SUNDAY XXXII Ordinary Sunday

Sunday, 8th November 2026 – Cycle A

Wisdom is radiant and imperishable… Let yourself be found by it.

BORN TO SHINE A LIGHT

A word that sheds light. We go through life with our phones at one hundred percent charge, but our hearts at three percent: connected to everything, yet switched on for almost nothing.

Today, Jesus speaks of a wedding, of a bridegroom who is delayed, and of a sleep that overcomes everyone—even the prudent ones.

What truly matters is not staying awake but rather carrying oil—and that oil is the love we live out each day: the love spent at home, at work, out on the street, and with the people around us.

God does not come to catch us off guard; He comes for a celebration, and He wants to see us with our lights on.

SONG. LET YOUR LIGHT SHINE

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=DZqYFdTzz1g

GOSPEL – MATHEW 25, 1 – 13

"Then the Kingdom of Heaven will be like ten virgins who took their lamps and went out to meet the bridegroom. Five of them were foolish, and five were wise. The foolish ones, when they took their lamps, did not bring any oil with them. The wise ones, however, took oil in flasks along with their lamps. As the bridegroom was delayed, they all became drowsy and fell asleep. But at midnight, a cry was heard: 'Here is the bridegroom! Come out to meet him!' Then all those virgins rose and trimmed their lamps. And the foolish ones said to the wise, 'Give us some of your oil, for our lamps are going out. "No, there might not be enough for us and for you; it is better that you go to the sellers and buy some for yourselves." While they were away to buy it, the bridegroom arrived, and those who were prepared went in with him to the wedding banquet, and the door was shut. Later, the other virgins arrived, saying, "Lord, Lord, open for us!" But he replied, "Truly I tell you, I do not know you." Keep watch, therefore, for you know neither the day nor the hour."

To delve deeper into the text *(Marie-Noëlle THABUT)*

Wisdom 6, 12-16. La Faith is, without a doubt, the story of an encounter. In the text of the Book of Wisdom—as throughout the entire Bible—the focus is on the faith of Israel and the Covenant between God and His people. This is only natural, for the author of the Book of Wisdom is a believer! His discourse rests upon three points: Wisdom is the most precious thing in the world: "Wisdom is radiant and unfading." Wisdom is within our reach—or, more precisely, it places itself within our reach**.**

Psalm 62,2-8. "She allows herself to be calmly contemplated by those who love her, and lets herself be found by those who seek her." Wisdom not only responds to what we hope for; she also seeks us out and goes before us: "Wisdom anticipates their desires by revealing herself first."

1 Tes 4,13-18. One might often wonder what it is that Christians have that others do not. Today, Saint Paul, in his letter to the Thessalonians, gives us an answer: we have received hope as a gift!

Mathew 25,1-13 The Gospel of Matthew invites us to welcome, with a tranquil heart, the message presented in today's text: "The Kingdom of Heaven is like ten young women invited to a wedding..." This positive comparison to a wedding show that Jesus did not devise this parable to cause us anxiety. Rather, He invites us to look toward the end of the journey—to the moment when the Kingdom is fully realized—telling us: "It will be like a wedding evening." From this, we can infer that even the final admonition—"Stay awake, therefore, for you know neither the day nor the hour"—is not meant to frighten us; that was never Jesus's intention. To "stay awake" means living out, day by day, that resemblance to the Father for which we were created: to love as He loves. We might be tempted to say that this is impossible; fortunately, however, this capacity for love—this resemblance—is a gift. As the other readings for this Sunday have told us, it is enough for us to desire it—or to seek it, as the psalm says: "O God, you are my God; I seek you from the dawn." It is enough for us to go out to meet this Wisdom, of which the first reading speaks—a Wisdom that reveals itself through kindness, righteousness, and justice. Ultimately, to be vigilant means to be always prepared to receive. This encounter with the bridegroom does not happen only at the end of time; rather, He is constantly shaping us in His own image.

I Pray with the Word

Are we aware of the need to live out our commitment—our relationship with God—responsibly? Where do we look for the oil? Where do we keep it?

IN HER ARMS – DAVID MODICA
https://youtu.be/qtsamztbPeg?si=ZIZmZRNMhR8Mta_T

DON'T LET YOUR LIGHT GO OUT

Lord, sleep weighs us down.
We rush about,
numbed by news,
looking without seeing.
You said: oil is love.
We put it off,
as if love could be bought
the day before, at the store.
There are lamps out:
the neighbour who doesn't
speak,
the father without work,
the grandfather alone on
Sunday.
Light isn't stored away:
oil shines as it runs out.
Let us not be afraid
to give time, to listen, to
encourage.
If they ask us for oil,
let us not say, "Go buy it."
Let us share the light
without counting what's left
over.
Let no door
close because of us.
Let us not say "I don't know
you"
to the stranger or the person
next door.
You don't come to frighten us:
you come to a wedding.
Wisdom, seated
at the door,
waits for us to open it.
Wake us up today, without fear.
This week, a concrete light:
a call, an apology, an open table.
May you find us
always burning bright.

SONG. GIVE ME OIL IN MY LAMP

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