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THIRTY SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME— NOV. 11TH, 2023
'GIVE US SOME OF YOUR OIL, FOR OUR LAMPS ARE GOING OUT.'

In this week's Gospel, Jesus talks about what it means to be prepared to receive the Kingdom of Heaven. This week's reading follows a series of warnings and predictions by Jesus about the coming of the Son of Man. Jesus wants his disciples to understand that the exact day and time cannot be predicted. He teaches the disciples that they must remain vigilant so that they will not be caught unprepared.



Antique Hebrew Oil Lamp

When thinking about the parable of the wise and foolish virgins, it is important to consider the first-century wedding traditions of Palestine. Scholars tell us that it was the custom of the day for young maidens—friends and family members of the bride—to meet the bridegroom when he came to bring his bride to her new home.

In the chapter preceding this parable, however, Jesus warns about the destruction of Jerusalem, the tribulation of the end times, and the coming of the Son of Man. When read in this context, today's parable is a warning to the Christian community to remain vigilant and prepared to receive Jesus, the Son of Man who will return at the end of time. This interpretation is supported by the reference to the delay of the bridegroom. The Christian community for whom Matthew wrote this Gospel was coming to terms with the realization that the promise of Jesus' return would not be fulfilled within their lifetimes. The question remains for us to ask ourselves, Are we ready to receive Jesus? Will we be prepared to receive him?

XXXII DOMINGO ORDINARIO– NOVIEMBRE 12TH, 2023 'DENNOS UN POCO DE SU ACEITE, PORQUE NUESTRAS LÁMPARAS SE ESTÁN APAGANDO'

En el Evangelio de esta semana, Jesús habla de lo que significa estar preparado para recibir el Reino de los Cielos. La lectura de esta semana sigue una serie de advertencias y predicciones de Jesús sobre la venida del Hijo del Hombre. Jesús quiere que sus discípulos entiendan que no se puede predecir el día y la hora exactos. Enseña a los discípulos que deben permanecer vigilantes para que no los sorprendan desprevenidos.

Al pensar en la parábola de las vírgenes prudentes y las insensatas, es importante considerar las tradiciones nupciales de Palestina del primer siglo. Los eruditos nos dicen que era costumbre de la época que las jóvenes doncellas, amigas y familiares de la novia, recibieran al novio cuando éste venía a llevar a su novia a su nuevo hogar.

Sin embargo, en el capítulo que precede a esta parábola, Jesús advierte sobre la destrucción de Jerusalén, la tribulación del fin de los tiempos y la venida del Hijo del Hombre. Cuando se lee en este contexto, la parábola de hoy es una advertencia a la comunidad cristiana para que permanezca vigilante y preparada para recibir a Jesús, el Hijo del Hombre que regresará al final de los tiempos. Esta interpretación se apoya en la referencia a la demora del novio. La comunidad cristiana para quien Mateo escribió este Evangelio estaba asumiendo que la promesa del regreso de Jesús no se cumpliría durante sus vidas. La pregunta que nos queda por hacernos es: ¿Estamos listos para recibir a Jesús? ¿Estaremos preparados para recibirlo?

SAINT OF THE WEEK: NOV. 13H SAINT FRANCES XAVIER CABRINI

St. Frances Xavier Cabrini's feast day is celebrated November 13. Mother Cabrini, as she's commonly called, spent her whole life traveling. She hardly ever stopped, and travel was a lot harder in her day than it is in ours. There wasn't much in Mother Cabrini's early life to point to such a busy grown-up life. She was born in Italy and had ten brothers and sisters. Her parents were farmers, and their farmland wasn't too far from a river called the Po. Little Frances could look down into the valley and watch the river make its way to the sea.

When Frances was twenty years old she left the farm and started working as a teacher. During this time, Frances grew in faith and maturity. She took religious vows as a sister, worked hard to save a struggling orphanage, and decided to start her own religious order.

By the late 1880s, Mother Cabrini became interested in a new problem. Hundreds of thousands of Italians moved to America, seeking a way out of the poverty of their new land. Very few of these immigrants were successful right away. Most lived in worse poverty than they'd endured back in Italy. They lived in crowded and dirty apartments, lived on scraps, and were unable to find work. Sad stories traveled back to the home country, right to Mother Cabrini. So Mother Cabrini set out on the long trip to America.

Over the next thirty-seven years, Mother Cabrini was constantly on the move, starting schools, orphanages, and hospitals for Italian immigrants, and others in need. In the first few years she traveled between New York, Nicaragua, and New Orleans. After having a dream in which she saw Mary tending to the sick lying in hospital beds, Mother Cabrini started Columbus Hospital in New York City.

After she founded the hospital, Mother Cabrini made trips back to Italy to organize more nuns for work in America. Between these trips, she and some sisters headed south to Argentina. The sisters went by way of Panama and then Lima, Peru. They made the journey by boat, train, mule, and on foot.

