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Thirty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time

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MASS SCHEDULE

Weekend

Saturday Vigil

7:00pm Spanish (organ & cantor)

Sunday

8:00am English (organ & cantor)
9:30am Spanish (organ & cantor)
11:30am English (organ & cantor)
1:30pm Vietnamese (keyboard&choir)

Weekdays

Monday - Friday

8:30am Spanish12:00pm English

Thursday & Saturday

7:45am Vietnamese

SACRAMENTS

Confession, First Communion and Confirmation

Make contact with the coordinator of this area for information about the various programs available. Appointments can be made in the parish office at anytime.

Baptism

Parents wishing to baptize their children (ages 1-5) are invited to make an appointment in the parish office to speak with a staff member in order to make arrangements.

Confessions

Saturday 5:30- 6:30 p.m. and at the parish office by appointment.

Marriage

Couples planning to be married should call for an appointment six months in advance of the wedding.

Visits to the Sick

In emergency, call the parish office at any hour. Please inform the office of sick or homebound who desire the sacraments.

PRAYER AND WORSHIP

November 15, 2026

MASS INTENTIONS

Monday, November 16

8:30 a.m. Felix Antonio Hernandez, Maria Olinda Ramirez, Keren Hernandez, Juan Bautista Hernandez, Alfredo Densangre (D)

12:00 p.m Simoni Family (D)

Tuesday, November 17

8:30 a.m Ha Nam, Huynh Dien (D), Daniel, Pedro Antonio, Pascuala Jimenez (D), Benditas Animas, Julian Villannueva (D)

12:00 p.m Regino Figura Sr, Regino Figura Jr, Jane Weiss (D)

Wednesday, November 18

8:30 a.m. Ramon De La Rosa (D) Estebania Reyes de Martinez (D) Victor Telesforo Martinez (D)

12:00 p.m Thanksgiving Offering for all graces received from Rachelle Tongco & family

Thursday, November 19

8:30 a.m Domingo A Sanchez, Martin Peña, Inocencio Reyes (D)

12:00 p.m Le Thanh & Ha Hoang (D), Veda Swenson (D)

Friday, November 20

8:30 a.m. Divino Niño Jesus, Virgen de las Mercedes, San Miguel

12:00 p.m.Drande Haxhari-Health Emanuel-Health

Saturday, November 21

7:45 a.m. Phero & Maria (D)

7:00 p.m. Jesus de la Misericordia, San Judas Tadeo, San Antonio, Martha Tolozano, Manuel de Jesus Henriquez, Maria Altagracia Reinoso, Luis Leonel Henriquez (D),Miguel Ruiz (D)

Sunday, November 22

8:00 a.m. People of SNT

9:30 a.m. Marcelina Vega Bernabel (D) Josefa Toledo Montero (D), Mercedes Munoz de Agudo, Miguel Parra, Polonia Parra, Severo Tolozano (D)

11:30 a.m. Adriano de Jesus Urena (D) Ana Celia Martinez (D)

1:30 p.m. Giacobe Phu & Ana Khuong

READINGS

First Reading:

She brings him good, and not evil,
all the days of her life.
She obtains wool and flax
and works with loving hands.
(Prv 31:12-13)

Psalm:

Blessed are those who fear the Lord. (Ps 128)

Second Reading:

But you, brothers and sisters, are not in darkness,
for that day to overtake you like a thief.
For all of you are children of the light
and children of the day. (1 Thes 5:4-5)

Gospel:

"'Since you were faithful in small matters,
I will give you great responsibilities.
Come, share your master's joy.'" (Mt 25:21)

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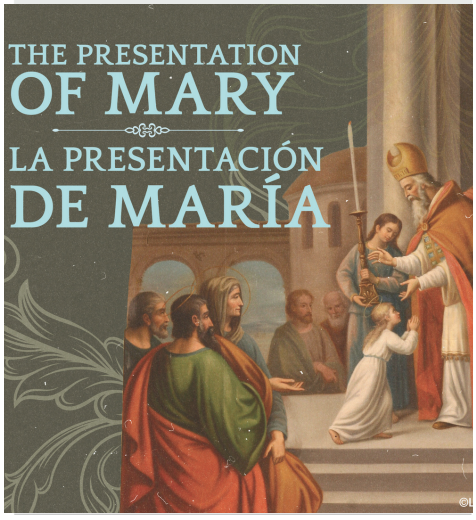

