

2020  
**15**  
November

# Thirty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

## THE REST OF THE STORY

Paul Harvey was a popular radio broadcaster with a daily program during which he would relate a historical anecdote, but it would have a twist at the end, and then he would intone “and now you know the rest of the story.” Our scriptures today are like that. We await the coming Christ as the readings describe for us how to be good servants, but they give us a limited picture. The famous Proverbs passage, “The Valiant Wife” is edited down from the full selection (31:10–31) to just a few verses. Take a couple moments to explore the fuller selection. Psalm 128 proclaims, “Blessed are those who fear the Lord,” but in this context “fear” doesn’t mean dread and trepidation. Rather, this kind of fear means “to show awe,” and there are wonderful promises made to those who do. The letter to the Thessalonians continues the call to be alert, and Matthew shows us various ways that people might respond to God in the parable of the talents. The Gospel is presented in long and shortened versions; be sure to read the whole thing so you can get “the rest of the story.”

## REMAIN IN ME

In the story of the talents, the head of the household leaves the servants “talents” or money, which they are expected to foster and develop during the leader’s absence. Today we think of talent as an innate ability or a skill. It is interesting that they were distributed “according to ability,” which would express a certain intimacy as we realize that the master knew each one, and already had an idea of their capabilities. They were not given explicit instructions like “put this in the bank” or “invest this in your portfolio” or “take piano lessons.” Rather, we are told that the goods were divided unequally. One received five, one received two, and the last received one.

## BEAR MUCH FRUIT

When the head of the household returned, the outcomes were just as varied as we and our responses might be. Some people are multitalented, and capable of accomplishing many great things, like the servant who turned five into ten. Others may be more inclined to do one or two things very well and may excel in them. Still, there are some who may struggle in life, and their accomplishments are very small. But those who made use of their gifts were praised and told, “Well done, good and faithful servant.” When it came to the second coming, the return of their master, they both made some effort. The only one in whom the head of household showed any disappointment was the one who made absolutely no effort, the one who was frozen by fear or indifference. As we journey toward the kingdom, there are not always clear instructions. We are simply asked to try, to give it our best effort. There is nothing in the passage to say that these servants didn’t make mistakes along the way, but their master saw them and loved and praised them for their actions, their attempts, as God will do with us. And now you know the rest of the story.

## TODAY’S READINGS

Proverbs 31:10–13, 19–20, 30–31  
Psalm 128:1–2, 3, 4–5  
1 Thessalonians 5:1–6  
Matthew 25:14–30 [14–15, 19–21]

All of you are children of the light and children of the day.  
We are not of the night or of darkness.  
Therefore, let us not sleep as the rest do,  
but let us stay alert and sober.

1 Thessalonians 5:5–6

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## MORSELS & TIDBITS FROM OUR PASTOR



*Rev. Artur Sowa, Pastor*

*November 15, 2020*

*The St. Francis of Assisi Community is a welcoming Christian family.*

*We believe in Jesus Christ and are guided by the Holy Spirit and the example of St. Francis.*

*We gather to celebrate, to grow in the knowledge of our faith rooted in the Catholic tradition, and to recognize our responsibility to reach out to the world.*

### **Notes on the Scripture**

The man in today's Gospel parable represents God, and the servants represent us. The story makes a clear point about the importance of putting the gifts God has given us to good use. Unlike the first two servants, the third servant chose not to make a return on his "talent." Thus we can understand the frustration of the master. Remember, this all began with an act of trust when the master handed over care of his things.

What have we been given? We each have our own set of "talents": our personal skills, our material blessings, our education, family background, and so on. Some have more, and some have fewer. But the point is that we are called to make the most of what we have, whatever that may be. So let's bring our gifts into the light of day by sharing them with others and making the best possible use of all

### **Happy Birthday Fr. Ed**

On November 2nd Fr. Ed celebrated his 77th birthday. Happy birthday and we all wish him well. I want to take this opportunity to thank him for his ministry and hard work. It is wonderful to have him around and I truly appreciate that. Ad Multos Anos!

### **Stewardship**

I know I talked about it last week, but during the pandemic not everyone is able to come every week so I want to take another week to express my gratitude for your generosity and pride to all the parish members who continue to support St. Francis of Assisi Parish through the sharing of their God-given gifts of time, talent and treasure.

