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33rd Ordinary Sunday - November 15, 2020

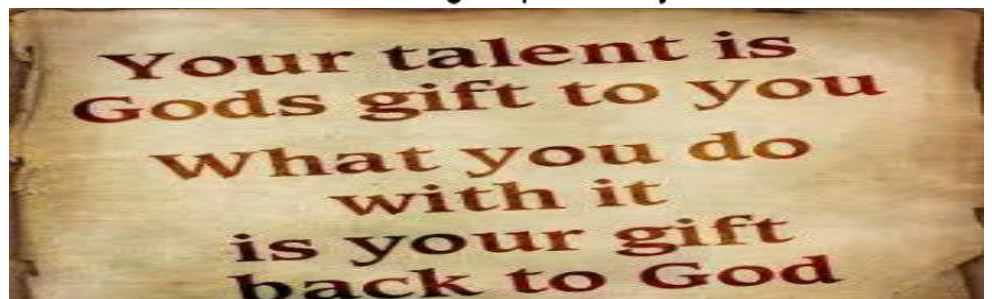
Faithfulness

“Well done, good and faithful servant”

The Parable of the Talents

Matt 25 v 14 – 28

- All our talents have been given to us by God
- Our talents are varied
- We must use the talents God has given us
- We will all give an account to God
- God will judge us justly
- God has promised reward and punishment
- We should be waiting expectantly for His return



**You can reach the Office by Phone only
Tuesday to Thursday - 10 AM to 1 PM
Thank you!**

Parish Priest :

Rev. Father Arulkumar

D. O. S : **Ethel Fraser**
Whitefish Lake First Nation

Parish Secretary :

Faye Wafer

Office Hours :

Tuesday to Friday
12:00 PM to 4:00 PM

Sunday Masses :

St. Pius X - Lively

Saturday : 4:30 PM

St. Christopher - Whitefish

Sunday : 9:00 AM

St. Stanislaus - Copper Cliff

Sunday : 11:00 AM

Sacrament of Reconciliation :

St. Stanislaus - Copper Cliff

Friday : 9:00 AM to 9:15 AM

St. Pius X - Lively

Saturday : 4:00 PM to 4:15 PM

St. Christopher - Whitefish

Sunday : 8:30 AM to 8:45 AM

Baptism :

Usually on the 3rd Sunday of the month.
Please make arrangements one month in
advance by contacting the Parish Office.

Marriages :

Please make marriage arrangements
9 months in advance by contacting the
Parish office. Saturday weddings are
scheduled at 1:00 PM.

Other Sacraments :

Contact Parish Office

Bulletin Announcements :

Email yours to

ststans@eastlink.ca

Before 12:00 PM Wednesday

Prayer line :

St. Stanislaus : Faye Wafer 705-682-3207
or Ellen Austin 705-682-4596

St. Pius X : Eleanor Williams 705-692-4061
or Denise Stewart 705-692-4883

St. Christopher : Adrienne McIntyre
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Mission Statement :

By our Baptism, we are committed to celebrate the presence of Christ in Word and Sacrament and are continually called to build our lives in the image of Christ. Through liturgy and ministry, we strive to bring ourselves closer to God and to each other, by building a strong community of believers and a joyous family of God.

Mass Intentions

FOR THE WEEK



Tuesday, November 17

09:30 AM - Mass

No intention

Wednesday, November 18

09:30 AM - Mass

No intentions

Thursday, November 19

09:30 A:M - Mass

No intention

Friday, November 20

09:30 AM - Mass

No intention

34th Ordinary Sunday (Christ the King)

Saturday, November 21

04:30 PM St. Pius X, Lively

† Laurie Cormier by Wanda Cormier

Sunday, November 22

09:00 AM St. Christopher, Whitefish

† Ida Gatien by John & Frances Chenard

11:00 AM St. Stanislaus, Copper Cliff

For the People entrusted to the Pastor

The Rosary is recited before
Saturday and Sunday Mass.

The Cenacle of the Marian Movement of priests
is held each Tuesday at 9:15 AM
at St. Christopher's Church, Whitefish.

