

## THE MASTER



The master in the parable of the three servants may sound harsh, until we reflect on the story from his perspective. It was his money. He had entrusted it to the servants. They obviously knew what was expected of them, and two fulfilled their duties well. Their master was wise to entrust his treasure to them. Through their faithful stewardship, the talents increased. Hearing the parable this way, we must consider Jesus' meaning in telling it. We do not know when our Master, Christ our Lord, will return. What we do know is that God has entrusted many gifts to us and expects that we will be good and faithful stewards of them all.

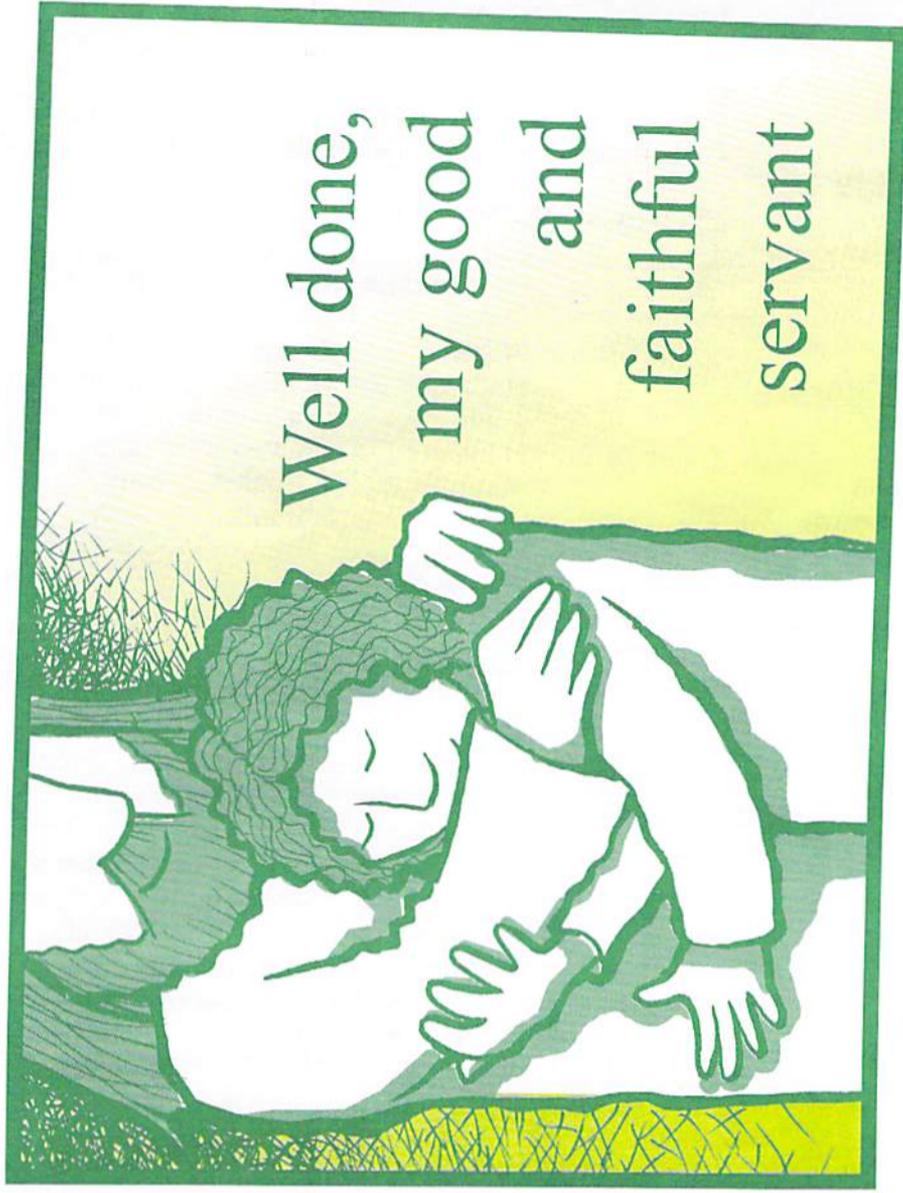
## THE SERVANT

The servants in the parable were entrusted with their master's wealth. The talents were not theirs, yet they were called to make the talents fruitful in their master's absence. They were expected to treat the talents as though they were their own. Our gifts—life, talents, financial and material resources—truly are God's. We are entrusted with these gifts and are expected to use them well, to make Christ's presence known in the world. Like the woman in today's passage from the book of Proverbs, we are to “work with loving hands,” reaching out to the poor and extending our arms to the needy (Proverbs 31:20) through the ways in which we use the time, resources, talents, and gifts that God has entrusted to us. Notice that the third servant in the Gospel parable, the one deemed “wicked” and “lazy,” did not misuse his talent. He simply buried it. What talent, gift, or resource are you using well? What gift have you buried? It is time to dig it up, dust it off, and start using it as “children of the light and children of the day” (1 Thessalonians 5:6).

Prv 31:10–13, 19–20, 30–31; Ps 128:1–5; 1 Thes 5:1–6; Mt 25:14–30 [14–15, 19–21]

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“Which servant am I?” Imagine being one of the servants in the parable we hear today from the Gospel of Matthew. We can feel the pride of the first two servants, who wisely used the talents given to them. We imagine the fear and shame of the third, who did not. The servants were given different sums of money, according to their ability. None was given more than what he was capable