As we are all aware, the global spread of the coronavirus, COVID-19, has become a central topic of discussion and concern for many of us. It has caused us to change many things. Thankfully, the report for the fiscal year 2019/20 is positive. Even though our collections went down we were able to cut some of our expenses and finish the year with \$13,000 surplus. Thank you for such commitment and ongoing support. It's a true act of faith and trust to remain engaged with what is important, even when we aren't entirely sure what's coming next. We are deeply grateful for those who have been able to continue giving generously during this time. Be assured that your gifts have been carefully stewarded by the leadership of this community.

### **May they rest in peace**

During the month of November we remember and pray in a special way for our deceased loved ones. Keep in mind that you can write names of your loved ones and put them in a basket in the narthex (we have a special place prepared by the paschal candle) so that we can include them in our prayers throughout this month. Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them. May their souls, and the souls of all the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace.



God Bless,

*Jr. Artur Sowa*

## PARISH LIFE COMMISSION

Come participate in our

### THANKSGIVING DAY SPECIAL

for our [YouTube](#) video series,

#### “In the Spirit of St. Francis”

Take a brief moment to record yourself individually or with your family saying in one word, phrase, or sentence about what you have been thankful for this year.

Record on your camera, phone, tablet etc. and email it to me (using a cloud link via iCloud, Google Drive, OneDrive etc.): Fr. Jay Suero @ [jsuero@sfaorland.org](mailto:jsuero@sfaorland.org).

What are you thankful for???



If you are not tech savvy but would still like to participate, stop by the office during our office hours and we can record you very quickly! I will put together a montage of the different faces of our parish to hopefully inspire and remind us all of the good things we have been able to still experience in spite of all the negativity we experienced this year. I will try to fit as many as I can, but if there are a lot of clips then I may have to exclude some.

We will release it on Thanksgiving Day morning through our email blast and will be available on our [YouTube](#) channel. Just type in “**St. Francis of Assisi - Orland Park, IL**” in the search bar on YouTube and you should be able to find it!

If you have any questions, feel free to shoot me an email (see above) or call the office as well 708-460-0042.

Gratefully,  
**Fr. Jay Suero**

#### What to do with your leftover Halloween candy?

Catholic Charities at SFA is in need of candy for the Christmas Stocking project. Please drop off any unopened wrapped candy to St Francis through November 15th. Your donations are truly appreciated!

**2020 GRAND RAFFLE**

**\$100 per ticket**

**First Prize \$30,000**  
**Second Prize \$5,000**  
**Third through Tenth Prizes \$1,000**

Grand Raffle will be drawn on November 26th.

Purchase your tickets by September 30th to qualify for the Early Bird Drawing on October 4th.

**Early Bird prize \$1,000.**  
Purchase more than one ticket to qualify for the multiple purchaser prize of \$1,000.

## EDUCATION & FORMATION COMMISSION

### Youth Alpha Week 3

Sunday November 15, 2020 @ 7:30 PM Online only. Check your email/parents email for the zoom link.

### Service Opportunity

Teens in need of service hours for school please contact Matthew Toohill in the Youth Ministry office at 708-460-0042 or [sfyg@sfaorland.org](mailto:sfyg@sfaorland.org)



If you have art skills, are creative and inventive, we'd like you to help us as we re-value Youth Ministry at SFA.

### Summer Mission Trip 2021

Registration is Now open To: Twin Cities, MN Dates: July 17-23, 2021

Cost: \$250 + Fundraising Incoming Freshmen Through Graduated Seniors

Register by November 20 to guarantee your spot You can cancel anytime and receive a full refund.

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spiritually, and have some fun while experiencing different cities, cultures, and lifestyles throughout the US. This experience concretely puts faith put into action, and allows each teen to see that they fully belong, and are able



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All Youth Ministry will only take place as long as we are able to keep everyone safe according to state and Archdiocese of Chicago regulations.

## HUMAN CONCERNS COMMISSION

### THANKSGIVING FOOD DRIVE NOVEMBER 21, 22 & 26TH

The Helping Hands Food Drive Collection is Saturday, Nov. 21st and Sunday, Nov. 22nd before and after all masses. Collection will also take place on Thanksgiving morning, Nov., 26th, before and after mass. Food drive benefits St. Phillip Neri, St. Blase and the Orland Township food pantries.



Look for the van in the parking lot!

Question call Ann@ 708-642-1784

As always, we thank-you for your continued generosity!!

