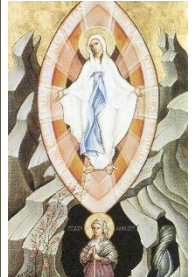


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Kids@Mass



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This Week's Gospel >>>

The Parable of the Wise and Foolish Bridesmaids:

As followers of Jesus Christ we are called to continually stay ready and prepared for His return.

***"Keep awake therefore,
for you know neither the day nor the hour."
~ Gospel of Matthew 25.13***

It's hard to believe we are into November and another Church year is almost finished. The bible readings we hear in church at this time of year have a sense of urgency and encourage us, like this week's parable of the Wise and foolish Bridesmaids to prepare ourselves for the coming of the Lord.

This has been a year that has had a lot of concerns and challenges. And, because of the shut-down earlier this year and the Covid restrictions now, for many of us, it's also been a time when we have felt distant from our church family. We can find ourselves wondering, how can we prepare ourselves spiritually so that we are open to God's grace and how can

we help our children do the same.

It's important that we always begin from a place of confidence and trust that God is continually pouring his love and grace into our hearts no matter the circumstances.

It is as you feel the strength and tenderness of the Lord's love for you that you will be able to guide

your child to be open to God's love for them. It's also important that even when you cannot be in church, that you cultivate at home a sense of living and praying with the church. We hope the resources you will find in this and other issues of our family pack will help in this. God Bless and Take Care.



Sharing God's Word >>>

Let's start with a Prayer
– make the Sign of the Cross

In the name of the Father
And of the Son
And of the Holy Spirit. Amen



Some things to think about before we read the Gospel.

Hello Friends, and welcome back to our Kids' mass. Last week we had a wonderful time learning about the saints and being called by Jesus to be saints.

We heard how Jesus taught the Beatitudes and the happiness that comes when we put our trust and confidence in God.

In today's gospel, Jesus speaks to us about being prepared through the parable of the 10 bridesmaids with the lamps.

Have you ever had to prepare for something important? Maybe you prepared by studying for a test at school. Or maybe, someone was coming to your house for a visit and you helped mom and dad prepare by cleaning your room or setting the table. Can you think of things that you prepare for?

Today's parable will talk about bridesmaids with lamps. Back in the time of Jesus, people would use oil lamps.



Do you know why using oil lamps for light was so important?

At that time, there was no electricity. Therefore when night time came, they had clay lamps filled with oil to shine light.

You had to be prepared with extra oil to top up the lamp, or else you would run out of it and be left in dark.

Over the past few weeks, in the Sunday Gospels, we have heard a lot of different parables that Jesus told:

- Parable of the Talents
- Parable of two Sons
- Parable of the wedding feast

These are just a few. Do you know what they all have in common?

They all teach us something about the Kingdom of Heaven and how we can prepare ourselves to receive God's love in our hearts.

Jesus also knew that there would be a time when he would suffer and die for all of us and that he would be raised from the dead and return to the Father in heaven. He promised his friends that one day he would come back for us.

So as we listen to the Parable of the wise and foolish bridesmaids what do you think Jesus is telling us to be ready for?

Okay everyone, let's get ready to listen and learn with our eyes, ears, and hearts wide open!

You will find the Parable in the PDF which accompanies this newsletter.

Gospel Reflection & Activity:

Hi again friends, good job on being attentive to today's readings! Can you match and draw a line from the word to the picture?

Bridegroom

Oil lamp

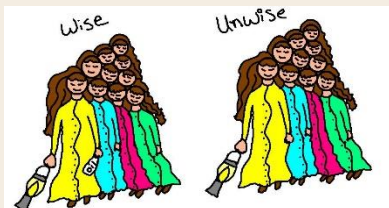
Door

Bridesmaids

Invitation

Night time

Jesus



Praying together to Our Father

Let's now pray together
a very special prayer
that Jesus taught us,
Our Father.

Our Father,
Who art in heaven,
Hallowed be Thy Name.
Thy Kingdom come.
Thy Will be done,
on earth as it is in
Heaven.

