

What do the Saints Say?

Chrysostom. This parable is delivered against those who will not assist their neighbors either with money, or words, or in any other way, but hide all that they have.

Gregory. The man travelling into a far country is our Redeemer, who ascended into heaven in that flesh which He had taken upon Him. For the proper home of the flesh is the earth, and it, as it were, travels into a foreign country, when it is placed by the Redeemer in heaven.

Jerome. Calling together the Apostles, He gave them the Gospel doctrine, to one more, to another less, not as of His own bounty or scanting, but as meeting the capacity of the receivers, as the Apostle says (1 Cor. 3:2.), that he fed with milk those that were unable to take solid food. In the five, two, and one talent, we recognize the diversity of gifts wherewith we have been entrusted.

Gregory. Otherwise; The five talents denote the gift of the five senses, that is, the knowledge of things without; the two signify understanding and action, the one talent understanding only.

Origen. Or, They that have their senses exercised by healthy conversation, both raising themselves to higher knowledge and zealous in teaching others, these have gained other five; because no one can easily have increase of any virtues that are not his own, and without he teaches others what he himself knows, and no more.

Hilary. Or, the servant to whom two talents were committed is the people of the Gentiles justified by the faith and confession of the Son and of the Father, confessing our Lord Jesus Christ, to be both God and Man, both Spirit and Flesh. These are the two talents committed to this servant. But as the Jewish people doubled by its belief in the Gospel every Sacrament which it had learned in the Law, (i.e. its five talents,) so this people by its use of its two talents merited understanding and working.

Gregory. To hide one's talent in the earth is to devote the ability we have received to worldly business.

Origen. Or otherwise; When you see one who has the power of teaching, and of benefitting souls, hiding this power, though he may have a certain religiousness of life, doubt not of such an one that he has received one talent and hides it in the earth.

Jerome. *After a long time*, because there is a long interval between the Savior's ascension and His second coming.

Gregory. This lesson from this Gospel warns us to consider whether those, who seem to have received more in this world than others, shall not be more severely judged by the Author of the world; the greater the gifts, the greater the reckoning for them. Therefore should every one be humble concerning his talents in proportion as he sees himself tied up with a greater responsibility.

Chrysostom. *Thou good servant*, (Ps. 16:11.) this he means of that goodness which is shown towards our neighbor.

Gregory. The faithful servant is set over many things, when having overcome the afflictions of corruption, he joys with eternal joy in that heavenly seat. He is then fully admitted to the joy of his Lord, when taken in to that abiding country, and numbered among the companies of Angels, he has such inward joy for this gift, that there is no room for outward sorrow at his corruption.

Jerome. What greater thing can be given to a faithful servant than to be with his Lord, and to see his Lord's joy?

Jerome. For truly that which is written, *To offer excuses excusing sins* (Ps. 141:4.) happened to this servant, so that to slothfulness and idleness was added also the sin of pride. For he who ought to have honestly acknowledged his fault, and to have entreated the Master of the household, on the contrary cavils against him, and avers that he did it with provident design, lest while he sought to make profit he should hazard the capital.

Gregory. But there are many within the Church of whom this servant is a type, who fear to set out on the path of a better life, and yet are not afraid to continue in carnal indolence; they esteem themselves sinners, and therefore tremble to take up the paths of holiness, but fearlessly remain in their own iniquities.

Jerome. But what he thought would be his excuse is turned into his condemnation. He calls him *wicked servant*, because he caviled against his Lord; and *slothful*, because he would not double his talent; condemning his pride in the one, and his idleness in the other. If you knew me to be hard and austere, and to seek after other men's goods, you should also have known that I exact with the more rigor that is mine own, and should have given my money to the bankers; for the Greek word here (*ἀζύριον*) means money. *The words of the Lord are pure words, silver tried in the fire.* (Ps. 12:6.) The money, or silver, then are the preaching of the Gospel and the heavenly word; which ought to be given to the bankers, that is, either to the other doctors, which the Apostles did when they ordained Priests and Bishops throughout the cities; or to all the believers, who can double the sum and restore it with usury by fulfilling in act what they have learned in word.

Gregory. Then follows a general sentence, *For to everyone that hath shall be given, and he shall have abundance, but from him that hath not, even that which he seems to have shall be taken away.* For whosoever has charity receives the other gifts also; but whosoever has not charity loses even the gifts which he seemed to have had.

Chrysostom. Also he who has the graces of eloquence and of teaching to profit withal, and uses it not, loses that grace; but he who does his endeavor in putting it to use acquires a larger share.

Origen. *Into outer darkness*, where is no light, perhaps not even physical light; and where God is not seen, but those who are condemned thereto are condemned as unworthy the contemplation of God. We have also read some one before us expounding this of the darkness of that abyss which is outside the world, as though unworthy of the world, they were cast out into that abyss, where is darkness with none to lighten it.

Chrysostom. Observe that not only he who robs others, or who works evil, is punished with extreme punishment, but he also who does not good works.

Are you new to St. Ann?

