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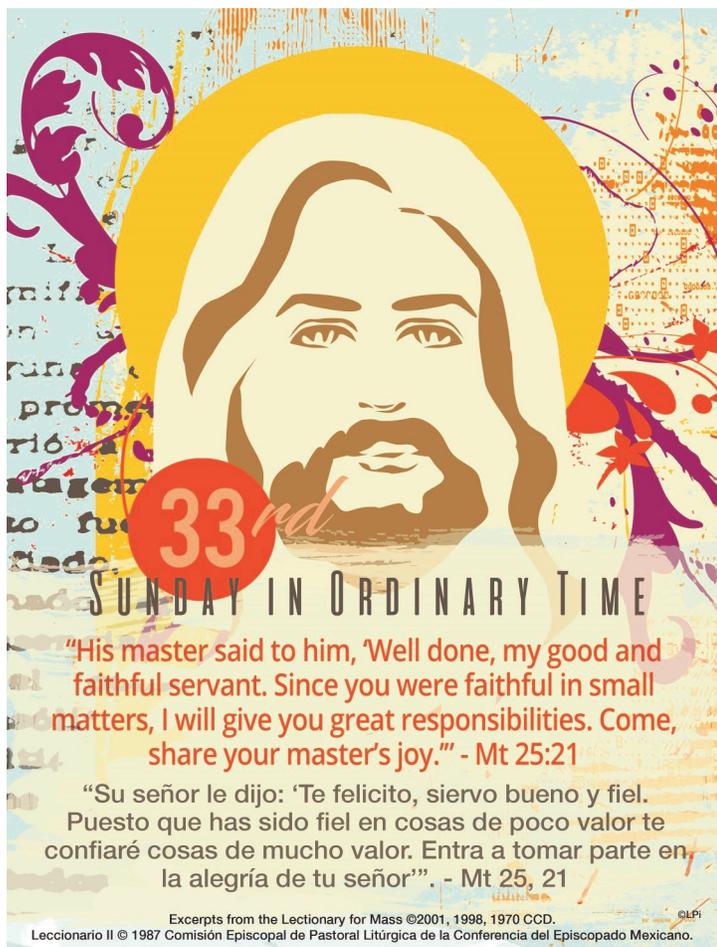
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**WELCOME**

If you are new to the parish, please introduce yourself to the priests after Mass. We want to know and serve you. To register, please email your name and address to [parishpublishing@stmarysfranklin.org](mailto:parishpublishing@stmarysfranklin.org). We will send you a Welcome Package that will help you register.

**SACRAMENTS**

**Baptism:** By appointment only. Consult our website: [stmarysfranklin.org](http://stmarysfranklin.org)

**Penance:** By appointment; please call 508-528-0020

**Marriage:** Couples planning to be married at St. Mary's should schedule their wedding one year in advance and attend a Marriage Preparation program.

**Sacrament of the Sick:** Please call the rectory if you have a family member, friend, or neighbor who is unable to attend church due to age or infirmity. We will provide pastoral visits, with administration of the Sacraments.

**RELIGIOUS EDUCATION**

**Children (Grades 1-8):**

Guided Remote Learning

**Confirmation Preparation (after Grade 8):**

Guided, Independent, Remote Conferences

*Programs run from October through May*

**Adults**

**RCIA - Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults**

Wednesdays • 7:00pm

October to Easter

### *Pastoral Reflections:*

Our church often adopts processes, dynamics, and terms from the business world to help us understand, improve, and maintain our various combination functions. We are advised at meetings that our talks, homilies, written articles, letters, bulletin pieces, and social media pages should always be “on message” and “on task”. I often say that when giving a homily, it should take off, then fly purposely and directly and then come in to land at its destination. Too often bishops, priests, deacons, vowed religious, and lay people wander around in their sermons, homilies, or talks without clear purpose or message and also never seem to end the main thought of their talk; it just simply never lands until it crashes. Homilies, talks, speeches, etc. should contribute greatly to our faith development. We need our public speakers to be people who have a vision and understanding of our faith and are willing to share it clearly and directly with us. Too often homilies and talks are just loaded up with everything but the sacristy sink! Too much is in fact usually too much. Often the less said is more said well.

