

ST. BRIDE

THE ROMAN CATHOLIC ARCHDIOCESE OF CHICAGO

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Reverend Robert J. Roll, Pastor
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Liturgy Schedule

Sunday at 10 AM

Monday thru Friday as scheduled

8 AM in the House Chapel

The Sacrament of Reconciliation

Before Mass and anytime by appointment!

The Sacrament of the Sick

Please make arrangements with the Parish House to have the Sacraments brought to the sick and homebound.

The Anointing of the Sick should take place early in any illness and as often as necessary.

Please note: Hospitals are not allowed, by law, to contact the parish.

Please have someone contact the Parish House for a hospital visit.

New Parishioners

Please consider registering after Mass at the Activity Table in the Church or call the Parish House at your convenience!

Welcome Visitors to St. Bride

We are honored to have you with us! Please be sure to sign our guest book.

The Thirty-third Sunday
Of the Church Year
November 19, 2017



MASSES THIS WEEK

Daily Mass is celebrated at 8 AM

In the Parish House Chapel as scheduled

The Thirty-third Sunday of the Church Year:

*For the Intention of Gloria Tepavchevich
and Marge Machay*

Monday: Weekday

Tuesday: Presentation of the Blessed Virgin
Mary

Wednesday: St. Cecilia

For the Intention of Joseph Trzebiatowski

Thursday: St. Clement I, St. Columban;
Blessed Miguel Agustín Pro

Thanksgiving Day

Mass at 9 AM in the Church

Friday: St. Andrew Dũng-Lạc and Companions

Saturday: St. Catherine of Alexandria

Celebration of Christ the King:

*For the Intention of Chester Wilk, Joe Golab
and Ron Durbin*

Mass Intentions Available - If you have a special anniversary or family member or celebration that you want to remember at Mass, now is the time to arrange to reserve that date. Please be sure to include your intention as well as your phone number when submitting the request. The traditional stipend per Mass is ten dollars.

Support Our Food Pantry -The St. Bride Food Pantry is open. We will welcome your donations of *NON-PERISHABLE* food items to stock our shelves. Please bring them to Church each week or to the Hall during the week. You can also place your donations on the back porch of the Rectory. Thank you!

Electronic Giving for Weekly Offerings - Since we have started *Give Central*, more than \$18,000.00 has been contributed through this electronic means of giving! It is an excellent way of scheduling your offerings to St. Bride, as well as a way of marking special events. Click on the "Donate Now" button on our web site at www.st-bride.org.

MICKEY'S MINUTE

"Nothing in life really stays. And it's beautiful that they go. They have to go in order for the next thing to come. You can almost add beauty to a thing by accepting that it's temporary." -Paul McCartney

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: 1 Mc 1:10-15, 41-43, 54-57, 62-63;
Ps 119:53, 61, 134, 150, 155, 158;
Lk 18:35-43

Tuesday: 2 Mc 6:18-31; Ps 3:2-7; Lk 19:1-10

Wednesday: 2 Mc 7:1, 20-31; Ps 17:1bcd, 5-6, 8b,15;
Lk 19:11-28

Thursday: 1 Mc 2:15-29; Ps 50:1b-2, 5-6, 14-15;
Lk 19:41-44

Friday: 1 Mc 4:36-37, 52-59; 1 Chr 29:10bcd,
11-12; Lk 19:45-48

Saturday: 1 Mc 6:1-13; Ps 9:2-4, 6, 16, 19;
Lk 20:27-40

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

A THANKFUL HEART

A thankful heart is not only the greatest virtue, but
the parent of all the other virtues.

—Cicero

Upcoming Dates and Events

Thanksgiving - Morning Mass at 9AM in
the Church

November 26th - Feast of Christ the King
Benediction after Mass

December 3rd - First Sunday of Advent

December 8th - The Immaculate
Conception - Mass at 8 AM in the Church

December 10th - Breakfast with Santa
immediately following Mass

HAMILTON tickets raffle begin sales!

December 17th - Vocation Sunday and
Mother Theresa Relic Veneration

Christmas Eve Family Mass at 4 PM

Christmas Morning Mass at 10 AM

January 1, 2018 - Mass at 10 AM

February 14th - Ash Wednesday

February 18th - Stations of the Cross
after Mass

March 11th - St. Joseph and
St. Patrick Luncheon

March 18th - Sacrament of
Reconciliation before and after Mass
Spring Luncheon 2018 - May 20, 2018

SHARING OUR GIFTS

Autumn is the season for harvesting and sharing the fruits of our labors. This week's scriptures use images of the harvest, family life, pregnancy, and investment to describe the abundant harvest in the reign of God. We discover that sharing the gifts we have been given brings eternal rewards for everyone.