### IMPORTANT INFORMATION ABOUT Our 29th Annual Christmas Outreach Appeal

Like so many activities this year, our annual Christmas Outreach program will also look different for 2020, due to the COVID-19 pandemic. Instead of our tradition of sharing gift tags and collecting wrapped gifts, **we will collect cash donations for a few weeks and convert them to gift cards which will be presented to families in need.**

The CJB SCRIP program will be in the SFA Narthex the weekend of Nov 28/29 to sell gift cards. Additionally, donations of cash, checks or gift cards may be dropped off on the following weekends: Nov 28/29, Dec 5/6 and Dec 12/13. There will also be an option to donate to the Christmas Outreach Appeal 2020 online donations via Give Central. Watch this space for more information in the coming weeks.

### Cardinal Bernardin SCRIP Program Fundraiser Returns to St. Francis of Assisi Nov. 28/29

This is going to be a very different holiday season. Even though we still need to social distance, the CJB SCRIP team will still sell gift cards at St. Francis at all masses on November 28<sup>th</sup> & 29<sup>th</sup>.

Most of our charitable giving is turning to gift cards this year to reduce handling packages. Many people will not be getting together to exchange gifts even among our own families. Gift cards are a great way to continue to support our sharing parish St. Agatha, the other Outreach programs or send to families members near and far. We are so excited to be able to serve your gift card needs and we will have many safety measures in place.

We will have over 200 retailers on hand including Jewel, Target, Wal-Mart, Kohl's, Discover and Visa. Our Visa and Discover cards do **NOT** have any activation fees. We will also have assorted stocking stuffer \$5 & \$10 cards. **In lieu of a bulletin stuffer this year, the Scrip vendor list is available in the narthex immediately.**

Save time, gas and stay safe this holiday season. Earn valuable rebates for your parish or yourself. **Our gift cards are the very same cards you would purchase at the store. Gift cards are safe and easy to use without the threat of identity theft.**

Payments may be made by cash or check only. If you have any questions about the program, or would like to order a large quantity of one vendor, or order from our Special Order list, please contact Corinna Pytel prior to November 20<sup>th</sup> at 708-478-0710.



We joyfully welcomed the following children into our Christian Community

NOVEMBER 7, 2020

**George William Mahoney**  
Son of Timothy & Laura (Cuttone) Mahoney  
**Cameran Grace Shaw**  
Daughter of Ryan & Jessica (Cuttone) Shaw

NOVEMBER 8, 2020

**Ella Victoria Gubala**  
Daughter of Wesley & Sylvia (Orawiec) Gubala  
**Brayden Joseph Johnson**  
Son of Joseph & Karie (Schaberger) Johnson



**SICK RELATIVES & FRIENDS**

*Names of sick relatives and friends normally appear in the bulletin for six weeks. After six weeks, the names are written into our parish book of prayers for continued remembrance. At the request of the family, names will appear in the bulletin for a longer period.*

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| Shirlee Baker        | Bernie McErlean      |
| Christine Becker     | Sidney Mitera        |
| Kay Cernak           | Debra Molinari       |
| Fred Clavio          | Boyd Nichols         |
| Carol Colby          | Theresa Oleszkiewicz |
| Edward Czuk          | Ellie Pacek          |
| Joan Eckel           | Joan Pecor           |
| Rich Egan            | Joe Perez            |
| Alex Fisher          | Vince Picciola       |
| Joan Fox             | Giovanna Picciolini  |
| Jo Janakowski        | Beverly Purrenhage   |
| Patrick Kiley        | Paul Ruzella         |
| Paul Klimek          | Michael Stevenson    |
| Lorraine Kowalkowski | Louis Tassone        |
| Cami Letsos          | Bob Winiarski        |

**WEEKLY MASS INTENTIONS**

Please keep those listed below in your daily prayers

**Saturday, November 14**

**4:00 PM** Michael Weber, rq. by Maria Weber and George Buckner, rq. by Adams Family and Martin Bonato, rq. by Tina Bonato and John Brogan, rq. by John & Sheila Pacholski and Barbara Sommerfeld, rq. by Bobbi Mangan

**6:00 PM** Schweiger & Norris Families, rq. by The Family and Ralph Tassone, rq. by Tassone Family and Louise Stefanik, rq. by Teri Sankey and Stefan Nowak, rq. by Grace Marzec