Our reading from the Old Testament this week has an example of someone who is a great communicator. It is the story of one person at her best—the valiant woman, the strong wife and homemaker. Bear in mind that this passage is not intended to give advice to mothers and wives everywhere or anywhere. . It is, rather, a picture and image of a person who is good at what she does. She knows her vocation and goes about it with love and attention and skill. She is clear, direct, and purposeful. The message is easily delivered and understood.

This weekend’s Gospel passage is meant to be thought about in light of last week’s Gospel of the wise and foolish virgins. Wisdom and common sense are true and authentic Christian virtues! This week there is an ultimate clarity to the meaning of this story of these servants. Each servant is given a share of responsibility proportionate to each one’s skill level. Their task is clearly set forth. The coins are not gifts; they are clearly to be understood as responsibilities. Also, there are conditions attached. Bear in mind their master does expect the impossible from them. He expects them to act productively while he is away until the unknown time of his return. The only good news is no one spent their coins on foolishness or junk. Sadly, though, one of them simply hoards the coins. Those who invest their coins are praised and the one who does nothing and only hoards is condemned.

Clearly the message is we are to live an active life of faith. We are to take the gift of faith that we have been given and share it with others. We are never to hide it. As the master in the Gospel does not tell the servants how to act, but that they must act in real and practical ways, we also must carefully consider how and in what real and practical ways we can live the Way of Jesus Christ. One of the great charisms and gifts of Catholicism is that it offers many ways to live a life of faith. The issue is: will we step up and live that life every day?

*Fr. Brian*

## READINGS THIS WEEK

### Readings for the week of November 15, 2020

Sunday: Prv 31:10-13, 19-20, 30-31/Ps 128:1-2, 3, 4-5 [cf. 1a]/1 Thes 5:1-6/  
Mt 25:14-30 or 25:14-15, 19-21

Monday: Rv 1:1-4; 2:1-5/Ps 1:1-2, 3, 4 and 6 [Rev 2:17]/Lk 18:35-43

Tuesday: Rv 3:1-6, 14-22/Ps 15:2-3a, 3bc-4ab, 5 [Rev 3:21]/Lk 19:1-10

Wednesday: Rv 4:1-11/Ps 150:1b-2, 3-4, 5-6 [1b]/Lk 19:11-28

Thursday: Rv 5:1-10/Ps 149:1b-2, 3-4, 5-6a and 9b [Rev 5:10]/Lk 19:41-44

Friday: Rv 10:8-11/Ps 119:14, 24, 72, 103, 111, 131 [103a]/Lk 19:45-48

Saturday: Rv 11:4-12/Ps 144:1b, 2, 9-10 [1b]/Lk 20:27-40

Next Sunday: Ez 34:11-12, 15-17/Ps 23:1-2, 2-3, 5-6 [1]/1 Cor 15:20-26, 28/Mt 25:31-4

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St. Mary Parish  
2020 Grand Annual

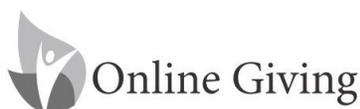
Our 2020 Grand Annual Appeal continues with many families having made their gift. Thank you for your continued generosity.

If you have not already done so, please place your completed “Grand Annual Envelope” in the regular collection at Mass or mail it directly to the parish office. Additional envelopes are available at the entrance to the church.

If you are not a regular envelope user, there are additional Grand Annual envelopes available at the entrance to the church.

**Please consider a one-time gift of \$350 or more this year.** All contributions, from the smallest to the largest, will be gratefully appreciated.

**Thank you to the many families that have already returned their initial Grand Annual Gift.**



Consider making your gift Online:  
[stmarysfranklin.org](http://stmarysfranklin.org)

*This is*  
**OUR CHURCH**

While many aspects of our life have come to a standstill, the work of our ministries continues as we strive to meet the needs of those who are relying on our guidance and assistance. The sick and homebound continue to receive spiritual support and information over the phone from the Archdiocese’s Faith Community Nurses and Chaplains program. Our Pregnancy Help Centers continue to provide resources for women facing crisis pregnancies. Those suffering from addiction still need support and guidance and many have greater need for counseling and spiritual support during this time of heightened anxiety.

