

November 11-12, 2017

Thirty-second Sunday in Ordinary Time

Wisdom 6:12-16

First Thessalonians 4:12-18

Matthew 25:1-13

Good-enough usually isn't. If you don't love yourself you will always be chasing after people who won't love you either. Everything you think is important frequently isn't. Better to remain silent and be thought a fool than to speak and to remove all doubt. What is said in darkness will be proclaimed from the rooftops.

Wisdom is a frequently short and sweet...and best appreciated in hindsight after having bumbled through some personal circumstance. Our culture makes broad strokes to 'forgive and move on' but some actions or decisions, even if faulty or ill conceived, can have lasting impact. For example, the mainstream media (truthful news) is filled with stories of assorted abuses perpetrated upon both men and women...some long ago, some recent...but all done under the false pretense that power allows sinful actions. There seems to be a complete lack of awareness that, for all of us, there is a DAY OF RECKONING...either here while we are alive, or with God upon our death. The month of November, initiated with honoring our Saints and now praying for All Souls, is a month of heightened awareness that things actually end and an encouragement for each of us to not delay in living lives of goodness, generosity, humility and compassion. As anyone who has erroneously cut their freeway travel time too close and have missed their flight from John Wayne or LAX knows, planes take off without us...and we have no one to blame but ourselves. In the same way, November, with the closing of the Liturgical Year, is meant to be a clarion call for us to get our lives in order....to not presume we have tomorrow or next week or next year to get around to things. This weekend's selection from the Gospel of Matthew is lovingly harsh....for those who did not prepare, the door has been closed to them and the voice from inside is saying...'I DO NOT KNOW YOU!' What do we know in our heart that needs changing? What words of healing need to be spoken? What resentments need to be abandoned? What injustices need to be righted? For what sins do we need to seek reconciliation? Time is not always as lengthy as we think....just ask the families of those who attended an annual outdoor concert in Las Vegas or were walking/riding along a bike path in NYC.

*Don't put off for tomorrow what should be done today.
'Stay awake, you know neither the day nor the hour.'*

Thank you for sharing some of this fine November day with our Santa Clara community. Your prayers on behalf of our High School youth away on retreat this weekend are appreciated. A reminder to get Sunday, December 3rd on your calendar for our Faith Formation ADVENT LUNCH AND EVENT. Please review the Bulletin for news of other important events coming up in the weeks ahead and please remember, you are loved. FKB