

32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

First Reading: Wisdom 6:12-16
Resp. Psalm: Psalm 63:2, 3-4, 5-6, 7-8
Second Reading: 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18
Gospel: Matthew 25:1-13

[Full readings can be found here!](#)

1. HEAR

Grab your bible and look up the Gospel reading. Don't have one? No worries you can find the Gospel reading by clicking [HERE](#). (Bishop O'Connell's Gospel Reflection page.)

As an alternative to reading the Gospel, you can listen and audio with the proclamation for adults by clicking [HERE](#). (YouTube, WOG channel, 1:26 min)

Children can also watch a video proclamation of the Gospel by clicking [HERE](#). (YouTube, BibleAnimated channel, 3:32 min)

2. PRAY

Prepare a small prayer space in a room in your home where you can gather with your family or a friend to experience together today's readings. Find a candle or other type of light that you can place in your prayer space, and light it if possible.

One adult lights the lamp/candle in the prayer space and reads the following out loud: "Our lives can be compared to a lamp or a candle. In order to burn, a candle needs wax and a lamp needs oil. For each of us, the oil is the gift of faith we have received from the time of our baptism, and we replenish it by practicing our love for Jesus and for others with other believers in a community of faith, such as our parish."

Now, think of a time when you felt that your light was becoming extinct... What was the cause of that feeling? Why did you think your faith was diminishing?

Allow for a moment of silence, and then, pray with these or similar words: "Lord Jesus, come into my heart with your light and show me how the lamp of my faith can be filled and overflow with your grace and love. Show me the many ways how I can renew my faith and welcome you into my life once again. Amen."



3. TALK

In today's Gospel, we learn from Jesus that we must have our lamps ready and full of faith, so to welcome him at any time when he comes to visit us. But Jesus doesn't come just at the end of the world; he continually comes to us in many ways and in many people. Recall a time when you experienced that Jesus was near to you because of an experience or a person you encounter.

- **How did you know you it was Jesus who came to you in that experience/person?**
- **What blessing did you receive as a result of your encounter with Jesus?**
- **How would you have prepared, had you known Jesus was coming to be with you?**

(Allow for a brief time of sharing. For small children: draw or paint how they encountered Jesus in their lives.)

Close this time by listening to the following song: [Maranatha! Come, Lord Jesus.](#)