

**Service at Home for those unable to attend Mass.
THIRTY THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (A)**

PREPARATION:

- Comfortable seating, place in a semicircle if possible.
- A table with a candle, crucifix or image of Jesus,
- Identify family members who will proclaim the Scripture and perhaps give a brief reflection.
- Select 2 or 3 hymns that everyone knows

LEADER: In the name of the Father, and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. Amen

“In truth I tell you once again, if two of you on earth agree to ask anything at all, it will be granted to you by my Father in heaven. For where two or three meet in my name, I am there among them.” (*Mt: 18:19-20*)

The Candle is now lit

LEADER: Each of us has received specific gifts and talents from the Lord. Many times we have failed to use them in the service of God and each other (PAUSE)

LEADER: Lord Jesus; you have blessed each of us with special gifts: Lord, have mercy.

ALL: Lord, have mercy.

LEADER: Christ Jesus; you want us to recognize and appreciate these gifts: Christ, have mercy.

ALL: Christ, have mercy.

LEADER: Lord Jesus; you want us to share these gifts with others: Lord, have mercy.

ALL: Lord, have mercy.

LEADER: Have mercy on us, Lord, forgive us for misusing your gifts. Make us servants with you and lead us to everlasting life.

ALL: Amen.

LEADER: Let us pray: Into our hands, O generous God, you have entrusted many graces and blessings. Give us the wisdom to multiply your gifts and make us industrious and vigilant as we await your Son’s return. May we rejoice to hear him call us “good and faithful servants” as we enter into the joy of your kingdom. We ask this through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God forever and ever.

ALL: Amen.

READINGS –

1st Reading is taken from Wisdom Proverbs 31:10-13,19-20,30-31

Responsorial Psalm 128:1-5

2nd Reading is taken from 1 Thessalonians 5:1-6

GOSPEL is taken from Matthew 25:14-30

A Reading from the Holy Gospel according to Matthew

Jesus spoke this parable to his disciples: ‘The kingdom of Heaven is like a man on his way abroad who summoned his servants and entrusted his property to them. To one he gave five talents, to another two, to a third one; each in proportion to his ability. Then he set out.

‘The man who had received the five talents promptly went and traded with them and made five more. The man who had received two made two more in the same way. But the man who had received one went off and dug a hole in the ground and hid his master’s money.

‘Now a long time after, the master of those servants came back and went through his accounts with them. The man who had received the five talents came forward bringing five more. ‘Sir,’ he said ‘you entrusted me with five talents; here are five more that I have made.’

‘His master said to him, ‘Well done, good and faithful servant; you have shown you can be faithful in small things, I will trust you with greater; come and join in your master’s happiness.’

‘Next the man with the two talents came forward. ‘Sir,’ he said ‘you entrusted me with two talents; here are two more that I have made.’ His master said to him, ‘Well done, good and

faithful servant; you have shown you can be faithful in small things, I will trust you with greater; come and join in your master's happiness."

"Last came forward the man who had the one talent. "Sir," said he "I had heard you were a hard man, reaping where you have not sown and gathering where you have not scattered; so I was afraid, and I went off and hid your talent in the ground. Here it is; it was yours, you have it back." But his master answered him, "You wicked and lazy servant! So you knew that I reap where I have not sown and gather where I have not scattered? Well then, you should have deposited my money with the bankers, and on my return I would have recovered my capital with interest. So now, take the talent from him and give it to the man who has the five talents. For to everyone who has will be given more, and he will have more than enough; but from the man who has not, even what he has will be taken away. As for this good-for-nothing servant, throw him out into the dark, where there will be weeping and grinding of teeth."

The Gospel of the Lord

A Short Reflection can be given or a period of silent reflection

PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL

LEADER: Jesus teaches us to prepare for his coming by using well the gifts and opportunities he has given us.

Family members are invited to make their petitions.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

LEADER: Now let us pray to the Father in the words our Saviour gave us:

ALL: *Our Father.....*

LEADER: Jesus gives us the gift of himself in the Eucharist. Though we cannot receive him in Holy Communion today let us invite him into our hearts as we pray the Act of Spiritual Communion:

ACT OF SPIRITUAL COMMUNION

ALL: My Jesus, I believe that you are present in the Most Holy Sacrament. I love you above all things, and I desire to receive you into my soul. Since I cannot at this moment receive you sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart. I embrace you as if you were already there and unite myself wholly to you. Never permit me to be separated from you. AMEN

LEADER: Let us pray: Lord our God, source of all that is good, through the gift of your Son Jesus Christ you have made us capable of sowing the seeds of your life and love. When you ask for an account of what we have done with our lives, may we hear from your own lips that we have been good and faithful servants who did much with the little we had, and that we may enter your lasting joy. Grant us this through Christ our Lord.

ALL: Amen.

BLESSING:

LEADER: May we always know the depth of God's love for us.

ALL: Amen.

LEADER: May we use the gifts of God for his glory.

ALL: Amen.

LEADER: May we continue to live as children of the light.

ALL: Amen.

LEADER: And may our loving God bless us, In the name of the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit

ALL: Amen.