We welcome all new parishioners to our parish and any visitors and hope you feel welcome!
Please contact us anytime! We look forward to hearing from you!
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Schedule of Events:

Monday, November 16th

6:30 a.m. Confessions
7:00 a.m. Daily Mass
7p.m. Family Formation night

Tuesday, November 17th

6:30 a.m. Confessions
7:00 a.m. Daily Mass
6:30 p.m. Family Formation Night

Wednesday, November 18th

6:30 p.m. Confessions
7:00 a.m. Daily Mass

Thursday, November 19th

6:30 Confessions
7a.m. Daily Mass

Friday, November 20th

NO MASS

Saturday, November 21st

3p.m. Confessions
4 p.m. Vigil Mass

Sunday, November 22nd

7:30 a.m. Confessions
8 a.m. Mass
9:30 a.m. Confessions
6 p.m. Confessions
6:30 p.m. Mass



MASS INTENTIONS



For the Week of November 16th-22nd

7:00 A.M.-Monday, November 16th

All Donors and Benefactors of St. Ann Church & in Memory of:
Parishioners of St. Ann, Gail Fabre, Muriel Fabre

7:00 A.M.-Tuesday, November 17th

All Donors and Benefactors of St. Ann Church & in Memory of:
Parishioners of St. Ann, Macon, Edna, Roland Bascle, Remy & Bessie Reulet,
Billy & Mark Pellegrin, Warner Lee (BD)

7:00 A.M.-Wednesday, November 18th

All Donors and Benefactors of St. Ann Church & in Memory of:
Parishioners of St. Ann,

7:00 A.M.-Thursday, November 19th

All Donors and Benefactors of St. Ann Church & in Memory of:
Parishioners of St. Ann, Sam Olivier

4:00 P.M.- Saturday, November 21st

All Donors and Benefactors of St. Ann Church & in Memory of:
Parishioners of St. Ann, Horace & Camille Boquet & sons,
Jerry & Mathew Arceneaux Eric, Joel, & Frank Rogers, Bill Morris family, Bourg & Rogers family, Huey Dugas family
Wilbert Dupre Sr., Dolores Viteaux, Faith LeBoeuf, Neva Morris, Mia Bourg
Wilbert & Elsie Hebert, Linda Ann Hebert, Salome H. Matherne, Matthew S. Matherne, Peter W. Hebert,
Samuel Dominic Hebert, Wayne G. Cancienne, Michael McGee, Bertha & Edward Boudreaux
Cecile Fabre, Olivia Dupre, Kenneth Breaux, Debra Dupre
Jean Foret family, Sam Olivier, Patrick McGaw

8:00 A.M.-Sunday, November 22nd

All Donors and Benefactors of St. Ann Church & in Memory of:

Parishioners of St. Ann, Rhea P. Voisin & Eddie Voisin Jr.

Cindy R. Broussard, Cecile Fabre, Vin & Joyce LeBlanc family, Gilbert & Rita Bergeron family

Muriel Fabre, Wilma, Eugene & John Dusenberry, Veronica Trahan, Terry Lirette, Amelie Thibodeaux,

Ella Mae Guidry, Jesse Fanguy Sr., Ann Hebert, A.J. Theriot

Vayne & Mary Eve Bascle, Lionel Bascle family, Arte' Breaux family, Arthur Lee Fabre, Mr. & Mrs. Bernard Fabre, Mr. & Mrs.

Irby Petit, Aubrey Lee Boquet, Sue Bueche

Maxine Christoffersen, Mindy Pellegrin(B), Carsen Authement(B),

Patricia Trahan Positerry

10:00 A.M.- Sunday, November 22nd

All Donors and Benefactors of St. Ann Church & in Memory of:

Parishioners of St. Ann, Maxine Christoffersen, Herbert, Celina, Joyce, Deborah & Ronald Belanger, Rosie & Richard Lafont,

Living & Deceased Members of the Naquin, LaJaunie, LeBoeuf & Lapeyrouse Families

Keri Lynn Niette, Wallace Ellender

Steven, Bertha Mae & Timothy Pellegrin,

Geraldine Dupre, Gail Fabre

6:30 P.M. Sunday, November 22nd

All Donors and Benefactors of St. Ann Church & in Memory of:

Parishioners of St. Ann, Clinton & Wilma Picou

Norris & Diana Bourg

Memorials for the week of November 15, 2020

The Sanctuary Light burns this week in memory of Kevin Dugas family requested by the Bourg Lioness Club.

The Altar Candles are in memory of Sam Olivier requested by Randolph & Kathie Bascle.

The Altar Bread is in memory of Sam Olivier requested by Regina Olivier.

The Altar Wine is in memory of Muriel Fabre requested by Kirby Fabre.

Stewardship of Treasure

October 31st & November 1: Envelopes: \$4139.00 + Loose:\$478.25 \$ + \$2110.10(online giving)

Thank you for your generosity!

To fulfill the State of Louisiana and Bishop Fabre's guidelines: All attending Mass are required to wear a face mask while in the Church.

Pray for the dearly departed of St. Ann Parish from November 2019-2020

*Gloria Arceneaux
Thelma B. Bascle
Caswell Bunch
Thomas A. Champagne
John S. Craft
Gloria Domangue
Mark Deroche
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Gail B. Fabre
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Loretta A. Matherne
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