

32ND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

NOVEMBER 12, 2023

As we approach the end of the Church year, the mood of the readings for our liturgical celebrations changes. With our celebrations of All Saints, All Souls, Remembrance Day, etc. we are drawn into the rich mosaic of life as believers, anchored by the rebirth of Baptism and sustained by the wondrous gift of the Eucharist. Our witness is undermined by the wisdom of God's presence and examples of our fellow pilgrims.

'Wisdom is radiant and unfading and she is easily discerned by those who love her, and is found by those who seek her.' (Wisdom 6:12)

This excerpt from our first reading reveals the life-giving quality of Wisdom, creating and activating within us the ever present work of the Spirit, guiding and challenging us touch the lives of those whom we encounter.

The parable of the wise and foolish bridesmaids emphasizes how we are called to bring forth actions, gestures of fellowship and faithfulness – responding to the needs of our sisters and brothers. (Matthew 28) All are called to share in the joy of the bridegroom who returns at an unexpected hour.

In the midst of the current instability of our world, the utter fidelity of God who offers life in abundance, support in times of doubt and gentle guidance encourages us to live in light and certainty.

Blessings of peace! Fr. Don

