



# Community News

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## This Sunday's Counsel

### THEME:

Life in Christ assures us of our heavenly inheritance when we remain faithful, prudent and vigilant stewards.

### PROMISE:

*"Blessed are those servants whom the master finds vigilant on his arrival."* (Lk 12:37a)

### WORD:

Wis 18:6-9/ Ps 33:1, 12, 18-19, 20-22/ Heb 11:1-2, 8-19/ Lk 12:32-48

### ORDERS:

- *Gird your loins and light your lamps and be like servants who await their master's return.* (Lk 12:35)
- *Do not be afraid.* (Lk 12:32)
- *Sell your belongings and give alms.* (Lk 12:33)

### DIRECTIONS:

- Strive to be pure, holy and righteous through persistent prayers and reception of the Sacrament of Reconciliation and the Holy Eucharist.
- Learn and meditate the Word of God and receive it with trust and joy.
- Trust in God and not in one's worldly possessions.

## Girding Our Loins

### REFLECTION:

Inheritance: the acquisition of a possession, condition, or trait from past generations. When we hear the word *inheritance* what comes to mind right away is only the possessions, property, bank accounts, cars and cash.

In this Sunday's gospel Jesus said that the Father is pleased to give us the kingdom (our inheritance), and yet continues to say sell your belongings and give alms. Provide money bags for yourselves that do not wear out, an inexhaustible treasure in heaven that no thief can reach nor moth destroy. So, this is not the kind of inheritance that we know then.

In our world now "status" is a big thing; nice clothes, signature bags, expensive shoes, cars, luxurious vacations. These are the "money bags" that are considered to wear out. There is nothing wrong in enjoying the abundance that God has given us. It is only when all these things take precedence in our lives and we forget to prepare ourselves for the coming of Christ. We



forget to put God first, we take more time in pursuing all these "money bags" where they are not what matters to God. We do not gird our loins and light our lamps. (Lk 12:35)

But how do we gird our loins and light our lamps? Girding our loins is preparing for a battle. This battle is not with flesh and blood

but with principalities, with powers, with the world rulers of this present darkness, with evil spirits in the heavens (Eph 6:12). By learning about God's word, reading, asking the Holy spirit to help us understand, and meditating on it—that is how we prepare for it. Lighting our lamps pertains to the word of God. Psalm 119:105 says: *"Thy word is the lamp unto my feet and the light unto my path"*. We have to light/stir our desire to learn God's word.

God has given us 168 hours in a week, and if we only go to church for an hour, pray quickly in the morning when we get up and before we lie down. So that would be 1.15 hours in a week that we give our time to God. How are we

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## Tending the Flock

## Life Of The World To Come

The Gospel passage, continuing last Sunday's message, asks Christians to detach themselves from material goods, which are for the most part illusory, and to do their duty faithfully, constantly aspiring to Heaven. May the believer remain alert and watchful to be ready to welcome Jesus when he comes in his glory.

By means of examples taken from everyday life, the Lord exhorts his disciples, that is, us, to live with this inner disposition, like those servants in the parable who were waiting for their master's return. *"Blessed are those servants"*, he said, *"whom the master finds awake when he comes"* (Lk 12: 37). We must therefore watch, praying and doing good.

It is true, we are all travelers on earth, as the Second Reading of today's liturgy from the Letter to the Hebrews appropriately reminds us. It presents Abraham to us in the clothes of a pilgrim, as a nomad who lives in a tent and sojourns in a foreign land. He has faith to guide him.

*"By faith"*, the sacred author wrote, *"Abraham obeyed when he was called to go out to a place which he was to*

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## The Lord's Provision

**July 29, 2022**

Tithe : \$550.00  
Love Offer : \$186.00  
Singles : \$118.00

*Thank you for your generosity!!!*

## God's Blessings

### Birthday

Connie Mendoza 8/6 Christina Gomez 8/8  
Lenny Reyes 8/9

### Anniversary

Edie & Dulce Danieles 8/6  
Ramon & Ludy Cuasay 8/7  
Fred & Annabel Poblete 8/8  
Ian & Lenny Reyes 8/8

*In you I put my hope, O Lord,  
May your kindness be upon me.*

## Who Are You Gonna Call (or Text)?

For Mama Mary's visit - Beth Felibrico 732-995-7407  
For Prayer Service - Bert & Cora Velez 732-688-1541

## Last Week's Prophecies



- My child, use your talent, time, and treasure on earth, so that you may accumulate spiritual wealth in Heaven.
- My children, do not be greedy. I have given you so much blessings. All I want is to share a portion to your poor brothers and sisters. Do not deprive them of the blessings I gave you. Do not be greedy, my child.
- Give up, give up your earthly attachments. Live simple lives. Do not be enticed with what Satan dangles before your eyes. Embrace God's word and plant it in your heart. Make it fruitful and then scatter the seeds to all the people.

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receive as an inheritance; and he went out, not knowing where he was to go" (Heb 11: 8).

Today's Liturgy of the Word, therefore, desires to invite us to think of "the life of the world to come", as we repeat every time we make our profession of faith with the Creed. It is an invitation to spend our life wisely and with foresight, to consider attentively our destiny, in other words, those realities which we call final: death, the last judgment, eternity, hell and Heaven. And it is exactly in this way that we assume responsibility for the world and build a better world.

~ Pope Benedict XVI, Angelus Message August 12, 2007

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going to know His words if we only spend that amount of time? If you spend 1.15 talking to your children, to your spouse, to your family in a week, do you think you will nurture a good relationship with them and know them? The same with God; if we only spend that time with Him, how do we know His teachings, where we see how much He loves us, His promises to us and His inheritance that He has in store for us?

When we learn more of the word of God then it will guide us on how to store up inexhaustible treasure in

heaven. Last week's 2nd reading Colossians 3:5 says we will slowly put to death the parts that are earthly. Knowing God's work will teach us to trust in Him. We will not be afraid. Like Abraham when he went out not knowing where he had to go, We too will not be afraid to let go of the earthly possessions if God asks us to do so, because we know of God's faithfulness, and He never fails.

When we know God's word it is then required from us to show and share to others . It does not stop

with us. We are then commissioned with the gifts God has given us to show others how God changed us and so they too will know about God, and desire to know His words.

Knowing God's word, sharing it to others, bringing people with you in the Kingdom that God has given us, that is the treasure that no thief can reach nor moth can destroy. And so a life in Christ assures us of our heavenly inheritance when we remain faithful, prudent and vigilant stewards.

**BLD TRENTON  
COMMUNITY DAY**

**AUG 13, 2022  
10:30 AM - 5:00 PM**

Veteran's Park  
489 Forest Hills Parkway  
Bayville, NJ 08721

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**PLENTY OF FOOD FUN and GAMES**

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