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[1st Reading: Wis 6:12-16](#)

[Responsorial Psalm: Ps 63:2, 3-4, 5-6, 7-8](#)

[Second Reading: 1 Thes 4:13-18](#)

[Gospel: Mt 25:1-13](#)

At the end of the baptism liturgy, a candle is lit from the paschal candle and handed to the parents of the child with these words, “**Parents and godparents, this light is entrusted to you to be kept burning brightly, so that your child, enlightened by Christ, may walk always as a child of light and, persevering in the faith, may run to meet the Lord when he comes with all the Saints in the heavenly court.**” Just as ancient oil lamps need to be tended to in the darkness of night to keep burning, so to much the light we received in baptism. The parable reminds us to be wise in keeping our hearts prepared for the Lord at all times. Planning today for what is needed tomorrow sometimes takes hard decisions. In both of these examples, wisdom is relied on to see clearly situations and to make good decision.

The Gospel message today exemplifies the difference between being foolish and being wise. The wise bridesmaids prepared for properly for their journey, taking their lamps and the oil. The foolish bridesmaids brought lamps, but no oil...a lamp with no oil is useless.

We all have had those times when we get caught up in the busyness of work, school, activities, worries, deadlines, etc. etc...so much that we often miss the presence of Christ in the people around us and in the experiences of the day. Jesus sent us the Holy Spirit, giving us the Gift of Wisdom to guide us in our relationship with others and with Christ, to see clearly the presence of Christ. The Gospel invites us to have oil for our lamps, that is, to be always ready for the coming of the Lord. He appears in moments and ways we do not expect and at all times throughout our day. Remember, the light of Christ was given to each at baptism. Tend to your flame and kindle the faith in others, especially your own children.

Family Table Talk

Children: What would happen if Jesus came to visit today? What would you do to prepare?

Youth: How can being prepared in everyday life help you in your spiritual journey?

Adults: How are you preparing your heart for Christ’s coming? What “oil” needs to be refilled?

This week's Virtue **WISDOM**

Wisdom is a gift of the Holy Spirit, given to us at baptism. Wisdom helps us see all things in the light of Christ and impels us to seek Him above all things.



Make your own oil lamp using Quick Dry Clay, Oil, and a Candle wick.

Oil Lanterns were the main source of light at night or in the home in Jesus time. Make your own oil lamp and use it at family prayer times to have a sense of Jesus’ presence. For more instructions on making the oil lamp visit <https://cathfamily.org/make-an-oil-lamp/>

GIVE ME OIL IN MY LAMP



Give me oil in my lamp | Christian Songs For Kids
[Youtube Video Sing-along](#)

November 17: Memorial of St. Elizabeth of Hungary St. Elizabeth is the patron saint of Bakers and [Catholic Charities](#). She was a princess of Hungary who had great empathy for the poor. She daily took bread and secretly went out to feed the poor. The bread that she was hiding miraculously appeared as roses. Enjoy fresh baked “[Rose Bread](#)”, a sweet cinnamon bread shaped like a rose.

Serve others: St. Elizabeth is also the patron saint of nurses, the homeless, nursing homes.. Visit your local hospital or nursing home and thank the nurses with a [Rose Cinnamon Twists](#). Similar to the Rose Bread, but small buns.



Links for More Ideas, Activities & Resources FYI

catholiccuisine.com - [Rose Bread for St. Elizabeth of Hungary \(Family Faith Builder\) Nov 17](#)

Allthehousehold.com - [St. Elizabeth Rose Twists for sharing! \(Family Faith Builder\)](#)

catholic-link.org - [What Do the Lamp, the Oil, and Sleepiness Symbolize in the Parable of the 10 Virgins? \(Teens & Adult Faith Builder\)](#)

LoyolaPress.com - [Holy Spirit and Seat of Wisdom: A Prayer by John Paul II](#)





November 12, 2023

Prayer Time This Week!

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Cut & Pray! 

Remember, the month of November is devoted to the Holy Souls in Purgatory...keep praying for those who have died.

Pray for Dead

Eternal rest grant
unto (insert a name),
O Lord, and let perpetual light
shine upon her/him.
May the souls of the faithful
departed, through the mercy of God,
rest in peace.

Scripture Verse of the Week
From Sunday's Mass
November 12th, 2023



"Amen, I say to you, I do not know you.

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

Remembering the Dead

We continue to pray for the dead throughout the Month of November.

At each Mass we remember those who have died. Write your own special list of people who have died: relatives, friends of the family, or neighbors. We believe that they are not separated from us forever. They remain a part of our lives.

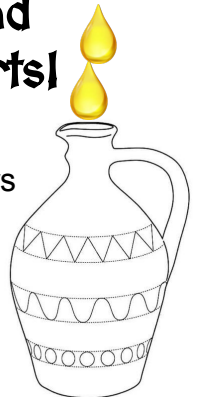
Write a prayer that you could say at Mass or some other time remembering those you have named. Don't forget to include how they could help you by praying for you.

Or write a prayer for others who have died, perhaps of illness or in war, or for people who are homeless, or who have no families to pray for them. Ask God for a blessing on them.

Fill Your Oil Jar and Prepare your Hearts!



Family Prayer Time
Offer prayers for others
Read Scripture
Attend Mass
Love one another
Serve others
Be a peacemaker



Building Prayer Time @ Home

One of the following short blessings may be said by the parent at various times, such as when a child is going to play or to school, but especially when the child is going to bed each night. The parent makes the sign of the cross on the child's forehead or heart and says one of the following blessings.

May God bless you.
May God keep you safe.
God be with you.
God be in your heart.
May God bless and protect you.



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catholicmom.com

Why you should bless your children