of handling. Yet only two made the talents they were given fruitful. As a result, these two heard, “Well done, my good and faithful servant. Since you were faithful in small matters, I will give you great responsibilities. Come, share your master's joy.” As we hear the parable, we must wonder, “Which servant am I?”

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**33<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Ordinary Time**  
**NOVEMBER 19, 2017**

**ST. MARY'S CATHOLIC PARISH**  
7105 Cass Ave. DENTON, NE 68339  
Parish priest: Msgr. Mark Huber  
**Regular Sunday Masses: Sat. Vigil: 5:00 pm**  
**8am, 10am, 12 noon**

◆ **Daily Mass: 8:00 am**  
**Confession: ½ hour before weekend Masses**  
**or anytime upon request**

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**LITURGY PLANS— Nov. 25/Nov. 26**

5pm	8am	10am	
Clements	Coppersmith	Jurgens	music
Griffin	Cvitak	Kluge	read
Ruhlman	Ptacek	Zinnecker	aclte
	Hollman	Henkel	ushr
	Topil	Braunsroth	ushr
Gandara	Hollman	Braunsroth	gifts
	Baum	C Henkel	svr
		S Henkel	svr

12 noon – unassigned

**MASS INTENTIONS 11/20/17 – 11/26/17**

Mon - 8am - Mary Van Ert  
Tues - 8am - Primavera family  
Wed - 8am - Ernest Hejl  
Thurs - 9am - Thanksgiving  
Fri - 8am - LeRoy Simoneau  
Sat - 8am - Florence Gottula  
5pm - Bryan Miller  
Sun - 8am - Colleta Wemhoff  
10am - all people  
12 noon - Clarence Honvlez

**KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS:** Meet Monday at 7pm.

**SCRIPTURE GATHERING:** Tuesday Nov. 21<sup>st</sup> 6:45-8pm Msgr. Huber will read and facilitate discussion on the book of Revelation.

**PARISH THINGS:** Nov. 23<sup>rd</sup> 9am Thanksgiving Mass // Dec. 1<sup>st</sup> 1<sup>st</sup> Friday adoration // Dec. 8<sup>th</sup> Holy Day Masses 6pm vigil; 8am & 7pm ; Dec. 9<sup>th</sup> 7-8am Holy Hour // Dec. 13<sup>th</sup> 6pm Nativity play & cookies, activities afterward // Dec. 24<sup>th</sup> 4, 6 and 10pm, Dec. 25<sup>th</sup> 9am Christmas Masses //

**CHURCH CLEANING:** Nov: Cyndi Ojeda, Karen Kugler, Jamie Louch, Denice Sears, Deena Whitford, Johnna Gandara, Mary Slepicka, Brenda Clark, Deb Kobza.

**THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY: 11-12-17**  
All Souls Masses: \$595.00; Tithe: \$6,573.00; Loose Plate: \$290.81; Votive: \$48.00; Mission Sunday: \$250; All Sts: \$25.00; Pinochle club: \$15.00

**FOOD DRIVE:** Will be held through November.

**WORKS OF MERCY:** Corporal: Feed the hungry, Give drink to the thirsty, Clothe the naked, Shelter the homeless, Visit the sick, visit those in prison, Bury the dead **Spiritual:** Instruct the ignorant, Counsel the doubtful, Warn the sinner, Bear wrongs patiently, Forgive offenses willingly, Comfort the afflicted, Pray for the living & the dead.

**VOCATIONS:** O God, Who wills not the death of a sinner, but rather that he be converted and live, grant, we beseech You, through the intercession of the Blessed Mary, ever Virgin, St. Joseph, her spouse, and all the saints, an increase of laborers for Your Church, fellow laborers with Christ to spend and consume themselves for souls, through the same Jesus Christ, Your Son, Who lives and reigns with You, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever.

**NEARBY EVENTS:** // retreats, 402-786-2705 or see [www.goodcounselretreat.com](http://www.goodcounselretreat.com), Bishop Finn Dec. 1-3 on the "baptize, teach and know that I am with you" // Nov. 19<sup>th</sup> relics of St. John Paul II at Cathedral 6:30pm and on the 20<sup>th</sup> relics at Sacred Heart Church, Crete 5:30pm // NFP intro sessions Nov. 28<sup>th</sup> 7pm at John 23<sup>rd</sup> Cntr, register @ [www.lincolndiocese.org/nfp](http://www.lincolndiocese.org/nfp) // Nov. 19<sup>th</sup> Visitor Sunday 1:30-4:30 at St. Gregory the Great Seminary // Nov. 20<sup>th</sup> is the 8<sup>th</sup> in 12 Monday sessions 7-9pm for those seeking healing after a divorce, at John 23<sup>rd</sup> center, registration limited, call 473-0620 // Nov. 26<sup>th</sup> 2pm Mass at Cathedral for School Sisters of Christ the King becoming a diocesan right order. // Nov. 29<sup>th</sup> 7-8:30 talk by Dr. Ralph Wood on J.R. Tolkien at the Newman Center // Dec. 3<sup>rd</sup> Advent Carols and Lessons at St. Gregory the Great Seminary // Pray the rosary at 9:30 and 1pm on Tuesdays outside the abortion clinic in Lincoln

**FOODNET:** Volunteers serve at Denton Comm. Center, 5pm Mondays. If you could assist preparing meals at 3:30pm, picking up food from different locations on Mondays 1-3, serving, or cleaning up later contact John Hetcko or Mary Coulter.

**PRAYER LINE:** parishioners willing to pray for your intentions. If you have requests please forward to Boots, [bootswailes@aol.com](mailto:bootswailes@aol.com) or 402-328-9730.

**FAMILY LIFE OFFICE:** Type in "diocese of lincoln"; for events/ opportunities. For study from home go to "Education", under religious education there are good materials.

**POPE'S INTENTIONS:** That Christians in Asia, bearing witness to the Gospel, may promote dialogue, peace, and mutual understanding, especially with those of other religions.

**ACT OF FAITH:** O my God, I firmly believe that You are one God in three divine Persons, Father, Son and Holy Spirit. I believe that Your divine Son became man and died for our sins and that He will come to judge the living and the dead. I believe these and all the truths which the Holy Catholic Church teaches because You have revealed them Who are eternal truth and wisdom, Who can neither deceive nor be deceived. Amen.

*John Paul II:* Man cannot live without love. He remains a being that is incomprehensible to himself, his life is senseless, if love is not revealed to him, if he does not encounter love, if he does not experience it and make it his own, if he does not participate intimately in it. It is Christ the Redeemer who fully reveals man to himself.