

CHÚA NHẬT THỨ 32 MÙA THƯỜNG NIÊN A



MEMORY VERSE

“Stay awake, for you know neither the day nor the hour.”

Mt 25:13

HỌC THUỘC LÒNG

“Hãy tỉnh thức, vì các người không biết ngày nào, giờ nào.”

Mt 25,13

FIRST READING

(Wis 6:12-16)

A Reading from the Book of Wisdom:

Resplendent and unfading is wisdom, and she is readily perceived by those who love her, and found by those who seek her. She hastens to make herself known in anticipation of their desire; whoever watches for her at dawn shall not be disappointed, for he shall find her sitting by his gate. For taking thought of wisdom is the perfection of prudence, and whoever for her sake keeps vigil shall quickly be free from care; because she makes her own rounds, seeking those worthy of her, and graciously appears to them in the ways, and meets them with all solicitude.

The Word of the Lord.

BÀI ĐỌC I

(Kn 6,12-16)

Trích Sách Khôn Ngoan:

Sự khôn ngoan sáng tỏ, và không bao giờ lu mờ, những ai yêu mến nó, sẽ xem nó dễ dàng, và những ai tìm kiếm nó, sẽ gặp được nó. Nó sẽ đón tiếp những ai khao khát nó, để tỏ mình ra cho họ trước. Từ sáng sớm, ai tỉnh thức tiến lại gần nó, sẽ không lao nhọc, vì sẽ gặp nó ngồi nơi cửa nhà mình. Vậy tưởng nhớ đến nó là được khôn sáng vẹn tuyền; và ai tỉnh thức vì nó, sẽ chóng được an tâm. Vì nó chu du tìm kiếm những kẻ xứng đáng với mình, vui vẻ tỏ mình ra cho những kẻ ấy trong các đường lối, và hết sức ân cần đón tiếp họ.

Đó là Lời Chúa.

SECOND READING

(1 Thes 4:13-18)

A Reading from the First Letter of Saint Paul to the Thesolonians:

We do not want you to be unaware, brothers and sisters, about those who have fallen asleep, so that you may not grieve like the rest, who have no hope. For if we believe that Jesus died and rose, so too will God, through Jesus, bring with him those who have fallen asleep. Indeed, we tell you this, on the word of the Lord, that we who are alive, who are left until the coming of the Lord, will surely not precede those who have fallen asleep. For the Lord himself, with a word of command, with the voice of an archangel and with the trumpet of God, will come down from heaven, and the dead in Christ will rise first. Then we who are alive, who are left, will be caught up together with them in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air. Thus we shall always be with the Lord. Therefore, console one another with these words.

The Word of the Lord.

BÀI ĐỌC II

(1 Tx 4,13-18)

Trích Thư Thứ Nhất Của Thánh Phao-lô Tông Đồ Gửi Tín Hữu Thê-xa-lô-ni-ca:

Anh em thân mến, chúng tôi chẳng muốn để anh em không biết gì về số phận những người đã an nghỉ, để anh em khỏi buồn phiền như những người khác, là những kẻ không có niềm hy vọng. Vì nếu chúng ta tin Đức Giêsu đã chết và đã sống lại, thì cũng vậy, những người đã chết nhờ Đức Giêsu, Thiên Chúa sẽ đem họ đến làm một với Người. Bởi vậy, chúng tôi dựa vào lời Chúa để nói cùng anh em điều này: chúng ta, những kẻ đang sống, những kẻ còn sót lại khi Chúa đến, thì chúng ta không đi trước những người đã an nghỉ. Vì khi nghe lệnh và tiếng Tổng lãnh Thiên thần, và tiếng loa Thiên Chúa, thì chính Chúa từ trời ngự xuống, và những người đã chết trong Đức Kitô sẽ sống lại trước hết, rồi đến chúng ta, những kẻ đang sống, những kẻ còn sống sót, chúng ta sẽ được nhắc lên cùng với họ trên các tầng mây, đi đón Đức Kitô trên không trung, và như vậy, chúng ta sẽ được ở cùng Chúa luôn mãi. Vì thế, anh em hãy dùng những lời đó mà an ủi nhau.

Đó là Lời Chúa.

