



Community News

This Sunday's Counsel

THEME:

We are sanctified when we are vigilant in witnessing to our faith.

PROMISE:

We who are alive...shall always be with the Lord. (1 Thes 4:17)

ORDERS:

- "...stay awake..." (Mt 25:13a)
- "...always be with the Lord." (1 Thes 4:17c)
- "...believe that Jesus died and rose..." (1 Thes 4:14a)

DIRECTIONS:

- Be vigilant and attentive to the promptings of the Holy Spirit.
- Be faithful in receiving the Sacrament of Reconciliation and the Holy Eucharist.
- Be a good witness by doing the Corporal and Spiritual works of mercy.

Our Oil-Filled Lamp

REFLECTION:

In this Sunday's Gospel reading, our Lord reminds us to have that attitude of preparedness and vigilance for that time in our lives when He will come and invite us home to His heavenly Kingdom. The ques-



tion that comes to mind is: "What insights is the Lord giving us from the readings on how to keep vigilant and how to prepare ourselves for His coming?"

First, we have to be prepared so that when our Bridegroom comes, we are like the wise virgins who had the mindfulness and readiness to have oil in their lamps in contrast to the foolish virgins who only realized too late that they did not have the oil and therefore had to go to the merchants to buy the oil. The lamps can signify our faith and the oil for the lamps, our good works that further deepen or provide fuel for our faith

and illumine our hearts and spirit. As it is explained in James 2:26, "...as the body without the spirit is dead, also faith without actions is dead." This is a reminder for us to always find ways to put our faith into action. We can take advantage of the opportunities we have in our BLD community and our Church community as a whole. We can resolve to get involved and serve in the different activities and ministries of BLD that will further our spiritual growth and enrich not only our faith but the faith of those we serve and those we serve with. We can also include in our priorities, regular participation in corporal and spiritual works of mercy.

Second, the oil, can also signify the gift of wisdom mentioned in the First Reading. Wisdom we have to continually seek and ask for from the Holy

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Know Your Saints

Saint Charles Borromeo: Patron of Bishops

Born near Milan in 1538 to a wealthy Italian family, Charles Borromeo was a pious youth who dedicated himself to a life of service to the Church at the age of 12. His father was the Count of Arona and his mother a member of the House of Medici.

When his uncle, Cardinal Giovanni Angelo Medici, became Pope Pius IV in 1559, Charles was appointed a cardinal and given supervision of the Knights of Malta, the Franciscans and the Carmelites. As Archbishop of Milan in 1564, he was insistent in becoming a good bishop and compelling others to lead exemplary lives of clerical service. He had a reputation as a young, idealistic reformer in Rome and was an important figure in the Catholic Reformation. He saw that the greatest defense against the Protestant doctrinal errors and claims against the hierarchy of the Church was reform and the restoration of integrity to the Catholic Church. He made it his mission to rid the Catholic Church of the abuses and evils often found among the nobles and clergy of the period. "I admit that we are all weak," he wrote, "but if we want help, the Lord God has given us the means to find it easily. We must meditate before, during and after everything we do. In meditation we find the strength to bring Christ to birth in ourselves and in other men."

Although he suffered from a speech impediment, this future saint was such a very moving preacher that those who listened to his sermons said they did not hear him stutter but instead heard only the pure voice of God. He said, "If we wish to make any progress in the service of God, we must begin every day of our life with new eagerness. We must keep ourselves in the presence of God as much as possible and have no other view or end in all our actions but the divine honor."

In 1584, he became ill with fever that worsened and caused his death on November 3rd that year at the age of 46. St. Charles Borromeo is the patron of bishops, catechists, seminarians and spiritual leaders.



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Birthday

Alfred Panganiban	11/6	Kitti T. Young	11/6
Cora Velez	11/6	Jennie Dela Pena	11/8
Argie Salada	11/12		

Anniversary

Jun & Rica Torralba	11/6
Bill & Luz Bunoan	11/10

*My soul is thirsting for you,
 O Lord my God.*

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Unprepared

Are you missing out on what's most important in life? Being unprepared can lead to unnecessary trouble and even disaster!



What good is a life-jacket left on the shore when the boat is sinking? Jesus' story of ten single ladies waiting for a wedding procession in the middle of the night seems strange to most westerners today. But Jesus' audience knew all too well how easily this could happen to them.

Jesus warns us that there are consequences for being unprepared. There are certain things you cannot obtain at the last moment. For example, students cannot prepare for their exams when the day of testing is already upon them. A person cannot get the right kind of character, strength, and skill required for a task at hand unless they already possess it, such as a captain with courage and nautical skills who must steer a ship through a dangerous storm at sea.

