

Living FAITH

*We acknowledge the traditional custodians of this land
and pay our respects to their Elders past, present and emerging.*

32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time – Year A Secondary

"A Story about Ten Girls"

WE GATHER

Ever Loving God;
You challenge us to see the good in every single person.
Help us to live Your love by seeing the face of Jesus,
in everyone we meet.
We make this prayer in Jesus' name.
Amen.

WE LISTEN

A reading from Matthew (25: 1-13)

A Story about Ten Girls

The kingdom of heaven is like what happened one night when ten girls took their oil lamps and went to a wedding to meet the groom. Five of the girls were foolish and five were wise. The foolish ones took their lamps, but no extra oil. The ones who were wise took along extra oil for their lamps.

When the girls got up and started getting their lamps ready, the foolish ones said to the others, "Let us have some of your oil! Our lamps are going out."

The girls who were wise answered, "There's not enough oil for all of us! Go and buy some for yourselves."

While the foolish girls were on their way to get some oil, the groom arrived. The girls who were ready went into the wedding, and the doors were closed. Later the other girls returned and shouted, "Sir, sir! Open the door for us!" But the groom replied, "I don't even know you!"

So, my disciples, always be ready! You don't know the day or the time when all this will happen.



For courage,
to be our best self even if we think
no one is watching.
Lord, hear us.

For hope and trust,
that people will see that we are
doing our best,
even when we make mistakes.
Lord, hear us.

For faith,
that we are loved just as we are.
Lord, hear us.

For our own needs...
Lord, hear us.



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WE REFLECT

As much as you try, you can't be prepared for everything. You can make lists, organise your calendars, set alarms and reminders. You can practice and do your homework and be as organised as possible, but sometimes things will pop up that you are unprepared for. The bonus about preparation is that when things do pop up unexpectedly, it's less likely you will be overwhelmed and more likely to be able to tackle whatever comes your way.

This is the same for how we live in the world. The temptation is to be our best self when we know someone is likely to be watching, but it's how we act and treat others when we think no one is watching that really matters. You see, you don't know when you are going to bump into Jesus. In fact, you have likely bumped into Him many times today already and just not realised. Jesus is in the face of **everyone** we meet, so you need to stay alert and be prepared to be your best self as much as you can. That way when you do run into Jesus, whether you are expecting to or not, whether you realise it or not, you can be happy knowing that you put your best foot forward and were true to yourself.

WE ARE SENT FORTH

Jesus,
You challenge us to authentic lives with integrity, faith and hope.
Help us to be true to who we are, so that we can in turn
empower others to be their best self.
In times of self-doubt, help us to know Your voice,
as we listen to the Good News and proclaim it for others.
We make this prayer in the name of Jesus, Son of the Living God.

Amen.

In the name of the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit. Amen

***"Find new ways to spread the Word of
God to every corner of the world"***

- Pope Francis

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