Your support of the Archdiocese’s *Catholic Appeal* ensures that these programs and services continue. With the knowledge that many of you are also facing challenging financial realities, and with concern for the people we serve, your prayerful consideration is greatly appreciated. Your donation will make a *significant difference* as we continue serving the Catholic faithful and all our brothers and sisters in need.

To learn more about *Your Church at Work* or to make a donation, visit [www.bostoncatholicappeal.org](http://www.bostoncatholicappeal.org)

**Thank you!**

## 2020 St Mary's SVdP Caring Tree



St. Vincent de Paul is once again sponsoring the Christmas Caring Tree gift giving program. Due to your generosity, last year we were able to help 122 Franklin families in need and provide over 500 gifts to these families.

Due to the pandemic, we need to make some major changes to the program. There will be no Caring Tree in the church. Instead of gifts as in prior years, we will be providing gift cards to those in need to purchase Christmas gifts.

Our request to St. Mary parishioners is to donate a \$25 gift card to either Walmart or Target. If you would rather, a monetary donation of any amount would be appreciated. Checks should be made out to St. Mary's SVDP. Checks, gift cards, or cash donations can be placed in an envelope inscribed with the address below or dropped in the collection basket at Mass. If dropping off a donation, please mark it "Caring Tree Program".

Thank you all for your willingness to help those in our community who will benefit from our support during the holiday season!

Please mail or drop off all gift cards and monetary donations by **November 29<sup>th</sup>** to:

**St Mary Parish  
c/o SVDP Caring Tree Program  
One Church Square  
Franklin, MA 02038**



**The Knights of Columbus will have the pies you ordered for Thanksgiving ready for pickup on Tuesday, November 24 from 2:00 - 8:00 pm in the modular classrooms at St. Mary Center, 201 Main Street.**

Any questions, call Jim Campbell at 508-848-8681, Jim Lane at 774-571-9804, or Mike Swann at 508-404-4792. See St. Mary's website for more details: [stmarysfranklin.org](http://stmarysfranklin.org)



*Franklin Knights of Columbus - Council 1847*

**Holiday Food Card Drive**  
**November 7<sup>th</sup> through December 14<sup>th</sup>**

We are holding our Sixth Annual Holiday Food Card Drive. Proceeds will support the ongoing charitable efforts of the Knights of Columbus and help feed those “in need”. This need is particularly critical due to COVID 19. This year there will be 2 ways by which you may **purchase and donate a Stop & Shop Food Card** for those in need:

Please visit our **Website** [www.kofc1847.org](http://www.kofc1847.org). Online orders will accept Credit Card. You will find a link(s) to donate Food Cards - **Holiday Food Card Drive**.

Or you can **Mail** your check and order form (below) to:

**Knights of Columbus**  
**c/o Food Card Drive – PO Box465**  
**Franklin, MA 02038**

This is how it works:

**Purchase a \$10 Stop & Shop Food Card and 5% of the sales help feed those in need.**

**Donate one or more of the food cards you purchase and 100% of the donated card(s) help feed those in need.**

**Contact: Scott Kyle – 508-736-8944 – [d\\_scott13@comcast.net](mailto:d_scott13@comcast.net)**

*Thank You for your Caring*

NAME: \_\_\_\_\_ PHONE: \_\_\_\_\_

EMAIL: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ Donate a \$10 Food Card and 100% of sales helps feed people in need.

\_\_\_\_\_ Purchase a \$10 Food Card and 5% of sales helps feed people in need.

***Purchased cards will be mailed to you by 12/15***

\_\_\_\_\_ Total @ \$10 each = \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Make checks payable to: Knights of Columbus Council 1847

OR

Visit our website [www.kofc1847.org](http://www.kofc1847.org) to pay by Credit Card