When the Lord Jesus comes to lead you to his heavenly banquet will you be ready to hear his voice and follow? Our eternal welfare depends on our hearing, and many have trained themselves to not hear. We will not be prepared to meet the Lord, face to face, when he calls us on the day of judgment, unless we listen to him today. The Lord invites us to feast at his heavenly banquet table. Are you ready?

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Spirit so that He can enlighten us to always have that spirit of preparedness, joy and eager anticipation of better things to come in our future, including our end goal of experiencing eternal peace and happiness in our Lord's heavenly home.

Wisdom is also a certain foresightedness which allows us in our spiritual journey to discern and overcome temptations as well as recognize and defeat obstacles that would keep us from being ready for Him. Let us make it our commitment to take the time daily, to pause from our daily

lives and be open to the promptings of the Holy Spirit, seek His wisdom, seek His will for our lives by either immersing in the word of God through daily Scriptural readings and/or spending some meditative quiet time with the Lord,

Third, vigilance and preparedness can also be achieved by availing of the Sacrament of Penance and the Holy Eucharist on a regular basis. Let us ask the Lord to give us the wisdom to always seek Him out constantly in the Sacraments so that when He calls us home, we are ready and already cleansed of our gravest sins.

Prayer:

Our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ, we desire when our time has come, to join You in the everlasting wedding feast in Heaven. You have told us that no one knows the day or the hour when You will come for us. Therefore, be with us always so that we can resist all evils that can deplete the oil reserve in our hearts. Grant us the grace and the wisdom to keep our oil reserves full by always seeking and doing Your will and loving You with all our hearts, soul and mind and loving our neighbors as ourselves. Amen.



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THEME:

We are sanctified when we make good use of our gifts and talents for God's glory.

PROMISE:

"...to everyone who has, more will be given and he will grow rich..." (Mt 25:29a)

WORD:

Prv 31:10-13, 19-20, 30-31/ Ps 128:1-5/ 1 Thes 5:1-6/Mt 25:14-30

ORDERS:

- "Come, share your master's joy." (Mt 25:21c)
- "...stay alert..." (1 Thes 5:6b)
- "...work with loving hands." (Prv 31:13b)

DIRECTIONS:

- Remain faithful in our spiritual life and in doing good works.
- Find joy and humility in sharing your time, talent and treasure with our brothers and sisters in Christ.
- Be proactive in reaching out to others and spreading the word of Christ.

Uncover Your Gifts

REFLECTION: God created each one of us with distinct gifts, talents and abilities. He wants us to discover our talents so that we may use them to glorify Him and thus, experience a full life. Our loving Lord wants us to feel whole and complete and it is through these gifts that we can find our unique calling in life. We should use our gifts not only for our own benefit, but more importantly, to bless others and to build His kingdom. For as we use our gifts to honor God and strengthen others in love, they too will be encouraged to use their gifts to benefit others, and all will be enriched.

Different gifts are given to different people, but the Spirit is the same. Some are given more and some receive less, but what really matters is that God loves us all the same and we receive the same salvation as promised by God through Jesus Christ. It does not matter how many talents we receive; what counts most is how we make use of them, and certainly God is delighted if we use them for the glory of His kingdom.

The parable in the gospel stirs our sense of responsibility to act on the



abilities that are gifted to us. We should allow the Holy Spirit to assist us in discovering the talents and abilities that God grants us. We should not be afraid to respond to the call to serve as He invites us. Perhaps, we may have many gifts but we do not know what to do with them and just keep them hidden in the confines of our hearts. We are empowered by God's grace to act accordingly and faithfully to our duties especially in this renewal journey. What talents can we offer to Jesus? When we are called to be witnesses or be ministry leaders, do

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God Entrusts What Is Right For Us

This parable urges us not to conceal our faith and our belonging to Christ, not to bury the Word of the Gospel, but to let it circulate in our life, in our relationships, in concrete situations, as a strength which galvanizes, which purifies, which renews. Similarly, the forgiveness, which the Lord grants us particularly in the Sacrament of Reconciliation: let us not keep it closed within ourselves, but let us allow it to emit its power, which brings down the walls that our egoism has raised, which enables us to take the first step in strained relationships, to resume the dialogue where there is no longer communication.... And so forth. Allow these talents, these gifts, these presents that the Lord has given us, to be, to grow, to bear fruit for others, with our witness.

I think it would be a fine gesture for each of you to pick up the Gospel at home today, the Gospel of St. Matthew, Chapter 25, verses 14 to 30... and meditate a bit: *"The talents, the treasures, all that God has given me, all things spiritual, all goodness, the Word of God, how do I make this grow in others? Or do I merely store it in a safe?"*.

