MENTIONS, MEETINGS, EVENTS & REMINDERS

Special Thanks: We cannot express enough gratitude for the outpouring of prayers, notes of encouragement and kind words extended to the family during mom's illness and dad's incapacitation. Mom has always called St. Dominic her home parish and her love for it ran deep. She would have been so proud and humbled with the expressions of love the Church has shown to our family at this time. Many thanks Sports, Becky, Rob, Inez, Matt and Fr. Hamilton

Masses: Just a reminder to call ahead (Monday through Thursday) if you plan to attend Mass this coming weekend, space is limited due to social distancing requirements. Please contact us in one of two ways, by calling 859-336-3569 or by email at stodom@bellsouth.net. Seating charts are finalized on Thursday afternoons.

Youth Group: Due to a scheduling conflict, our November gathering will be the third Tuesday of the month instead of the usual second Tuesday. Hope to see all of you on **Tuesday, November 17th** from 6:00 p.m. – 7:30 p.m. in the church basement. What a fantastic turnout last month, 32 youth!!!

Mass Intentions: Have you been planning on scheduling a 2021 Mass Intention(s) in memory of a loved-one? If so, consider stopping by the parish office to do this, our 2021 calendar is already getting quite full. A mass stipend is \$10. See Sonya at the Parish Office (from 8 a.m.-3:30 p.m., Mon.-Thurs.) to see what dates are available.

Eucharistic Adoration & Benediction: Thursdays at 6:00 p.m. (after the 5:30 p.m. Mass) & on Sundays from 4:00 p.m.-7:00 p.m. (Adoration at 4:00 p.m., followed by quiet prayer. Vespers at 5:00 p.m., followed by quiet prayer. At 6:00 p.m., Praise & Worship Music &/or prayer that corresponds with liturgical calendar. The evening will close with Benediction at 7:00 p.m.)

Operation Christmas Child: For those participating in OCC this year please bring your box to church at any time **before Sunday, November 22nd** and place it in the confessional. If you have any questions about packing an OCC box, contact Lori A Tucker at 859-805-0121.

2020 Catholic Services Appeal - Bringing Christ to Others: St. D Parish Goal: \$46,900 - St. D Parish Gifts to Date: \$18,595.00 - Parish Participation Goal: 159 Households - Parish Participation to Date: 77 Households. Thanks to those who have already responded with a gift to the 2020 Catholic Services Appeal. There is still plenty of time to respond with a gift. Gifts can be made through our parish office or online at www.ArchLou.org/CSA or by using a designated Catholic Services Appeal Envelope, which can be found in the pews.

2020 Catholic Campaign for Human Development Collection (Nov. 21/22): Our parish will take up a special collection for the Catholic Campaign for Human Development. In the United States, one in six people lives in poverty. With this collection, you support programs that address the causes of poverty and provide a sustainable future for those struggling across the country. In addition, 25% of the funds collected will remain in the Archdiocese of Louisville to fund antipoverty projects. Please prayerfully consider how you can support this collection and work on the margins. More information about the Catholic Campaign for Human Development can be found at www.usccb.org/cchd/collection. An envelope for this collection can be found in the pews & can be dropped in the collection anytime between now and Nov. 22.

Tithing Contributions for this past week (includes contributions during the week &/or ACH contributions, etc.): \$27,094.