

33<sup>RD</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

NOVEMBER 19, 2023

As we approach the end of the Church year, the readings focus on the end times – the end of our lives and the coming of our Lord and Saviour at the end of time. Our second reading which is an excerpt from Paul's 1<sup>st</sup> letter to the Thessalonians again states the day of the Lord will come like a thief in the night! Paul encourages us to be vigilant and aware of our responsibilities as baptised children of God – to be children of light! The challenge to be witnesses of God's love is more and more important as we mature and grow in our relationship to God through Jesus Christ.

Our 1<sup>st</sup> reading from Proverbs celebrates the example of a capable woman, busy with her tasks every day. Her concern for all of these tasks, she exemplifies an ability to influence and assume her responsibilities faithfully, aware that she contributes to the community and family.

Our Gospel passage with the parable of the Talents underscores our need to work in the Kingdom with the knowledge of the gifts and talents each of us has. Each of us become aware of the gifts that only we can offer to the community and the world around us.

In this time of great change and turmoil in our world, let us confidently strive forward with these gifts, offered to others.

Blessings of peace!

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