

NINETEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

AUGUST 7, 2022

Gospel Luke 12:32-48 (or Luke 12:35-40)

(Citation adapted for length. For full text, see your Bible.)

Jesus said to his disciples:

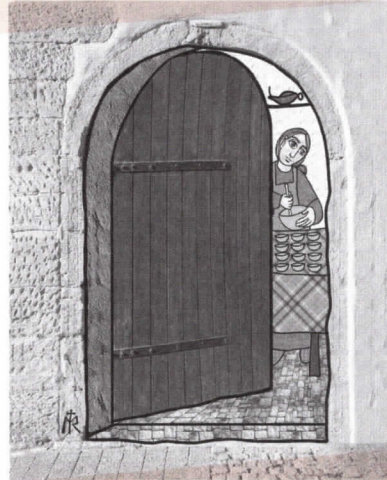
“Do not be afraid any longer, little flock,
for your Father is pleased to give you the kingdom.
Sell your belongings and give alms.
Provide money bags for yourselves that do not
wear out,
an inexhaustible treasure in heaven
that no thief can reach nor moth destroy.
For where your treasure is, there also will your
heart be. . . .

“[B]e like servants who await their master’s
return from a wedding,
ready to open immediately when he comes
and knocks.

Blessed are those servants
whom the master finds vigilant on his arrival.
Amen, I say to you, he will gird himself,
have them recline at table, and proceed to wait
on them. . . .

Be sure of this:
if the master of the house had known the hour
when the thief was coming,
he would not have let his house be broken into.
You must be prepared, for at an hour you do not
expect,
the Son of Man will come.”

Then Peter said,
“Lord, is this parable meant for us or for everyone?”
And the Lord replied,
“Who, then, is the faithful and prudent steward
whom the master will put in charge of his
servants
to distribute the food allowance at the proper time?”



Blessed is that servant whom his master on
arrival finds doing so.

Truly, I say to you, the master will put the
servant

in charge of all his property.

But if that servant says to himself,
‘My master is delayed in coming,’
and begins to beat the [other servants],
to eat and drink and get drunk,
then that servant’s master will come
on an unexpected day and at an unknown
hour

and will punish the servant severely. . . .

Much will be required of the person entrusted
with much,
and still more will be demanded of the
person entrusted with more.”

Readings for the week:

19th Sunday in Ord. Time

Wis 18:6-9
Ps 33:1, 12, 18-19,
20-22
Heb 11:1-2, 8-19 or
Heb 11:1-2, 8-12
Luke 12:32-48 or
Luke 12:35-40

Monday

Ezek 1:2-5,
24-28c
Ps 148:1-2,
11-12, 13, 14
Matt 17:22-27

Tuesday

Ezek 2:8-3:4
Ps 119:14, 24, 72,
103, 111, 131
Matt 18:1-5, 10,
12-14

Wednesday St. Lawrence, Deacon and Martyr

2 Cor 9:6-10
Ps 112:1-2, 5-6,
7-8, 9
John 12:24-26

Thursday

Ezek 12:1-12
Ps 78:56-57,
58-59, 61-62
Matt 18:21-19:1

Friday

Ezek 16:1-15,
60, 63 or
Ezek 16:59-63
Isa 12:2-3,
4bcd, 5-6
Matt 19:3-12

Saturday

Ezek 18:1-10,
13b, 30-32
Ps 51:12-13,
14-15, 18-19
Matt 19:13-15

20th Sunday in Ord. Time

Jer 38:4-6, 8-10
Ps 40:2, 3, 4, 18
Heb 12:1-4
Luke 12:49-53



Opening Prayer

Almighty ever-living God,
 whom, taught by the Holy Spirit,
 we dare to call our Father,
 bring, we pray, to perfection in our hearts
 the spirit of adoption as your sons and daughters,
 that we may merit to enter into the inheritance
 which you have promised.
 Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,
 who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
 God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

Reflecting on Living the Gospel

In the first parable of today's gospel reading, the faithful servants are eagerly awaiting their master's return from a wedding banquet, a favorite biblical image of the end time. This Lectionary selection may seem more appropriate to Advent, but the positioning of it in the middle of Luke's gospel and halfway through the journey to Jerusalem reminds us to be alert at all times so we may recognize the Lord when he comes. He comes in those we meet, in the circumstances of our daily lives, and in the signs of our times. In a very real sense, every hour is an hour of the Lord's coming and knocking, and our response to this will either prepare for or hinder its final fulfillment.

For those who open the doors of their hearts to Jesus, the parable has a dramatic reversal of roles: the Master will be our "God-in-an-apron" who serves his watchful servants. The hospitality of God, incarnate in Jesus, serves us at every eucharistic table. At each Eucharist, too, we have some form of the "anamnesis," the "not-forgetting" prayer that recalls the death and resurrection of Jesus and the need to "look forward to his second coming" (Eucharistic Prayer III). It is a reminder, too, that one Eucharist will be our last, that our life and world history will both end. Then we will go to meet the ascended and risen One who stands in the heavens waiting for and waiting on those who have lived a lifestyle of ready welcome to him, especially as he comes to us in the poor and marginalized. The Lord's arrival will be as unexpected as a night thief, and the Eucharist is the sacrament of vigilant hope that nourishes and strengthens us for such eager service.

Closing Prayer

Loving God, thank you for the gift of this day and the opportunity to grow in relationship with you. As we respond to your call to place our treasure in heaven, may we relinquish the burdens of our earthly possessions and priorities. With vigilance, we remain faithful to your Gospel and the way of life to which we are called. **Amen.**

For Reflection:

- Do you ever make excuses for not prioritizing your relationship with God? If so, how might today's gospel reinvigorate you to seek the Lord above all else?

Suggestions for group and individual use:

1. Pray aloud the "Opening Prayer" (in *The Roman Missal* called the "collect").
2. One person read aloud the gospel.
3. Each read prayerfully "Reflecting on Living the Gospel" and spend some time in personal prayer.
4. Share together responses to "For Reflection."
5. Pray the "Closing Prayer."

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Announcements
08/06/22 to 08/07/22

Financials: 07/25/22 – 07/31/22

Weekly Collection Goal \$2400	Total \$1358.00 Short \$1042.00	
In Church	\$	1358.00
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On Line Giving	\$	00.00

Faith formation Prek-5th grade will look different this year. We're inviting the whole family to learn and grow together. We'll meet on the first and third Sundays from September- May from 10 -11 am. Monthly catechesis, fellowship, & activities to do together as a family will be provided. The cost will be \$50 per family. Grandparents and their mo'opuna are welcome too! Please sign your family up for this journey on the clipboard at the entrance of the church.

Parish Council Meeting, next Sunday, August 14th @ 10 a.m. Hall.

Bread Day next week Tuesday, August 16th. Order sheet at back of church. Mahalo for your kokua!

Mark your calendar ~ Saturday, August 27th- St. Ann Rummage Sale. Now accepting sellable gently used clothing and household goods. Drop off before and after Mass. See Precila regarding larger items.