



**November 5-6, 2011**  
**32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time**  
**Matthew 25:1-13**

The Gospel is a parable about waiting and watching. Five wise and five foolish young women are waiting for the bridegroom to arrive. You might be wondering how the bride is feeling, but that is for another writing, so be patient.

The five foolish young women do not have enough oil to keep their lamps burning and the groom arrives and the "dim-witted" ones ask the "well-oiled" ones for the loan of some of their oil.

This is a Christian Christ-told parable. Why don't the five who have give to the five who don't have? Why doesn't Jesus say that all are welcome, bright and dim alike. Maybe this parable is meant to scare us all into behaving lest we get caught short.

The groom is obviously the Christ. The young women are the Church, the believers. The oil is faith and all believers have some. The five who do not have enough, what is that about? Faith is a virtue, a habit, a gift, but it is strengthened by its use. It is not enough just to have and not be tended to.

Faith-watching, faith-waiting is active, lively, expressive of the relationship with Jesus. Those who ask for more oil have not been exercising, living with the light of their faith. The reason the five wise women cannot give their oil is that God alone gives faith. We cannot give faith to anybody, only the gift of how I live with faith influencing my actions. The five did not spend the watching-waiting time well and they ran out of oil-time.

We wait, watch, listen, but must do so actively. We will be found when we live expecting to be found. Waiting involves doing something which increases the oil in the lamps of our hearts and souls. Again, it is not those who just say "Lord, Lord", but those whose faith is lived brightly in the dark of this world's ways. As with the man at the wedding feast who did not have a proper wedding garment, the foolish will not be recognized and left out, left behind, because they did not brighten their lives or the lives of others with their faith, but left it behind unattended.

**✠Lay Minister Schedule:**  
**Nov 12-13, 2011**

**4:00pm –Sat., Nov. 12** Read: Perez  
 Euch. Ministers: Bothe, Myers, Schriders  
**9:00am—Sun., Nov. 13** Read: YOUTH  
 Euch. Ministers: O'Neal, Schultz, \*Lloyd  
 Altar Server Team: Team #5-Kelly, Tesar

**Parish Gift Shop!** Located in the church basement and at the Lake Center. Beautiful gifts items for you!



**THE OBLIGATION TO ATTEND MASS ON THE WEEKEND** does NOT apply if you are

sick. It does NOT apply if the weather is too treacherous for travel. We will have any cancellations of Masses due to snowy/icy weather announced on the local radio stations.

**COMMUNION CLOTH MINISTRY:**

11/13/11...Jean Schrider 11/20/11...Jean Coviello

**Sunday School Calendar:**

November 6--Class #7-Teachers' Brunch & Meeting

November 13—Class #8

November 20—Class #9---Advent Celebration-hall

**EVERYONE INVITED TO PARTICIPATE!**



**PRAYER LIST FOR November ...we pray**

for: Lora Chesney, Bill Murphy, Mike & Virginia Evans, Aiden White, Rob McBee,

Betty Yeater, Sandy Stutzman, Ingrid Abrahamson, Erin McCagh Morissey, Annemarie Poyer, Consi White, The Bowling Family, The Marshall Family, June Hesselbach, Richard & Jane Damewood, Peggy Walker, The Porter Family, Jack Ward, Kathy Hemmer, Tom Stuckey, Patrick Ashby, Bill Mott, George Miller and all military personnel. God bless them all. (Names are changed on the first weekend of each month.)

**✠ Mass Intentions-Nov. 5-13, 2011✠**

Sat.	Andrea Sereno (✠)	4:00pm
Sun.	Parish Family	9:00am
Mon.	Jack Poyer (✠)	8:15am
Tues.	Hope Burnside (✠)	6:30pm
Wed.	Oak Nurs & Rehab	10:00am
	Hugo Dalzot(✠)	
	Dennett Manor	10:30am
	All Souls Intentions	
	Chapel	12:00pm
	Sara Donley (✠)	
Thurs.	Communion Service	8:15am
Fri.	Andrea Sereno (✠)	8:15am
Sat.	William Stuckey (✠)	4:00pm
Sun.	Parish Family	9:00am

*(Daily Mass Intentions are subject to change due to emergencies, weather or the availability of a priest.)*

**CALCULATORS SCHEDULE:**

November 6-Church: Team #4-Thorne, Stem, Gregory, Matthews

Center: Team #7-Mitchell, Gloeckl, Stahl

November 13-Church: Team #-Reams, Ammann, Nolan  
 Center: Team #8-Schriders, Shaw

**Please support our hymnal fundraiser!** Thank you to all who have sent their envelopes for the memorials and honorariums. The new hymnals will be in place...soon.



