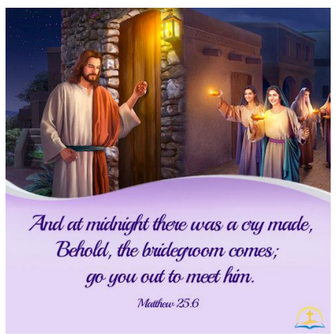
Thirty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time — November 12, 2023

From the Desk of Fr. Leo

At midnight came the cry: "The Bridegroom is coming!" The cry fell on the ears of both foolish and wise. Everyone had to be awakened. Ten maidens sleeping. Not a one awake and watching. All were sleeping. What made the foolish to be foolish was their lack of oil. What made the wise to be wise was their flasks of extra oil.

The foolish were foolish because they expected everything to be on schedule. No delays. The foolish didn't anticipate a sudden change of plan. They didn't prepare for every possible contingency so as to insure their presence at the feast. They didn't realize that this feast was everything, that to be there called for investment of one's total being and every resource -surplus included. The foolish didn't know the importance of the meal.



What now are the expectations of your heart? How do you rank this feast? Are you here for a taste, or are you here to be dazzled by a foretaste? Foolish are you, or are you wise? And while we together suspect that the five and five somehow live within each of us, we are the wiser when we know too that the foolish ones today are still those who expect delay, who risk tentative investment in other interests. To be foolish lie that is easy. Waiting for nineteen hundred years doesn't compel one to a tiptoe posture of expectation. We expect delay, and we have become experts at ordering interests, necessities, and the surpluses of life accordingly.

Are you here for a taste, or are you here to be dazzled by a foretaste? Taster's Choice.

From practiced lethargy today, the liturgy calls us to be dazzled by foretaste. To be wise today is to receive the power of the signs. The wise among us see not a community dedicated to occasional charity or to routine pleasantry. The wise, blinded to all else, see starved sinners receiving satisfying signs of the presence of the bridegroom, nourished by his very body and blood. The wise hear the call of the future at this end of the church year, at this end of time, knowing that the design of it all is given. Here is the bread and wine. No need to snack at other meals, to explore the empty promises of other fasts. The wise hear the call of the liturgy: "until he comes as victorious Lord of all." The wise grasp such promise as comfort; they know this meal as the most inclusive in town, embracing not only saints and angels but all those who have fallen asleep in the Lord.

Hear the claim of the liturgy, for it is power to be wise.

Are you here for a taste, or are you here to be dazzled by foretaste? Bedazzled ones are wise and -wonder of wonders -in their bedazzlement discover their flasks to be full of oil.

Fr. Leo Alban Asuncion

Sunday Collection – November 5th

St. Rose, Crockett	$2701
St. Patrick Mission	$245

Thank you again to all who support our Parish!

Reminder

There will be no Mass at St. Patrick Mission next Sunday, November 19th! Please join us at St. Rose on Saturday at 4:30PM or Sunday at 9:00AM and stay for some pancakes and Christmas shopping (a little birdy mentioned there might be some lumpia too)!

Mass Intentions for the Week

Tues.	**November 14**	**11:00AM**
Lilli Ann Militar		Lily Militar
Wed.	**November 15**	**11:00AM**
Living Memorial		
Thur.	**November 16**	**11:00AM**
Jorgelia B. Quiapo †		Ed & Mae
Fri.	**November 17**	**11:00AM**
Robert Bañaga Sr. †		Lydia
Sat.	**November 18**	**4:30PM**
Bill Valli †		John Collins
Sun.	**November 19**	**9:00AM**
Jaime Isip †		Peña Family
Port Costa		**11:00AM**
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