



Building Faith@HOME

1st Reading: Prv 31:10-13, 19-20, 30-31
Responsorial Psalm: Ps 128:1-2, 3, 4-5
Second Reading: 1 Thes 5:1-6
Gospel: Mt 25:14-30 or Mt 25:14-15, 19-21

“Well done my faithful servant!”

Today’s Gospel reading, if only taken on its surface, can leave us with a challenging understanding of God and his expectations of us. After all, didn’t the servant with one talent return his loan in full? First, we see that each servant was given talents “according to his ability”. Our Father who knows both our strengths and limitations isn’t going to give us more than we can handle. Rather, he recognizes where each of us are in our journey and gives us the tools and support to do the work ahead. So, the servant with one talent did have the ability, but lacked the trust in God to go any further. Not only could he not advance the kingdom, but he was unable to grow in relationship with his master. But what about the other two servants, what can be learned from them? Each had been given a portion to use, and both in trusting in God’s provision had doubled the gift.

Rather than burying the talent, the other servants took on the responsibility and were faithful to the task. Their reward was God’s recognition of their faithfulness and confidence that they were now ready to accept more.

“Well done, my good and faithful servant. Since you were faithful in small matters, I will give you great responsibilities. Come, share your master’s joy.” <Theologyisaverb.com>

Living as Disciples: The parable of the talents reminds us that we are called by God to use the gifts we have received. During the Mass, we offer our gifts in the Offertory to be used not only for the Church but for charity as well. Outside of Mass we are sent to serve others, sharing our time, treasure and talents with others,

The Missionary Family: This week as a family, determine what ways you can help the poor in the community near you. Visit your local food bank to supply them for Thanksgiving foods,

Family Table Talk

Children: Name one talent or gift that God has given you and tell how you have used it.

Youth: How can you use your talents in the next week to make someone’s life better?

Adults: How you are using your own gifts to enrich the reign of God?

This week’s Virtue



Faithfulness is being loyal to our beliefs, remaining firm and steadfast regardless of what happens.



Do not turn your face away from anyone who is poor

VII WORLD DAY OF THE POOR
19 November 2023

Today is World Day of the Poor. Pope Francis’s message for this day is taken from the Book of Tobit

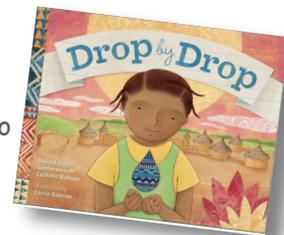
In this house of ours, which is the world, everyone has a right to experience the light of charity; no one must be deprived of that light. ...help us not to *turn our face away from anyone who is poor*, but to keep it always focused on the human and divine face of Jesus Christ our Lord.

Vatican.va -World Day of the Poor: Message from Pope Francis (Adult Faith Builder)

THE BOOK NOOK

Drop by Drop contains colorful pictures and an engaging story that helps children understand important lessons of how to work for justice and peace and to help those in need.

Available at Loyola Press



Saint Cecilia Pray for Us

St. Cecilia - November 22

St. Cecilia is considered the patron saint of music. It is thought that she sang in her heart during her wedding, asking Jesus to be able to keep her special gift for him. Learn more about St. Cecilia:

Teachingcatholickids.com

I will sing of the Lord’s Love forever!

Links for More Ideas, Activities & Resources FYI

youtube.com - Bishop Barron on The Parable of the Talents (Teens & Adult Faith Builder)

Dltk-kids.com - Parable of the Talents (Children Faith Builder)

Teachingcatholickids.com - Four quick and crafty ways to celebrate Thanksgiving with Catholic kids





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Prayer Time This Week!

Prayer@HOME

Cut & Pray!



Thanksgiving Day Prayer

Lord, we thank you
 for the goodness of our people
 and for the spirit of justice
 that fills this nation.
 We thank you for the beauty and fullness of the
 land and the challenge of the cities.
 We thank you for our work and our rest,
 for one another, and for our homes.
 We thank you, Lord:
 accept our thanksgiving on this day.
 We pray and give thanks through Jesus Christ our Lord.
 (USCCB)



Grace Before Meals

Bless us O Lord, for these thy gifts
 Which we are about to receive
 Through thy bounty
 Through Christ our Lord. Amen

Scripture Verse of the Week From Sunday's Mass November 19th, 2023



"Well done, my good
 and faithful servant.
 Since you were faithful
 in small matters,
 I will give you great
 responsibilities.
 Come, share your master's joy."

What talents, gifts or blessings has
 the Lord entrusted to you?
 How will you put these to good use?

Building Prayer Time @ Home

This will be a series of family activities to try as your families start or strengthen prayer time.

GRATITUDE!

This Thanksgiving, focus on gratitude for all the blessings and gifts God has provided and that each other has given. Create a focus area for a "gratitude tree" or "thanksgiving wreath" with pre-cut paper leaves in fall colors (bought or make yourself). Let the family add leaves to the tree by writing with a marker things they are thankful for and add them to the tree. Make this your prayer area for the week! For more ideas visit:

Coolmompicks.com - 8 easy gratitude activities for kids this Thanksgiving

