Thirty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time

November 15, 2026

Call upon the Lord
and He will answer you!



Masses For The Week

Sun 15 Thirty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time
08:00 am +Gilbert & June Leyendecker (Sandra Leyendecker)
Thr 19 Weekday
12:05 pm +Gilbert & June Leyendecker DD (S. Leyendecker)

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Why does the master call the two servants "good and faithful"? Because, when entrusted with a large amount of money, they do not run off or spend the money on themselves; rather, they invest what was given them as a way of honoring their relationship with their master, who is himself good and faithful. Similarly, the worthy wife is valued "far beyond pearls" because she loves her husband and family with the generous, self-sacrificing love of God. Yet the third servant hears, "You wicked, lazy servant." Why? He lived in a way that reflected his misperception of the master, whom he thought to be a hard and "demanding person." The response of the master, who wants only that they share his joy, exposes the servant's false logic. May we live as "children of the light" by walking in the Lord's ways.

The Sanctuary Candle



This Week will be Burning in Memory of
+For All Souls in Purgatory (Sandra Leyendecker)

Good News!

November 15, 2026
Thirty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time (A)
Proverbs 31:10–13, 19–20, 30–31 / 1 Thessalonians 5:1–6 / Matthew 25:14–30 or 25:14–15, 19–21

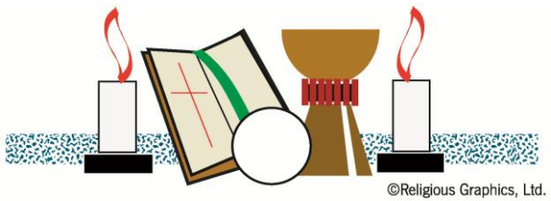
FR. THOMAS M. SANTA, CSSR

So close to Thanksgiving Day, a parable that seems to champion the Puritan work ethic feels fitting. The parable in today's gospel appears to celebrate sincere, positive efforts, while at the same time, it does not look kindly on lackluster attempts. But, as with all of Jesus' parables, we need to take a closer look.

In this instance, the third servant deserves examination. His situation seems to be not so much about work as it is about fear and hopelessness. It is not that he is unable to produce or to take the action needed; rather, he is bound and limited by fear and his perception of what the master requires. His fear makes it impossible for him to do what is required of him, so he does not respond.

We do not know how the master would have reacted if the servant had tried and failed. We do not know if an honest effort on the servant's part would have been enough. We do know that the master rejects fear as an excuse for inaction, and for this reason, the servant is singled out and punished. His fear not only made it impossible for him to work but also prompted the exact circumstance he was trying to avoid: displeasing the master. From the viewpoint of the parable, the servant's decision was not a good one. ●

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LET US PRAY FOR THE SICK OF OUR PARISH
Cristina Zarate, Mina Aldaco, Ramona Alaniz, Edna Flores, Ana Maria Finley, Mary G. Finley, Margarita Inocencio, Lucia Rodriguez, Maria Teresa Cassiano, Dotty Guffey, Rodrigo Medina, Armando Colchado, Elida Aldaco, Michelle Angela Nelson, Renee Chapa and Joe Garcia.

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MASS INTENTION BOOK FOR THE YEAR 2027

Mass Intention Book for 2027 is now open. You may choose as many dates that are available. If you have intentions you would like to offer during a Mass, please bring them to the Parish Office. **NO intentions will be accepted by phone. All intentions must be made in person (Tuesday, Wednesday & Thursday: 9a-12p & 1:30p-4:00p).** Your cooperation is greatly appreciated. Thank you. Fr. Nolasco



SANCTUARY CANDLE FOR THE YEAR 2027

Anyone interested in making a $10.00 donation to have the Sanctuary Candle burning weekly in memory of a loved one or for a special intention may do so in person in the Parish Office during regular hours on or after November.

THANKSGIVING DAY MASS

We invite you to join us for the celebration of Mass on Thanksgiving Day, November 26, 2026, at 10:00 a.m. We also ask that you bring some of the bread you will share at your Thanksgiving Day Meal so that Father Nolasco can bless it during the Mass. Let us join and thank God for His many blessings.

May the Lord say to us all
WELL DONE, GOOD AND FAITHFUL SERVANT!

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Last Sunday's Collection
Envelopes: ***$ 1,526.00***
Loose: ***$ 155.00***
Children's Envelopes: ***$ 1.20***

Total Sunday Collection: $ 1,682.20

Total Expenses Last Week: $ 00.00

Dear Padre

November 15, 2026

At Mass, I have difficulty communing with God after receiving Communion because of the noise and activity. Why not more silence?

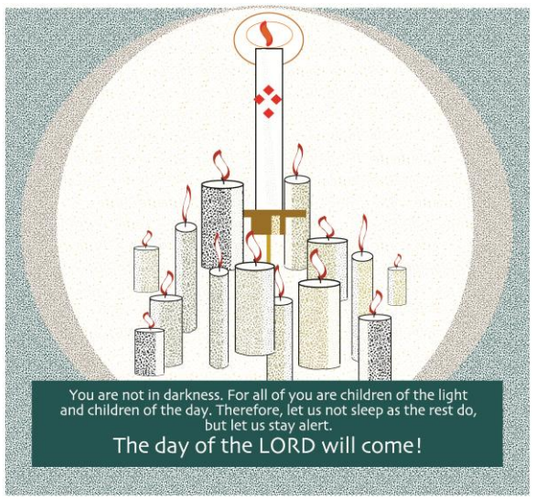
During Mass, communal silence is called for within the Penitential Act, for people to recollect themselves; at the end of a reading or the homily, so all can meditate briefly on what they've heard; and then after Communion, for people to praise and pray to God in their hearts. (See *General Instruction of the Roman Missal*, 45.) In other words, there is a silence that reflects our contrition before God; a silence that reflects our need to ponder his word; and a deep silence before God that reflects awe and incapacity for words after receiving the Body and Blood of Christ!

After Communion, a period of communal silence for personal prayer is intended before other activities, such as a second collection or announcements. Also, a psalm, canticle of praise, or hymn may be sung. (See *GIRM* 88, 164.) "Liturgical silence is indispensable to the rhythm of a balanced celebration. Without it, the celebration can become perfunctory in its haste or burdensome in its unrelieved sound and song" (*Introduction to the Order of Mass*, 48, USCCB, 2003). As St. Alphonsus wrote in *The Holy Eucharist*: "There is no prayer more agreeable to God, or more profitable to the soul, than that which is made during the thanksgiving after Communion." ●

Fr. Byron Miller, CSsR / DearPadre.org

Do you have a question for the Padre?
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