Give us this day
our daily bread.
And forgive us our
trespasses,
as we forgive those
who trespass against us.
And lead us not into
temptation,
but deliver us from evil.

Amen!

Do you know what seems strange about this parable? No one seemed to know when to expect the Bridegroom! Usually when we are invited to a wedding, we get a wedding invitation with the day, the time and the place, but in today's story, everyone had to simply wait for the bridegrooms unpredictable arrival.

So the bridesmaids had to keep themselves ready for the bridegroom's arrival. They didn't know if it would be night or day, so they had to bring extra oil for their lamps so that they would be ready to light the way for him if he came late at night. The wise bridesmaids remembered to bring extra oil. They were prepared. The foolish bridesmaids did not and they ran out and had to go buy more. They missed the arrival of the bridegroom and were not able to enter the party.

Jesus used this story to show how his followers (us) should be keep ourselves ready for when he returns at the end of time. Only our heavenly Father knows when that will be, so Jesus doesn't want us to be caught unprepared. By staying watchful and keeping 'our lamps ready', we will be ready to welcome Christ whatever hour of the day or night he might come. This means trying to live each day in the loving way that Jesus showed us.

Kids Korner >>> (This Activity is fro HeapaHoopla.com)

Cut out the two groups of Wise and Foolish Bridesmaids and all of the drops on the next page. Sort the drops between the wise and foolish Bridesmaids. Put the wise choices with the Wise bridesmaids and foolish choices with the foolish bridesmaids. When you are done, please take a picture of finished work and email it to Fr. John at askfather@lourdes.to

Wise



Foolish



Family
history
work

Go to
church

Sing
hymns

Serve
your
friends

Help
your
neighbor

Be
nice
to your
siblings

Lie
to
your
teacher

Cheat
on a
test

Forget
to say
prayers

Be
mean
to your
friend

Hurt
your
siblings

Break
word of
wisdom

Read
the
scriptures

Attend
the
temple

Fast

Pay
tithing

Be
honest

Pray

Decide
not to
fast

Don't
read
your
scriptures

Listen
to bad
music

Buy
candy
with
tithing
money

Skip
church

Yell
at
your
parents

Kids@Mass...

Great job everyone! We're so glad that you joined us today and we hope to see you soon. Be good, be healthy and be safe! God bless and take care!

For Moms & Dads >>>

- Is your child nearing Sacramental age – usually age 7 or 8? We are registering children for 1st Communion and 1st Confession Preparation. If you would like more information, or need a registration form, email us: info@lourdes.to
- Are you receiving our Parish Weekly update? Let us put you on our flocknote list and we will keep you up to date on all the parish news: sign up through our website: lourdes.to

askfather@lourdes.to

Did you ever have a question that you wanted to ask a priest?

Father John would love to hear from you. Email him with your questions and thoughts any time. Questions that might be helpful to other families will be posted in upcoming issues along with Father's answers. Stay tuned!

Here are some great faith resources on the Season of Advent:

- Loyola Press: lots of information and activities to do, as well as inspirational material and praying with your children throughout the season:
<https://www.loyolapress.com/catholic-resources/liturgical-year/advent/>
- Check out this amazing website, with great ideas on how to celebrate the liturgical year – recipes included! Catholic Cuisine: Celebrating the feasts and seasons of the liturgical year:
<https://catholiccuisine.blogspot.com/p/liturgical-seasons-feast-days.html>
- How to Make DIY Wooden Peg Dolls: Nativity Scene or Family Set:
https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ki12aTEIH7U&feature=emb_logo



Coming Soon >>>

Here's what's happening at Lourdes during the next month:

- **Sunday, November 15:**
Livestream of Kids@Mass
<https://lourdes.to/kids/>
- **Sunday, November 22:**
Feast of Christ the King: Issue #5 of the Family Pack with an additional supplement on preparing for Advent.
- **Sunday, November 29:**
First Sunday of Advent
Livestream of Kids@Mass
<https://lourdes.to/kids/>
- **Sunday, December 6:**
Second Sunday of Advent: Issue 6 of the Family Pack

See you next week for our next Kids@Mass episode at <https://lourdes.to/kids/>