Moreover, the Lord does not give the same things to everyone in the same way: He knows us personally and entrusts us with what is right for us; but in everyone, in all, there is something equal: the same, immense trust. God trusts us, God has hope in us! And this is the same for everyone. Let us not disappoint Him! Let us not be misled by fear, but let us reciprocate trust with trust! The Virgin Mary embodied this attitude in the fullest and most beautiful way. She received and welcomed the most sublime gift, Jesus himself, and in turn she offered Him to mankind with a generous heart. Let us ask Her to help us to be "good and faithful servants" in order to participate "in the joy of our Lord".

~ Pope Francis, Excerpt from Angelus Message, November 16, 2014

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Loring Pascua	11/13	Celia Carillo	11/16
Inna Lukban	11/14	Yoyoy Quiapo	11/19
Rolfe Retuya	11/19		

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Brooksie & Ruby Brooks 11/19

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Talents



On coming into the world, man is not equipped with everything he needs for developing his bodily and spiritual life. He needs others. Differences appear tied to age, physical abilities, intellectual or moral aptitudes, the benefits derived from social commerce, and the distribution of wealth. The "talents" are not distributed equally.

These differences belong to God's plan, who wills that each receive what he needs from others, and that those endowed with particular "talents" share the benefits with those who need them. These differences encourage and often oblige persons to practice generosity, kindness, and sharing of goods; they foster the mutual enrichment of cultures...

There exist also sinful inequalities that affect millions of men and women. These are in open contradiction of the Gospel...

~ *Catholic Catechism, pars. 1936-1938*

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we let Jesus wait while you think about doing it or not?

Our community emergence to select new leaders is forthcoming. Many will be called to a higher responsibility of leadership. If you are one of them, will you find excuses to ignore God's call? It does not matter how great or how little ones ability and capability is. What matters to God is whether we make good use of what He gives us. To whom much is given much will be required. If God sees us being faithful

in small things, we will be entrusted with higher responsibilities. Even people who are considered poor still has something to give. In like manner, people cannot be very rich as being unable to receive something. Because serving others brings fulfillment of which wealth, power and possessions can never match. Jesus assures us, "...to everyone who has, more will be given and he will grow rich..." (Mt 25:29a).

Prayer:

Father God I pray that the talents and gifts I received from You be used to the fullest. Let me use these talents for You to be glorified and bring help and happiness to others. Lord, I am grateful for the gifts you have personally chosen for me. Please give me the courage and strength to invest my gifts so your kingdom will grow as You so desire. Give me the grace for self-denial and to endure suffering that I may be sanctified for eternal life. In Jesus wonderful and mighty name. Amen.

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"...whatever you did for one of these least brothers of mine, you did for me."

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Saint William the Abbot Annual Thanksgiving Food Drive

Drop off food items at Parish Office by **Friday, November 21st**





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We are sanctified when we render works of mercy.

PROMISE:

"...Come, you who are blessed by my Father. Inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world." (Mt 25:34)

WORD:

Ez 34:11-12, 15-17/
Ps 23:1-3, 5-6/ 1 Cor 15:20-26, 28/ Mt 25:31-46

ORDERS:

- Look after and tend my sheep. (Ez 34:11b)
- Seek out the strayed and bring them back. (Ez 34:16a)

DIRECTIONS:

- Reach out to our brothers and sisters who are in need.
- Render corporal and spiritual works of mercy consistently.
- Be courageous in your works of mercy.

Mercy For The Nobody

REFLECTION:

The gospel describes the time when the entire humanity will be gathered before Jesus as King and Judge, and everyone will be segregated into two groups – the faithful servants will be separated from the unfaithful ones. As



far as we are concerned, pretentious believers will be segregated from true Christians who have the Holy Spirit in them. The latter will share in their "master's joy."

We will be judged not on acquired talents, accomplishments, prestige, position or possession, but on how we have extended help to others and lightened their burdens. We will be measured by the modest deeds of mercy that we have done or failed to do. Those simple actions we extend to touch and reach out to others, our kind words that offer hope and warmth to people, the time and attention we spend with the depressed, these are

what the Lord will remember. Because as Jesus says, to help the insignificant, ordinary and nobody is to reach out to Him. To ignore them is to ignore Christ.

As our theme this week declares – We are sanctified when we render works of mercy. St.

John Paul II states in his papal encyclical *Dives in Misericordia*, "Jesus Christ taught that man not only receives the mercy of God, but that he is also called to practice mercy towards others." The Church teaches us to do corporal and spiritual works of mercy. It is said that "works of mercy are practices considered meritorious in Christian ethics. The practice is an act of both penance and charity. Works of mercy are means of grace which lead to holiness and aid in sanctification."