**Sunday, November 15**

**8:00 AM** Alice Rozewicki, rq. by Hinsdale PADS Team and Charles Schwarz, rq. by Brian and Carolyn Whiteford and Marian Ward, rq. by Bill & Beth Doyle

**10:00 AM** Ruth Burke, rq. by Susan Campagna and Wladyslaw Borodenko, rq. by Maria Borek & Family and Robert Jaeger, rq. by Susan Campagna

**12:00 PM** People of St. Francis

**Monday, November 16**

**8:30 AM** Barbara Sommerfeld, rq. by Lucy & Jimmy Phan

**Tuesday, November 17**

**8:30 AM** Mary T. Foley, rq. by Mike & Tom Foley and Marcia M. Hunt, rq. by Kathleen Matthews (Sister) and Paul Bresnik, rq. by Paula Buividas

**Wednesday, November 18**

**8:30 AM** Larry Kucharski, rq. by Family and Helen Januszyk, rq. by Don & Rosemary Januszyk

**Thursday, November 19**

**8:30 AM** Dan Koetzle, rq. by Family and Eleanore Maceika, rq. by Bobbi Mangan

**Friday, November 20**

**8:30 AM** Special Intention for safe delivery of baby for Michelle Dizon, rq. by Mom & Dad

**Saturday, November 21**

**4:00 PM** Thomas Kunst, rq. by Maureen Dalton and Marian Ward, rq. by Chuck & Maria Steffens and Patricia Passerelli, rq. by Kettmann Family and Marian Ward, rq. by Bernie & Sue Flanagan

**6:00 PM** Dr. Michael A. Regan, rq. by Ken Wukovits

**Sunday, November 20**

**8:00 AM** Marie Jeanne Skorup, rq. by Emil Skorup and Joseph & Marie Killoren, rq. by Rita Killoren and Anrita & Bill Owens, rq. by Dave & Mary Burns

**10:00 AM** Maria Winiarski Duffy, rq. by Family and Barbara Horvath, rq. by Family and Anna Kubicz, rq. by Family

**12:00 PM** People of St. Francis

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The Parish offices are located in the lower level of the church. Entrance is via the walkway at the west side of the church building. Hours 9:00 AM - 4:30 PM, Monday thru Friday. Masks are required in the building. Evenings and weekends are by appointment. The Chapel is located at the northeast corner of the Church.

The Religious Ed Offices are located in the St. Francis Center, up the hill, west of the church. Religious Ed office hours are Monday thru Thursday, 9:00 AM - 4:30 PM. The Religious Ed offices are closed on Fridays. Masks are required in the building.

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**Principal:** Kelly Bourrell  
**Web page:** [www.cjbschool.org](http://www.cjbschool.org)

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**REGISTRATION** Become a registered member of the parish by completing a registration form which is found in Church.

**BECOME A CATHOLIC - R.C.I.A.** The Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults. Anyone interested in becoming a Catholic, please contact the parish office at 708-460-0042

**SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM** Baptisms can be arranged by appointment. A baptismal conference will be set up with the parents.

**CARDINAL JOSEPH BERNARDIN CATHOLIC SCHOOL** Our elementary Catholic regional school is located on the campus of St. Elizabeth Seton parish at 167th & 94th Ave. For registration information, contact the school at 708-403-6525.

**RELIGIOUS EDUCATION** Sessions are held on alternating Tuesdays, Wednesdays, Thursdays and Saturdays from 4:30pm- 5:30pm for all grade levels 1-8. Saturday class is from 8:30am-9:30am. Remote classes for all grades 1-8 are available for those who are unable to attend in person. Please call the Religious Education office at (708)460-0155 or email religioused@sfaorland.org to register or to obtain more information.

**SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION** Communal celebration of the Sacrament will be held during Advent and Lent. Individual confessions are heard on Saturdays at 11:30 AM - 12:00 PM. **IMPORTANT NOTE: Effective 10/24/2020 Individual Confessions will be heard at 9:00—9:30 AM to allow time for sanitizing the church before Funerals and Weddings.**

**SACRAMENT OF MARRIAGE** Weddings need to be scheduled at least 4-6 months in advance upon approval of a priest. Couples are reminded to secure the church date before the reception hall. Please check our website for more details.

**SACRAMENT OF ANOINTING OF THE SICK** Those of advanced age or suffering from a chronic or serious illness are invited to be anointed. A priest is available to offer the Sacrament whether the ill person is at home or in the hospital. Please call 708-460-0042.