



PARISH SCHEDULE

SUNDAY LITURGY | at 11:00 AM

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Sunday Liturgy: 11:00 AM

Saturday Liturgy: 5:00 PM

Wednesday & Friday Liturgy: 6:30 PM

Thursday Liturgy & Adoration: 6:30 PM



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READINGS

October/2022

October 23

6th Sunday after Holy Cross

Epistle

Gal 6:1-10

Gospel

Mt 25:14-30



October 30

7th Sunday after Holy Cross ; Sunday of Christ the King

Epistle

Rom 12:9-21

Gospel

Mt 25:31-46

TIME

* L I T U R G Y I N T E N T I O N S *

FROM



Remember your loved ones with Mass Intentions

Oct. 23

11:00 AM

Philip Nehme El-Khoury

By: Marie Ghanimeh

Oct. 30

11:00 AM

Remember Me In Your Kingdom
Maurice Chakib Ayoub

By: The Priest
By: Chakib Ayoub

Nov. 6

11:00 AM

Available

HOSPITALITY - COFFEE HOUR / 2022

Oct. 23

Marie Ghanimeh

Oct. 30

Festival

Nov. 6

Available



To sponsor a coffee hour pls contact Ana Franca Abi-Aad :954.806.9909, abetriz@yahoo.com or Amale Gebrael:919.633.3557, amal1014@yahoo.com *Donation for coffee hour is appreciated*

PARISH OFFERING

October 16, 2022



Weekly offering

\$909.00

Donations

\$260.00

Coffee Hour

\$25.00

Total Income

\$1,194.00

Thank You for your generosity and your support

Important Messages

Daily Readings

Monday: 1 Cor 6:1-11; Mt 13:1-9

Tuesday: 1 Cor 6:12-20; Mt 13:10-17

Wednesday: 1 Cor 7:1-24; Mt 13:18-23

Thursday: 1 Cor 7:25-35; Mt 13:24-30

Friday: 1 Cor 9:13-18; Mt 13:31-35

Saturday: 1 Cor 9:19-27; Mt 13:36-43



THE SANCTUARY LAMP

Is a vigil light burning 24/7 and kept near the Blessed Sacrament. The light indicates the unfathomable mystery of the Eucharistic presence of Jesus. It reminds us of the reverence due to the Sacrament. The burning light is a pious custom as a way of prolonging our adoration and prayer to honor His presence.

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Upcoming Second Collection

Oct. 23: World Mission Sunday

UPCOMING MEETINGS & EVENTS - 2022

VETERANS APPRECIATION BREAKFAST

The Saint Francis Assisi Assembly of the Knights of Columbus invites all Veterans and their families to a Veterans Day observance and breakfast on Saturday, November 12 starting at 9 am. The Assembly is affiliated with the Knights of Columbus Councils at St. Francis of Assisi, St. Luke's, St. Raphael's, St. Bernadette's and St. Sharbel parishes, and this invitation is extended to Veterans and families from those parishes.

Please sign up at this LINK to permit proper preparations for the event: bit.ly/2022vetbreakfast

A ceremony will follow breakfast and start at about 10:15 am. Please join fellow Veterans for this event at no charge to those attending. It will be held in the Founders' Room at St. Francis of Assisi Church.

Sixth Sunday after Holy Cross

Qurbono P. 606; Creed P. 748; Anaphora of St. Peter p. 774

This Sunday invites us to a practical position and that is how our work prepares us for the coming of the Lord and allows us to share the master's joy, just as the Lord Jesus promises us in the parable of the **TALENTS**. This parable emphasizes the responsibility of the faithful and our obligation of cultivating God's gifts. Knowing the value of the talents helps us understand and appreciate God's goodness and immeasurable generosity. The talent which is described in the Gospel, referring to that particular time, is equal to six thousand dinars, where the dinar is worth one working day pay. Not only did God give us mind, free will, health, and all earthly goods, but also he has given us his heavenly kingdom and made us sharers in his divine life, each according to his capacity.

The traveling of the master and his return after a long time indicate the ample time given so we may use our freedom and responsibility when he settles account with us. Our reward is "The Eternal Joy with the Lord!" As for the punishment of the servant who buried the talent and disobeyed the command, his master said: "you should have put my money in the bank!" This useless servant painted the image of his master to be merciless, hard, greedy and difficult to deal with and ruined his intimate relationship with his master! FAITH IN GOD for us is an adventure. To have FAITH is to accept the stewardship of God's freely given grace to us.

This parable draws our attention to avoid the behavior of the useless servant. There is no religion without adventure. God does not accept laziness, idleness and shut minds. The servant who received one talent did absolutely nothing with it. If he were to adventure and lose what he had, it would have been better for him than to bury it in the ground. He is cast out because he did not try to use it or risk it for the common good of his fellow-men.

God gives people differing gifts. We are not equal in the measure of our individual talents, for we have been given different ones. It is not the value of the talents which matters, but rather how we use them. If God were to ask of us what we don't have, then he is not just. God never demands from us more than our capability. God gave us the freedom to choose. It is up to us to make full use of the abilities we possess. It is not the size of the talents that counts but the effort we put into cultivating them. By using what was freely granted to us, we are putting all at the service of God. Furthermore, it helps us and others by being prosperous and by helping build our society and our neighbor.

The universal phenomenon in this parable is that, on the one hand, when talents are exercised and used progressively they result in prosperity and bring good returns. On the other hand, when talents are not exercised they result in disastrous loss and failure. Thus, the Gospel saying: "For to everyone who had, more will be given and he will grow rich; but from the one who has not, even what he has will be taken away." If we are proficient at a certain game, or gifted for doing something, the more we work and exercise that proficiency and those gifts, the greater the task becomes. Thus, great will be our investment. The talents with which God has endowed us are not ours. This parable teaches us that we are only stewards of these talents. They do not belong to us but to God and to our fellow-men. Our best way to keep them is to place them at the service of our neighbor who could benefit from them. We must dedicate them to the service of God and to our fellow-men