In the Gospel parable a master entrusts his possessions to three servants before going on a journey. Each is given some talents. What they do with those talents determines what the master will do with them when he returns. How about us? What are we doing with our talents? How will our Master treat us when he returns?

Thirty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time - Use It or Lose It

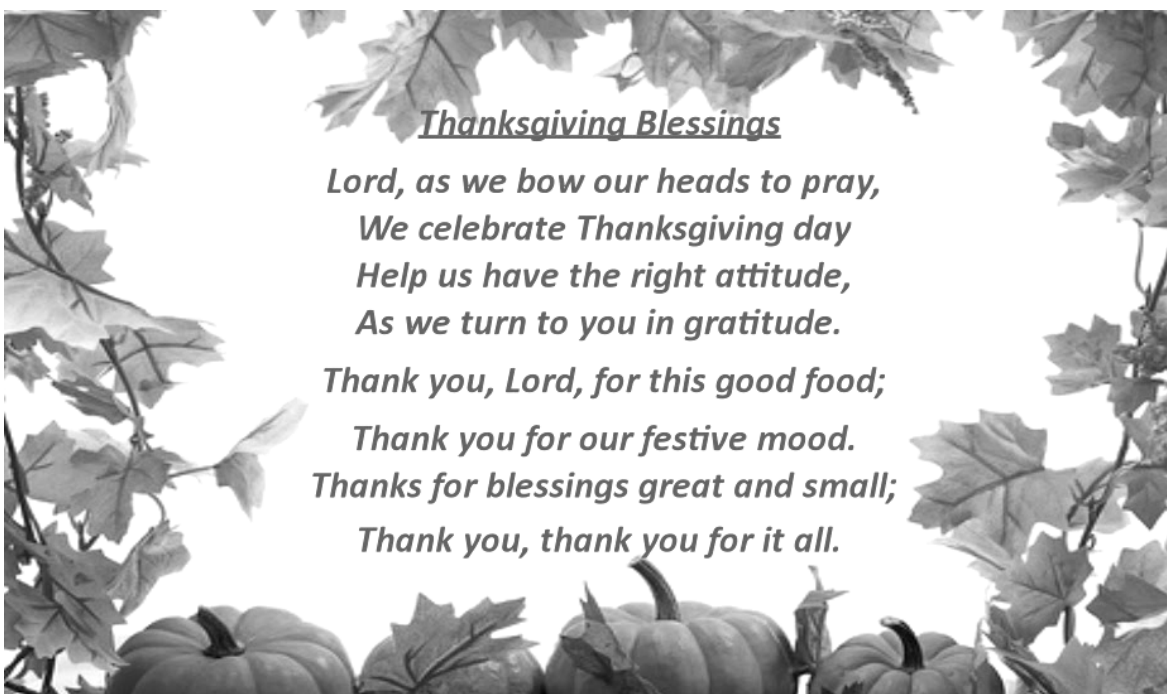
When I hear the Gospel reading for this Sunday, I wonder what that third servant was doing all that time, after he buried the talent he was given. Probably nothing. What strikes me is that the word for money in this reading is "talent," which in our language is an ability or skill. So maybe this parable can remind us to use our abilities and not let them go to waste.

It is sad to see someone who is not very good at his job just because he never developed his inborn talents. But if you know what gifts or abilities God gave you, you can develop them to be much more than you expected. A person might be strong and fast, but if she exercises and practices, she could be a great athlete. The same with a spiritual gift. Just having one doesn't make you a saint. So how do you know what gifts you have?

First, ask God in your prayers to show you what gifts you have been given. Find a spiritual director, or even your parish priest, and talk about your life, your strengths and weaknesses. Read about saints and how they used their gifts to serve the Lord. Read the scriptures, especially the Acts of the Apostles or the Letters of Paul (e.g., 1 Corinthians 12:1–11). Listen humbly to friends or loved ones who can tell you what strengths they see in you.

Second, look for ways to use your gifts. Check the parish bulletin or website or your diocesan newspaper for activities and organizations that you could take part in. Hospitals, schools, shelters, and nursing homes frequently offer opportunities for volunteers. If one kind of service seems attractive to you, that could be God's way of telling you to try it. On the other hand, a job that seems very challenging could be what you need to stretch your spiritual muscles. Or you may see a need for some service that you can get started in the parish or community.

Just remember that you are called to service by your baptism and confirmation. Don't bury that calling by procrastinating or being afraid to try. Remember the "useless servant" with the one talent who was fearful and lazy (Matthew 25:25–26). At least he can remind us to use it or lose it.



Thanksgiving Blessings

*Lord, as we bow our heads to pray,
We celebrate Thanksgiving day
Help us have the right attitude,
As we turn to you in gratitude.*

*Thank you, Lord, for this good food;
Thank you for our festive mood.
Thanks for blessings great and small;
Thank you, thank you for it all.*