**Operation Christmas Child Shoeboxes...Due Next Sunday, November 13<sup>th</sup>.** Not sure where to start? Get a shoebox or plastic shoe container from any discount store.

Decide what sex and age level you want to prepare a shoebox for, then place small age related toys, school supplies, hygiene items (toothbrush/toothpaste, bar soap, comb, etc.), maybe a little hard candy, and a personal note from you if you like. **NO: war-related items (toy guns, knives or military figures); chocolate or food; liquids, lotions, or anything with glass.**

If you have any questions, or need to make special arrangements, call Patti Battista at 301-387-7975. For complete instructions, OCC brochures can be found near the church doors, at the Lake Center, or in the Parish Gift Shops.

**Are You Being Called?** As Catholics, we are each called in special and unique ways to minister to one another. Many of us have obvious gifts and talents.

Sometimes the gift we were given is a voice to ask someone who has drifted away from faith to take a look at the Roman Catholic Church. Or, it may mean inviting a friend to join you at church if they have no church of their own. Sixty-five percent (65%) of people join a church because relatives, neighbors, co-workers, or friends invited them. Sometimes that is all that is required of us...a welcoming heart. As members of St. Peter the Apostle Parish, take a look around. Is there someone who could make use of your faith sharing?



**The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (R.C.I.A.) at St. Peter the Apostle Parish** can answer many questions and introduce or reintroduce many to the rich tradition of the Catholic Church. In our yearly program beginning in the advent season, the R.C.I.A. Program welcomes you to a *Journey of Faith* in answering these questions, explaining the highlights of the faith, as well as developing new relationships with church members. For those interested and eligible, Baptism, Eucharist and Confirmation may be possible according to individual situations at the 2012 Easter Vigil.

**The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (R.C.I.A.) is designed for:** 1) those folks seeking more information about the Roman Catholic faith but not necessarily wishing to change from their present faith affiliation; 2) those who think they might like to become Catholic and have never been baptized; 3) those who think they might like to become Catholic but have been baptized in another Christian faith; and 4) those people who are already Roman Catholic, but wish to update themselves.

**R.C.I.A. (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults) Social and Welcome on Sunday, November 13, 2011 after the 9:00 AM Mass.** We will meet in the basement of the church and go to the rectory (Father Don's house) where we will have coffee, juice, and donuts. This is a casual hour and a half of discussing the program. No commitments are made at this social. Take the time to invite someone you know who may benefit from this program. Questions? Call Patti Battista 301-616-1644 or the church office at 301-334-2202.

**✠The Holy Father's Prayer Intention for November:** For the Eastern Churches, that their venerable tradition may be known and appreciated as a spiritual treasure for our entire Church

**✠Homebound prayer intention for November:** That we all may find in Christ the strength to fulfill the path of reconciliation and justice to all.

**The NEW ST. JOSEPH SUNDAY MISSALS are now available at both gift shop locations and at the church office for \$3.** This missal will have the new wording to help us as we begin the new translation of the Roman Missal on the first Sunday of Advent. The missal also includes some hymns, the Mysteries of the Rosary, a Treasury of Prayers and the Stations of the Cross. Purchase yours today!



**All Extraordinary Ministers of Communion---due to upcoming changes,** you are invited to a training program for your minister of the Mass duties at the Lake Center on Saturday, November 12, 2011, after the 4pm Mass. Father Don will conduct the session and will provide handouts to help you with your ministry. **New volunteers are welcome.**

**✠READERS, PROCLAIMERS OF THE WORD!** **Pick up your new workbook** at the church office.

**Weekday Mass Bad Weather Policy:**

If school is delayed or closed,  
**no** Mass at 8:15am.  
If school is closed or dismissed early,  
**no** Mass at 6:30pm.  
If school is closed or dismissed before lunch,  
**no** Mass at 12 noon.



**HEALTH REQUEST!...It's flu time!** Don't forget those good health standards at this time of the year...even when you come to church:

- 1.) If you are sick, stay home.
- 2.) Always cover your mouth when you cough or sneeze. Never cough or sneeze into your hand!
- 3.) Wash your hands often and thoroughly.

Be considerate of your neighbor☺