A Prayer Line is available for parishioners.
Anyone wishing to pray for a
special Intention, for someone who is ill,
having surgery, for the deceased, or
any other intention may contact
the Prayer Line or the Parish Office.

Mass Intentions

Offering Masses is a long standing
tradition in the Catholic Church.

An Individual may ask a priest to offer a
Mass for several reasons.

For example, in Thanksgiving, for the
intentions of another person (such as on a
Birthday or an Anniversary), for someone
who is sick or for the repose of the soul of
someone who has died.

Call the Parish Office: 705-682-4683

33rd Ordinary Sunday

Responsorial Psalm - Psalm 128

Blessed is everyone
who fears the Lord

Weekdays Scripture Readings: November 16 to November 22, 2020

| Day | Reading | Gospel |
|-----------|--|-------------------|
| Monday | Revelation 1.1-4; 2.1-5a | Luke 18. 35-43 |
| Tuesday | Revelation 3.16. 14-22 | Luke 19. 1-10 |
| Wednesday | Revelation 4. 1-11 | Luke 19. 11-28 |
| Thursday | Revelation 5. 1-10 | Luke 19. 41-44 |
| Friday | Revelation 10. 8-11 | Luke 19. 45-48 |
| Saturday | Revelation 11. 4-12 | Luke 20. 27-40 |
| Sunday | Ezekiel 34. 11-12, 15-17 1 Corinthians 15. 20-26, 28 | Matthew 25. 31-46 |

33rd Ordinary Sunday - The Parable of the Talents (Matthew 25:14-30)

One of Jesus' most significant parables regarding work is set in the context of investments (Matthew 25:14-30). A rich man delegates the management of his wealth to his servants, much as investors in today's markets do. He gives five talents (a large unit of money) to the first servant, two talents to the second, and one talent to the third. Two of the servants earn 100 percent returns by trading with the funds, but the third servant hides the money in the ground and earns nothing. **The rich man returns, rewards the two who made money, but severely punishes the servant who did nothing.**

The meaning of the parable extends far beyond financial investments. God has given each person a wide variety of gifts, and he expects us to employ those gifts in his service. It is not acceptable merely to put those gifts on a closet shelf and ignore them. **Like the three servants, we do not have gifts of the same degree.** The return God expects of us is commensurate with the gifts we have been given. The servant who received one talent was not condemned for failing to reach the five-talent goal; he was condemned because he did nothing with what he was given. **The gifts we receive from God include skills, abilities, family connections, social positions, education, experiences, and more. The point of the parable is that we are to use whatever we have been given for God's purposes.** The severe consequences to the unproductive servant, far beyond anything triggered by mere business mediocrity, tell us that we are to invest our lives, not waste them.

Yet the particular talent invested in the parable is *money*, on the order of a million dollars in today's world. In modern English, this fact is obscured because the word *talent* has come to refer mainly to skills or abilities. But this parable concerns money. It depicts investing, not hoarding, as a godly thing to do if it accomplishes godly purposes in a godly manner. **In the end, the master praises the two trustworthy servants with the words, 'Well done, good and trustworthy slave' (Matthew 25:23). In these words, we see that the master cares about the results ('well done'), the methods ('good'), and the motivation ('trustworthy').**

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 entrepreneur who starts a new business and gives jobs to others, the health service administrator who initiates an AIDS-awareness campaign, and the machine operator who develops a process innovation.

God does not endow people with identical or necessarily equal gifts. **If you do as well as you can with the gifts given to you by God, you will hear his 'Well done'.** Not only the gifts, but also the people have equal worth. At the same time, the parable ends with the talent taken from the third servant being given to the one with ten talents. **Equal worth does not necessarily mean equal compensation.** Some positions require more skill or ability and thus are compensated accordingly. **The two servants who did well are rewarded in different amounts. But they are both praised identically.** The implication of the parable is that we are to use whatever talents we've been given to the best of our ability for God's glory, and when we have done that, we are on an equal playing field with other faithful, trustworthy servants of God.

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