GOSPEL
(Mt 25:1-13)

The Gospel According to St. Matthew:

Jesus told his disciples this parable: "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 taking their lamps, brought no oil with them, but the wise brought flasks of oil with their lamps. Since the bridegroom was long delayed, they all became drowsy and fell asleep. At midnight, there was a cry, 'Behold, the bridegroom! Come out to meet him!' Then all those virgins got up and trimmed their lamps. The foolish ones said to the wise, 'Give us some of your oil, for our lamps are going out.' But the wise ones replied, 'No, for there may not be enough for us and you. Go instead to the merchants and buy some for yourselves.' While they went off to buy it, the bridegroom came and those who were ready went into the wedding feast with him. Then the door was locked. Afterwards the other virgins came and said, 'Lord, Lord, open the door for us!' But he said in reply, 'Amen, I say to you, I do not know you.' Therefore, stay awake, for you know neither the day nor the hour."

The Word of the Lord.

PHÚC ÂM
(Mt 25,1-13)

Tin Mừng Chúa Giêsu theo Thánh Mát-thêu:

Khi ấy, Chúa Giêsu phán cùng các môn đệ dụ ngôn này: "Nước trời giống như mười trinh nữ cầm đèn đi đón chàng rể. Trong số đó có năm cô khờ dại và năm cô khôn ngoan. Năm cô khờ dại mang đèn mà không đem dầu theo; còn những cô khôn ngoan đã mang đèn lại đem dầu đầy bình. Vì chàng rể đến chậm, nên các cô đều thiếp đi và ngủ cả. Nửa đêm có tiếng hô to: Kia chàng rể đến, hãy ra đón người. Bấy giờ các trinh nữ đều chỗi dậy, sửa soạn đèn của mình. Những cô khờ dại nói với các cô khôn ngoan rằng: 'Các chị cho chúng em chút dầu, vì đèn của chúng em đã tắt cả.' Các cô khôn ngoan đáp lại rằng: 'E không đủ cho chúng em và các chị, các chị ra nhà hàng mà mua thì hơn.' Song khi họ đang đi mua, thì chàng rể đến. Những trinh nữ đã sẵn sàng thì theo chàng rể cùng vào tiệc cưới, và cửa đóng lại. Sau cùng các trinh nữ kia cũng đến và nói: 'Thưa Ngài, xin mở cửa cho chúng tôi.' Nhưng Người đáp lại: 'Ta bảo thật các ngươi, ta không biết các ngươi.' Vậy hãy tỉnh thức, vì các ngươi không biết ngày nào, giờ nào."

Đó là Lời Chúa.

Fill in the BLANK

1. Jesus told his disciples this parable: "The _____ of heaven will be like _____ virgins who took their lamps and went out to meet the bridegroom."
2. Five of them were foolish and five were _____.

TRUE OR FALSE

3. The groom came after the five foolish virgins have bought oil and returned.

TRUE
 FALSE

4. The five foolish virgins were allowed to join the wedding feast.

TRUE
 FALSE

UNDERLINE the correct answer(s)

5. When the foolish virgins realized that they did not have oil, what did they do?
A. They immediately rushed to the gas station to buy some.
B. They asked the wise virgins to lend them some oil.
C. They stole the oil from the wise virgins.
D. They did not do anything at all.

6. "Stay awake, for you know neither the day nor the hour." What does this mean?
A. It means nobody knows when the last day will come.
B. It means we should not think we will not die just because we are young.
C. It means we have to be ready and well prepared for the death.
D. All of the above.

Điền vào chỗ TRỐNG

1. Khi ấy, Chúa Giêsu phán cùng các môn đệ dụ ngôn này: “_____ giống như _____ trinh nữ cầm đèn đi đón chàng rể.”
2. Trong số đó có năm cô khờ dại và năm cô _____.”

ĐÚNG HAY SAI

3. Sau khi năm cô trinh nữ khờ dại đi mua dầu và trở lại thì chàng rể đến.
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4. Năm cô trinh nữ khờ dại cũng được mời vào dự tiệc cưới.
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GẠCH DƯỚI câu trả lời đúng:

5. Khi những cô khờ dại phát hiện ra là họ không có dầu, họ đã làm gì?
A. Họ vội vàng chạy ra cây xăng để mua.
B. Họ hỏi những cô khôn ngoan cho họ vay ít dầu.
C. Họ lấy cắp dầu của những cô khôn ngoan.
D. Họ chẳng làm gì cả!
6. “Hãy tỉnh thức, vì các ngươi không biết ngày nào, giờ nào.” Câu này có nghĩa là gì?
A. Câu này có nghĩa là không ai biết được khi nào thì ngày tận thế đến.
B. Câu này có nghĩa là chúng ta đừng bao giờ nghỉ khi nào già thì mình mới chết.
C. Câu này có nghĩa là hãy sẵn sàng và chuẩn bị kỹ lưỡng cho sự chết.
D. Tất cả đều đúng.

