

MESSAGE FOR NOVEMBER 15, 2020

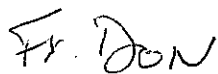
Reflecting on our baptismal call to be a light to the nations and a beacon of hope. I am struck by the extraordinary confidence that God places in our hearts and hands. As many saints have proclaimed and lived out this dignity, they assume humbly this vocation inviting us to live it out as well. This Sunday's readings all point in this same direction.

The first reading from the book of Proverbs celebrates women living their lives in the now: celebrating their inherent dignity, responsibly living it out daily in a particular situation, affecting their families and daily expressions of this. The starting point is the awesome realization of God's love for each of us. Accepting this, we radiate this in every moment of our lives, effecting change and growth around us. We are open to all the possibilities that present themselves to us.

The Gospel today speaks of talents that each of us has. These talents are the realization of the dignity of who we are as God's daughters and sons. Having as our model Jesus, brother, Son of God and Saviour He leaves in our hands the work of affecting our environment, human and in all ways. The parable shows us the many ways that it is done, reaping the benefits and assuming responsibility. The starting point is how seriously do I realize this responsibility. Think of the one gift that I bring to those around me: be it spectacular or maybe very ordinary; it springs from our unique relationship to God through Jesus the Christ.

As usual St. Paul sums it up succinctly: "You are all children of light and children of the day." Shine and radiate that at this time of pandemic and challenge.

Blessings of peace . . .

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Fr. Don". The letters are cursive and somewhat stylized.

Fr. Don