

Getting Ready for Sunday!



Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Luke 12:32-48

Be ready for the Master

Do not be afraid, little flock, for it is your Father's good pleasure to give you the kingdom.

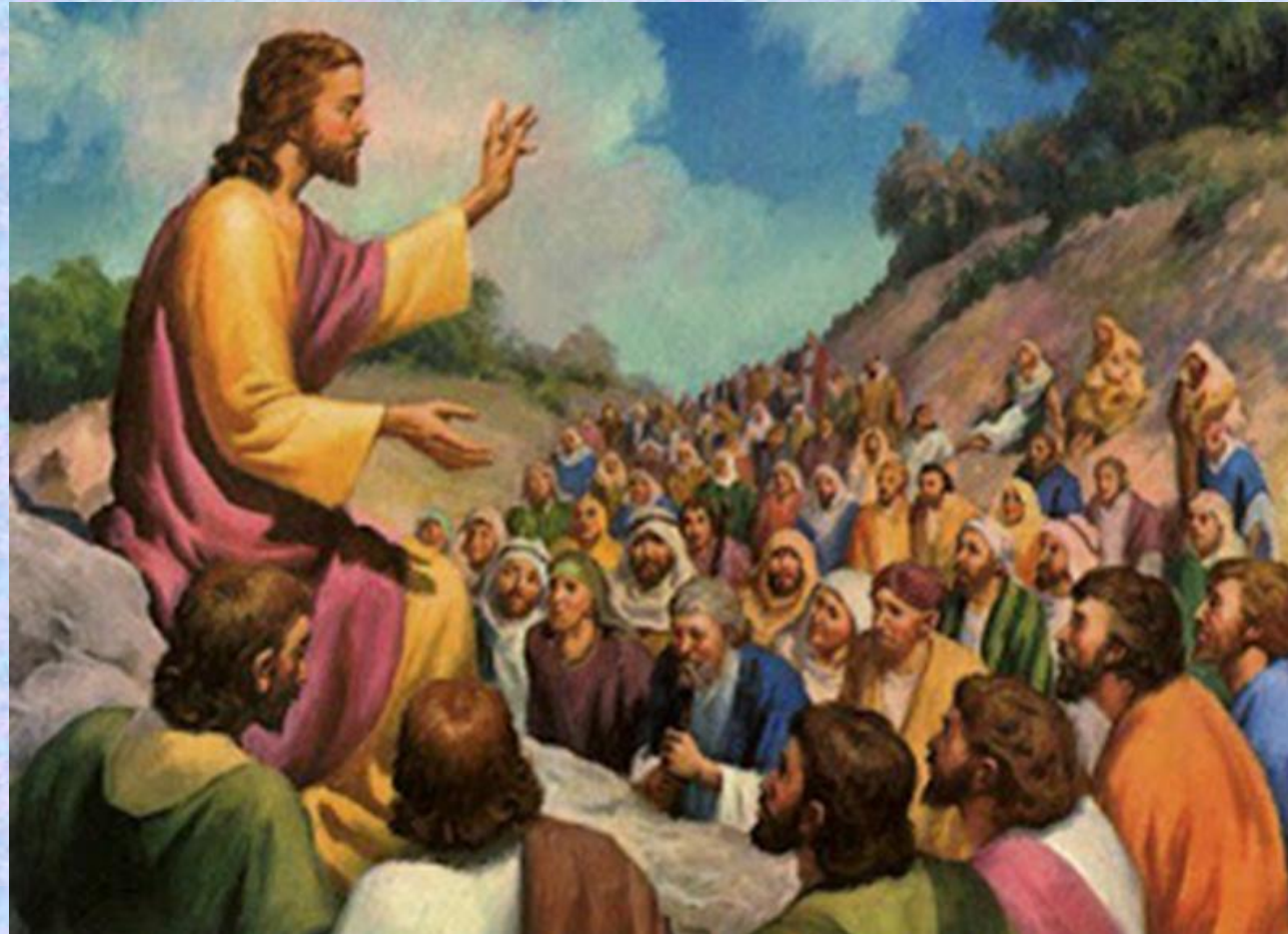
***Sell your possessions,
and give alms.***

***Make purses for yourselves
that do not wear out, an
unfailing treasure in heaven,
where no thief comes near
and no moth destroys.***



***For where your
treasure is, there
your heart will be
also.***

Jesus continues to speak parables (stories) as He explains what it means for us to really follow Him.



Watchful Slaves

Be dressed for action and have your lamps lit; be like those who are waiting for their master to return from the wedding banquet, so that they may open the door for him as soon as he comes and knocks.



**Always be
ready to see
God and to
welcome
Him!**

Blessed are those slaves whom the master finds alert when he comes; truly I tell you, he will fasten his belt and have them sit down to eat, and he will come and serve them. If he comes during the middle of the night, or near dawn, and finds them so, blessed are those slaves.