Word SEARCH



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KEY WORDS

JESUS
KINGDOM
LAMPS
WISE
WEDDING

DISCIPLES
HEAVEN
BRIDEGROOM
DELAYED
LOCKED

PARABLE
VIRGINS
FOOLISH
ASLEEP
AWAKE

REFLECTIONS

FIRST READING

Several writings of the Hebrew Scriptures are called “wisdom” books because they help us think about and understand humanity’s long search for wisdom. Wisdom is the God-given gift to know what is right and to do it. Today’s poetic reading pictures wisdom as a woman. She is splendid and eternal. Wisdom willingly appears to those who “keep vigil” for her. Wisdom comes to those who seek her in the scriptures, in prayer, and in a life focused on God. A wise person tries to make the best choices for his or her actions and life.

Have you ever prayed to know what to do? What are some ways people become wise?

What are some ways we can get mixed up when we try to understand what is the right thing to do? Do you know anyone who is a wise person who you can count on for good advice? Why would you call this person wise? Have you ever prayed to know what to do? What are some ways people become wise? Have you ever learned from the experience of making a wrong choice?

SECOND READING

One of the hardest experiences in life is the death of a loved one. Paul understood this very well and assures the Thessalonians that their loved ones who had died in Christ would rise again.

Why do you think Jesus said, “Blessed are those who mourn for they shall be comforted”? How does hope help grief?

How can Paul’s letter be a source of hope for you?

Have you ever been to a funeral Mass? What are some things that happen there? Why does the church say that it “celebrates” a funeral? Do you know what grief is? Why do you think Jesus said, “Blessed are those who mourn for they shall be comforted”? How does hope help grief?

GOSPEL

Why do we need the gift of wisdom? Why do we need to be prepared daily for Christ's coming? The parable in today's gospel provides some answers. According to the parable, five foolish bridesmaids go out to meet the bridegroom without bringing any extra oil for their lamps (the bridegroom in this story represents Christ). When the bridegroom finally arrives at midnight, the foolish bridesmaids have to run off in the opposite direction to purchase more oil. By the time they get back, the door to the wedding celebration is locked. And the groom says to them "I do not know you."

Name some ways that Jesus comes into our lives.

A parable is a story told to teach a lesson. What is the lesson of the story of the wise and foolish bridesmaids? Name some ways that Jesus comes into our lives. How does Jesus come at life's end? How can we wisely be ready when he comes? According to this story, can wisdom be borrowed? Name some wise people or wisdom figures in our lives who can help us to discover sensible ways of acting. Why would an oil lamp burning be a symbol of wisdom and remind you of this gospel?

St. Charles Borromeo

Nov. 4th



The name of St. Charles Borromeo is associated with reform. He lived during the time of the Protestant Reformation, and had a hand in the reform of the whole Church during the final years of the Council of Trent.

Although he belonged to Milanese nobility and was related to the powerful Medici family, he desired to devote himself to the Church. When his uncle, Cardinal de Medici, was elected pope in 1559 as Pius IV, he made Charles cardinal-deacon and administrator of the Archdiocese of Milan while he was still a layman and a young student. Because of his intellectual qualities he was entrusted with several important offices connected with the Vatican and later appointed secretary of state with responsibility for the papal states. The untimely death of his elder brother brought Charles to a definite decision to be ordained a priest, despite relatives' insistence that he marry. Soon after he was ordained a priest at the age of 25, he was

consecrated bishop of Milan.

Because of his work at the Council of Trent, he was not allowed to take up residence in Milan until the Council was over. Charles had encouraged the pope to renew the Council in 1562 after it had been suspended for 10 years. Working behind the scenes, St. Charles deserves the credit for keeping the Council in session when at several points it was on the verge of breaking up. He took upon himself the task of the entire correspondence during the final phase.

Eventually Charles was allowed to devote his time to the Archdiocese of Milan, where the religious and moral picture was far from bright. The reform needed in every phase of Catholic life among both clergy and laity was initiated at a provincial council of all the bishops under him. Specific regulations were drawn up for bishops and other clergy: If the people were to be converted to a better life, he had to be the first to give a good example and renew their apostolic spirit.

Charles took the initiative in giving good example. He allotted most of his income to charity, forbade himself all luxury and imposed severe penances upon himself. He sacrificed wealth, high honors, esteem and influence to become poor. During the plague and famine of 1576, he tried to feed 60,000 to 70,000 people daily. To do this he borrowed large sums of money that required years to repay. Whereas the civil authorities fled at the height of the plague, he stayed in the city, where he ministered to the sick and the dying, helping those in want.

Work and the heavy burdens of his high office began to affect his health. He died at the age of 46.