Ordinary Time: 32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time
Sunday November 12, 2023

Lead Story Headline:
Preparing for the Lord

"Wisdom is wonderful and everlasting. Anyone who wants to have wisdom will find her if they love her and look for her."
Wisdom 6:12-13

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“One day Jesus told his disciples this parable: ‘This is what the reign of God is like. One evening there was a wedding, and ten bridesmaids came to wait for the bride and the bridegroom. Now five of these bridesmaids were very silly. They brought their lamps but didn’t bring enough oil to keep them burning. The other five were very wise. They brought enough oil to last all night long. The groom was late, and so all ten bridesmaids fell asleep. But at midnight someone shouted, ‘Wake up! The bridegroom is here! Come out to meet him!’ The bridesmaids woke up and got their lamps ready. The five foolish ones said to the others, ‘Give us some of your oil because our lamps are going out.’ ‘But the wise bridesmaids said, ‘We can’t give you any because there won’t be enough for our lamps and yours, too. But hurry, go into town and buy some.’ While the foolish bridesmaids were gone, the bridegroom came, and everyone went into the wedding feast. When the five foolish bridesmaids came back, they couldn’t get in because the door was already locked. They called in, ‘Open the door for us!’ But the bridegroom said, ‘No, I don’t know you!’ Then Jesus said, ‘Always be ready, for you do not know when the Lord will come!’"

This is the Good News of the Lord.


What Do You Think?

1. What do you think this story tells us about the kingdom of God?

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2. How do you think you can prepare for when the Lord comes?

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"Always be ready, for you do not know when the Lord will come!"

Matthew 25:13
Activity:
We must be ready to meet Jesus when he returns! Follow the directions below.


By The Way:
Did you know in the time of Jesus Jewish weddings lasted up to a week sometimes! Today, people still get married but the celebration doesn’t go on for a whole week. People in all cultures and countries of the world have always got married in history and still do today!


"...we know that you are a teacher who has come from God; for no one can do these signs that you do apart from the presence of God" John 3:2
Kingdom Builders: Anointing of the Sick

Have you heard of this sacrament, the anointing of the sick? There seems to be a sacrament for everything! This sacrament is for when people are very sick. If you read the Bible, you will see that Jesus healed a lot of people - those who were sick, or even close to dying! Sometimes, he even raised people from the dead! This helped people to believe in Jesus. When Jesus was gone, the apostles were able to heal people as well. Today, our priests will often visit those who are sick and anoint them with oil. This doesn't always mean that the person will get better, but it helps them to accept their suffering too! This sacrament can be similar to reconciliation as it forgives the person of their sins and prepares them if it is their time to go to heaven. Do you know someone who is very sick? Or someone who has had this sacrament? Pray for people in the world who are sick and those who you know specifically.


"I long for you; I long for you; I long for you, my God."
Psalm 63