

St. John the Baptist Catholic Church

Father Bill Fisher, Pastor

Thirty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time - November 15, 2020

Lord,
I come before you ready to pour out my worries,
anxieties, and fears at Your feet.
I am claiming and declaring
your promises for blessings of peace
and strength over my life.
Bring peace into my soul that passes
all worldly understanding
and make me a light for others to see Your strength.

Photo: Peter Lik

Our Parish Family

As the holidays approach, please include others in your thoughts and prayers.

Let us remember family and parish friends. Many have been secluded from our Mass and holiday traditions because of the pandemic or staying in an assisted living facility.

A phone call or greeting card will brighten their day - and yours, too!

If you have something to share in the bulletin, let us know!

Call Phyllis Hampton at the parish office, or send a message to us at OurCroatianParish@gmail.com.

Weekly Collection

Nov. 8, 2020

The weekly collection for Nov. 8, 2020 was not available at publication time. It will be posted in the Nov. 22 bulletin.

Sometimes we all just need a little extra prayer!

It might be for an illness or surgery. Perhaps, you are having a personal or emotional crisis.

Contact our parish Prayer Line at (913) 281-4448, or call the parish office.

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Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary to be celebrated Nov. 21

Mary's presentation was celebrated in Jerusalem in the sixth century. The Eastern Church was more interested in the feast, but it does appear in the West in the 11th century. Although the feast at times disappeared from the calendar, in the 16th century it became a feast of the universal Church.

As with Mary's birth, we read of Mary's presentation in the temple only in apocryphal literature. In what is recognized as an unhistorical account, the Protoevangelium of James tells us that Anna and Joachim offered Mary to God in the Temple when she was 3 years old. This was to carry out a promise made to God when Anna was still childless.



Though it cannot be proven historically, Mary's presentation has an important theological purpose. It continues the impact of the feasts of the Immaculate Conception and of the birth of Mary. It emphasizes that the holiness conferred on Mary from the beginning of her life on earth continued through her early childhood and beyond.



First Reading

When one finds a worthy wife, her value is far beyond pearls. **Her husband, entrusting his heart to her,** has an unfailing prize. She brings him good, and not evil, all the days of her life.

She obtains wool and flax and works with loving hands. She puts her hands to the distaff, and her fingers ply the spindle. She reaches out her hands to the poor, and extends her arms to the needy.

Charm is deceptive and beauty fleeting; the woman who fears the LORD is to be praised. Give her a reward for her labors, and let her works praise her at the city gates.

Responsorial Psalm

R. Blessed are those who fear the Lord.

Blessed are you who fear the LORD, who walk in his ways! For you shall eat the fruit of your handiwork; blessed shall you be, and favored.

R. Blessed are those who fear the Lord.

Your wife shall be like a fruitful vine in the recesses of your home; Your children like olive plants around your table.

R. Blessed are those who fear the Lord.

Behold, thus is the man blessed who fears the LORD. The LORD bless you from Zion: may you see the prosperity of Jerusalem all the days of your life.

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Second Reading

Concerning times and seasons, brothers and sisters, you have no need for anything to be written to you. For you yourselves know very well that the day of the Lord will come like a thief at night.

When people are saying, "Peace and security," then sudden disaster comes upon them, like labor pains upon a pregnant

woman, and they will not escape.

But you, brothers and sisters, are not in darkness, for that day to overtake you like a thief. For all of you are children of the light and children of the day. We are not of the night or of darkness.

Therefore, let us not sleep as the rest do, but let us stay alert and sober.

Alleluia

R. Alleluia, alleluia.

Remain in me as I remain in you, says the Lord. Whoever remains in me bears much fruit.

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Gospel

Jesus told his disciples this parable: "A man going on a journey called in his servants and entrusted his possessions to them. To one he gave five talents; to another, two; to a third, one—to each according to his ability. Then he went away.

Immediately the one who received five talents went and traded with them, and made another five.

Likewise, the one who received two made another two.

But the man who received one went off and dug a hole in the ground and buried his master's money.

"After a long time the master of those servants came back and settled accounts with them.

The one who had received five talents came forward bringing the additional five.

He said, 'Master, you gave me five

talents. See, I have made five more.'

His master said to him, '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.'

Then the one who had received two talents also came forward and said, 'Master, you gave me two talents. See, I have made two more.'

His master said to him, '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.'

Then the one who had received the one talent came forward and said, 'Master, I knew you were a demanding person, harvesting where you did not plant and gathering where you did not scatter; so out of fear I went off and buried your talent in the ground. Here it is back.'

His master said to him in reply, 'You wicked, lazy servant! So you knew that I harvest where I did not plant and gather where I did not scatter? Should you not then have put my money in the bank so that I could have got it back with interest on my return? Now then! Take the talent from him and give it to the one with ten.

For to everyone who has, more will be given and he will grow rich; but from the one who has not, even what he has will be taken away. And throw this useless servant into the darkness outside, where there will be weeping and grinding of teeth.'"

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