Readings for the week of November 15, 2026

Sunday: Prv 31:10-13, 19-20, 30-31/Ps 128:1-2, 3, 4-5/1 Thes 5:1-6/Mt 25:14-30 or 25:14-15, 19-21
Monday: Rv 1:1-4; 2:1-5/Ps 1:1-2, 3, 4 and 6/Lk 18:35-43
Tuesday: Rv 3:1-6, 14-22/Ps 15:2-3a, 3bc-4ab, 5/Lk 19:1-10
Wednesday: Rv 4:1-11/Ps 150:1b-2, 3-4, 5-6/Lk 19:11-28
Thursday: Rv 5:1-10/Ps 149:1b-2, 3-4, 5-6a and 9b/Lk 19:41-44
Friday: Rv 10:8-11/Ps 119:14, 24, 72, 103, 111, 131/Lk 19:45-48
Saturday: Rv 11:4-12/Ps 144:1, 2, 9-10/Lk 20:27-40
Next Sunday: Ez 34:11-12, 15-17/Ps 23:1-2a, 2b-3, 5, 6/1 Cor 15:20-26, 28/Mt 25:31-46

Thirty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time
Matthew 25:14-30

A friend once took his young adult son to the casino for his birthday. He handed him $100 and said, “Let’s have a great time.” The son, a graduate student with limited money, quietly pocketed the money and refused to play. “I don’t want to lose it,” he said. But he missed the point: the money was not really his to pocket; it was his father’s invitation to share an experience together.

God sees our gifts a bit like this. In Jesus’ parable, a servant buries his master’s talent and explains: “Master, I knew you were a demanding person…so out of fear I went off and buried your talent in the ground” (Matthew 25:24-25). The master condemns him not for failure but for refusing to risk. The servant’s fear distorts his image of the master and leads to a small, loveless response. No love, no risk. No risk, no relationship.

How easily we fall into this trap! We treat God’s gifts as fragile possessions rather than invitations. We play it safe, avoid risk, and tell ourselves we are wise and God is cruel. But Jesus praises those who trust the Master’s goodness enough to act boldly. They are not reckless but confident enough in their Master to risk their gifts for Him.

So, what is my interior story about God right now? Is it marked by generosity, adventure, and trust? Or by fear, caution, and suspicion? That hidden narrative shapes everything. Because love, by its nature, always takes risks with, and for, the beloved.
— Father John Muir
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(PRACTICING) CATHOLIC - RECOGNIZE GOD IN YOUR ORDINARY MOMENTS
By Colleen Jurkiewicz Dorman

Professional Catholics

They call us “professional Catholics.”

You know many of these folks. Maybe you are one (I am). Maybe it’s part of your actual job to work for the Church. “Manna from Heaven,” I once called it — the privilege of seeing your bills paid by money earned talking about God.

I was having dinner with a friend recently who works in a local parish. She shared with me that some of her colleagues don’t seem to have much of a devotional life outside of their jobs. Some don’t even attend regular Mass, though their lives revolve around the Church.

“That’s terrible,” I said, not wanting to think of the holy hours I haven’t had time for, the Rosaries I haven’t finished, and the stack of spiritual books next to my desk, spines uncracked.

You don’t have to earn a paycheck to be a professional Catholic. A professional Catholic can be anyone who spends a good deal of time simply identifying as a disciple, without embracing what that actually means.

See, I was wrong to call it “manna from Heaven.” Manna merely sustains life, and we shouldn’t be satisfied with that. The reward of a disciple should be more.

The opportunity to spread the Gospel is a fortune, lavishly endowed to the care of a servant by a master who is long delayed. He doesn’t care about return on investment. He’ll be just as pleased with a twofold increase as a five-fold one. It’s not about profits. It’s about engagement.

How terrible will it be, when I stand before God, if all I can tell Him is this: “I did my job. I was a professional.”

I want to tell Him I did more. I pray I can tell Him I did more.

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