**How often would God find you
using your gifts, talents and
time doing His work?**

**How can
I help?**

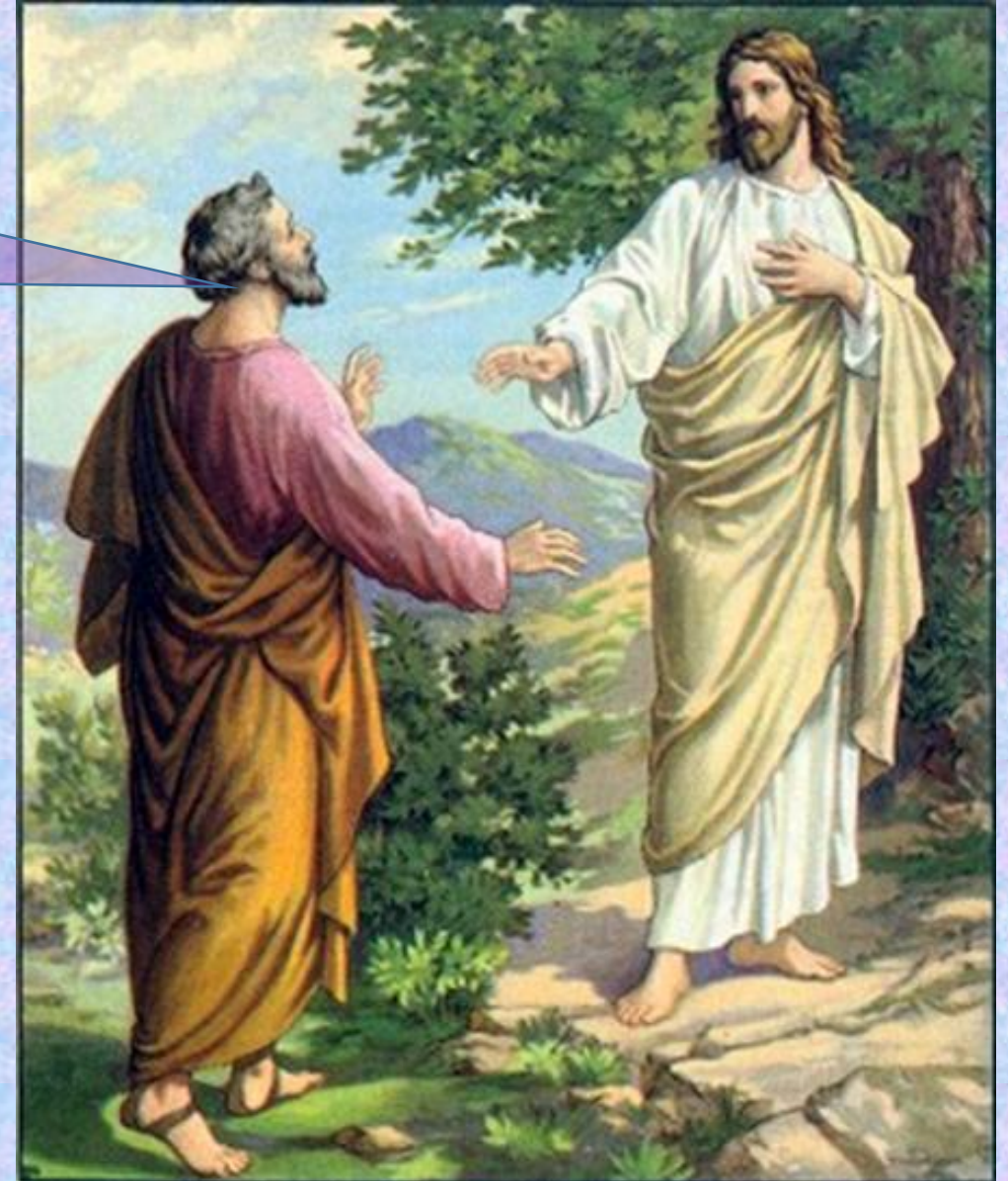
But know this: if the owner of the house had known at what hour the thief was coming, he would not have let his house be broken into. You also must be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an unexpected hour.



The Faithful or the Unfaithful Slave

Peter said:

*Lord, are you telling this parable for
us or for everyone?*



And the Lord said:



***Who then is the faithful
and prudent manager
whom his master will
put in charge of his
slaves, to give them
their allowance of food
at the proper time?***

***Blessed is that slave whom his master will find at work when he arrives.
Truly I tell you, he will put that one in charge of all his possessions.***



But if that slave says to himself, “My master is delayed in coming”, and if he begins to beat the other slaves, men and women, and to eat and drink and get drunk, the master of that slave will come on a day when he does not expect him and at an hour that he does not know, and will cut him in pieces, and put him with the unfaithful.



Are you faithful to being kind, loving, doing your best, prayer, a good friend..... Could God put you in charge and trust you to do His will?

That slave who knew what his master wanted, but did not prepare himself or do what was wanted, will receive a severe beating. But one who did not know and did what deserved a beating will receive a light beating.



From everyone to whom much has been given, much will be required; and from one to whom much has been entrusted, even more will be demanded.



What gifts has God given to you that you need to use well?



Bible Search

Read **Luke 12:32-48** in your family Bible-this is the Gospel reading at Mass this Sunday.



Activity

- Write down what you feel and think as you read or hear the story.



- Draw a picture to show the message that you got from today's Gospel!



Consider



**How can I do my best this week?
What extra effort can I make?**

Praying to Jesus



**Pray for the grace to be grateful for all the gifts
and talents which God has given to me.**