In the scene of the Last Judgment described in the gospel, we are reminded

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Tending the Flock

Make Room For God's Kingdom

Today's Gospel insists precisely on the universal kingship of Christ the Judge, with the stupendous parable of the Last Judgment, which St Matthew placed immediately before the Passion narrative (25: 31-46). The images are simple, the language is popular, but the message is extremely important: it is the truth about our ultimate destiny and about the criterion by which we will be evaluated. "I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me drink, I was a stranger and you welcomed me" (Mt 25: 35) and so forth. Who does not know this passage? It is part of our civilization. It has marked the history of the peoples of Christian culture: the hierarchy of values, the institutions, the multiple charitable and social organizations. In fact, the Kingdom of Christ is not of this world, but it brings to fulfillment all the good that, thank God, exists in man and in history. If we put love for our neighbor into practice in accordance with the Gospel message, we make room for God's dominion and his Kingdom is actualized among us. If, instead, each one thinks only of his or her own interests, the world can only go to ruin.

Dear friends, the Kingdom of God is not a matter of honors and appearances but, as St. Paul writes, it is "righteousness and peace, and joy in the Holy Spirit" (Rm 14: 17). The Lord has our good at heart, that is, that every person should have life, and that especially the "least" of his children may have access to the banquet he has prepared for all. Thus he has no use for the forms of hypocrisy of those who say: "Lord, Lord" and then neglect his commandments (cf. Mt 7: 21). In his eternal Kingdom, God welcomes those who strive day after day to put his Word into practice. For this reason the Virgin Mary, the humblest of all creatures, is the greatest in his eyes and sits as Queen at the right of Christ the King. Let us once again entrust ourselves to her heavenly intercession with filial trust, to be able to carry out our Christian mission in the world.

~ Pope Benedict XVI, *Angelus Message*, November 23, 2008

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Birthday

Dave Smith	11/ 21	Judy Guerrero	11/23
Adrienne Alquiros	11/ 22	Vincent Palecki	11/23
Clemen Durante	11/23	Jeff Sarmiento	11/23
Vange Hermsen	11/23	Marilyn Roy	11/24

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Goats and Sheep

*"And he will separate them one from another as a shepherd separates the sheep from the goats." So then, people on earth are intermingled, and not only intermingled in that the righteous live side by side with the wicked, but they are also indistinguishable. Between the righteous and the wicked there is no apparent difference. Even as in wintertime you cannot tell the healthy trees apart from the withered trees but in beautiful springtime you can tell the difference, so too each person according to his faith and his works will be exposed. The wicked will not have any leaves or show any fruit, but the righteous will be clothed with the leaves of eternal life and adorned with the fruit of glory. In this way they will be separated by the heavenly shepherd and Lord. The earthly shepherd separates animals by their type of body, whereas Christ separates people by their type of soul. The sheep signify righteous people by reason of their gentleness, because they harm no one, and by reason of their patience, because when they are harmed by others, they bear it without resistance. He refers to sinners as goats, however, because these vices characterize goats - capriciousness toward other animals, pride and belligerence." ~ **Incomplete Work on Matthew, Homily 54, Anonymous Greek Fathers***

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to follow the light given to us, not just in what we say but in what we do. Do we care for the least among us through corporal and spiritual works of mercy? It is our responsibility to care for one another in body, soul and spirit, and this is the truest measure of our loyalty to Christ. Finally, it is about the truth that we will be separated from God, not only for *wrongdoing, but for doing nothing*. "Whatever you did for one of the least brothers of mine, you did for me." (Mt 25:40) "What you did not do for one of these least ones, you did not do for me." (Mt 25:45) Jesus identifies himself with the hungry, the thirsty, the sick and the lonely.

Today, Jesus is still hungry, thirsty, naked, homeless, sick and in

prison in the sufferings of our brothers and sisters. Alleviating their pains and their woes gives us the opportunity to serve them. St. Teresa of Calcutta said, "We will only know in Heaven how much good has come to us through all those who are in need, such as the sick, the hungry, and the homeless. Because of them we can do something for God since He said, 'I was hungry and you fed me! I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink!' We should not serve the poor like they were Jesus. We should serve the poor because they are Jesus."

One day, we will face Jesus and we will be judged by what we have done to the least ones. Jesus is a king who rules by mercy and love. He does not come to be served, but invites us to serve one another, most

especially the poor. If we live our life mindful to the last, the least and the lost, we hope to hear these words from Christ the King, "Come, you who are blessed my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world." (Mt 25:34)

Prayer:

Lord God, deepen my love for my neighbors notwithstanding their social standing, to regard them as Your children, whom You love and deserving of our love and service. Give me the grace to practice works of mercy, abounding in gentleness and compassion to all, as I proclaim Jesus Christ as my Shepherd and sovereign Servant King. Amen.

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