Back in the United States, Mother Cabrini traveled constantly taking her sisters to Chicago, Seattle, and Denver. It was in Chicago that Mother Cabrini, at the age of sixty-seven, passed away. She'd begun her work with just a handful of sisters. By the time she died, fifty houses of sisters were teaching, caring for orphans, and running hospitals. Her order had grown to almost a thousand sisters in all.

Mother Cabrini was obviously a very holy woman, and the church recognized her holiness by canonizing her in 1946 as the first American citizen to become a saint.



SCHEDULE

Weekday Mass

Wednesday — Friday, 12 noon

Weekend Mass

Saturday Vigil at 4:30 PM

Sunday at 9:00 and 11:15 AM in English,
Spanish Mass: 2nd Sunday of the Month at
5:00 pm in the Church. 4th Saturday of the
month at 7:00pm in Cachagua.

Reconciliation

Saturday at 3:30 PM and by appointment

Office Hours

Wednesday — Friday:
10 AM - 12 PM; 2 - 4 PM

The church is open Wednesday — Sunday from
10 AM to 4 PM for personal prayer.

MASS INTENTIONS

Mass Intentions November 11th - 19th 2023

Sat. Nov. 11th 4:30pm: + **Lina Haueter.**

Sun. Nov. 12th 9:00 - **People of the Parish**
11:15 - **Health of Fr. Scott McCarthy**

5:00 pm + **Bertha Diaz**

Wed. Nov 15th 12:00: + **Mike Ryan**

Thurs. Nov 16th 12:00: + **Anita Zumach**

Fri. Nov 17th 12:00: + **Rev. Ken Brown**

Sat. Nov. 18th 4:30: + **Mike Micheletti**

Sun. Nov. 19th 9:00: + **Marilou Oppenshaw**
11:15: + **Ramon Roque**

*MAY THE SOULS OF ALL THE FAITHFUL
DEPARTED, THROUGH THE MERCY OF GOD,
REST IN PEACE. AMEN.*

WEEKLY COLLECTION

November 4 & 5: \$ 3,889.47

*THANK YOU FOR YOUR
GENEROSITY TO OUR PARISH
COMMUNITY*

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Music Ministry

4:30 pm Sat. Mass: Kim Hartford—Carlos Flores

9:00 am Sun. Mass: Stefania Ortiz—Richard Carr

11:15 am Sun. Mass Parish Choir

Angelica Lozano

Custodian

PARISH VOLUNTEER MINISTRIES

Pastoral Council

- Dede Woodhead (chair), Alondra Klemek (vice chair), Jeff Hawkins (secretary), Daryl Lyon, J Concepción Jara, Sean Devine, Trini Resendiz

Finance Council

- Alex Gray (chair), Jim Rice (secretary), A.B. Introcaso, Jack McAleer, Ed Quinnan

Faith Formation

- **First Communion:** Susan Franks (1st year) Jennifer Bodner (2nd year). Supply teacher: Brisa Cabrera (1st year)
- **Confirmation:** Tess Arthur (2nd year). Supply teacher: Alondra Klemek.
- **RCIA / Adult Faith Formation:** John Condon—Derwin Borling

Bereavement Ministry:

Trudy Dowd

Manna Ministry:

Janice Hawkins

Human Trafficking

Brendan Cook

Parish Hall & Kitchen Rental:

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831-659-2224 for details.

EVENT CALENDAR

Thu. Nov. 23rd - 10am
Thanksgiving Bilingual Mass

Sat. Nov. 25th (Fourth Saturday
of the Month) **Misa en Cachagua**
7:00 pm. 18800 Cachagua Rd. #
9. Carmel Valley, 93924

Fri. Dec. 1st - 6:30pm Natale
Dinner

**Sun. Dec. 3rd - First Sunday of
Advent.**

Thu. Dec. 7th. 3-6pm Rectory
Christmas Open House Party.

**Fri. Dec. 8th Immaculate
Conception.** 'Holy Day of
Obligation' 12 noon English Mass.
6:30pm Bilingual Mass.

Manna Ministry



Manna Ministry Needs your help!

Healthy cereal
16 oz. peanut butter
Flavored instant oatmeal
Breakfast bars
Granola
Breakfast biscuits

(Please donate items, not passed
the use by date, in the basket at
the rear of the church)

Thank you for supporting our program
to feed the less fortunate!

PRAYER FOR PEACE IN ISRAEL AND PALESTINE

*Lord,
today we ask for a miracle:
We raise up the people of
Israel and
Palestine to you,
two countries that have been in
an ongoing conflict for years.
We ask that you provide peace
In this horrible war and
give protection and comfort for
all those
who have been impacted.
We lift our prayer to you.*