



The parable of the talents seems to be a commentary on financial management. The parable might seem to be about investments, but it really isn't. It comes from a section of Matthew's Gospel before the presentation of the passion, death and resurrection of the Lord, and speaks about the final coming of the Son of Man.

Today's parable answers the question: What then should we do to be prepared for our Lord?

The answer is: Develop the Grace, the Gifts that God has given you.

There is a wonderful story about Ludwig van Beethoven in this regard. The famous composer was well aware that he had few social skills. He found talking to people not just burdensome, but beyond his abilities. He just couldn't do it. The story is that one-day he heard that a dear friend of his had suddenly lost his son. Beethoven rushed over to his friend's house, but he just couldn't find the words to express his grief to the dead boy's father. Beethoven went to the piano and for a full thirty minutes he played a beautiful and consoling elegy. It is believed that he composed it on the spot. He used his talent to console the grieving.

What should we do to prepare for the Lord? Who is it that will share in the Master's joy? Who should enter the Parousia? The answer is: Those who are doing the work of the Master. St. Paul came upon the phenomenon of Christians not working for the Kingdom. They were so convinced that the end of the world was upon them, that they just sat back and did nothing, waiting. "No," said St. Paul. "He who does not work should not eat," he was referring both to daily physical work as well as working for the kingdom and eating the Bread of Life.

We have a responsibility to Jesus Christ to take the Life that He has given us, treasure it, develop it and set the world on fire with His Love. We all have many diverse gifts, but no gift is greater than the Gift who is Our Lord. God has given us this Awesome Gift, this Awesome Savior. Let us each use our gifts to earn a place with Him in heaven.

"Well done, good and faithful servant." How are you called to use your talents? If Christ may be inviting you to faithful service as a priest or consecrated religious, call Fr. Liborio Amaral (416) 968-0997, or email: vocations@vocations.ca. Visit www.vocationstoronto.ca

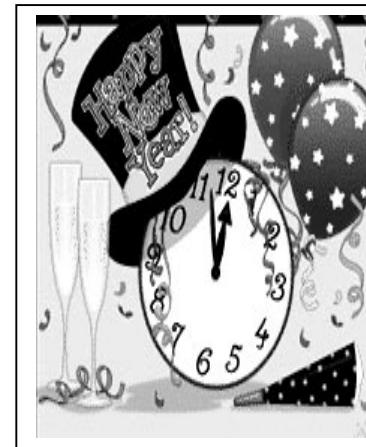
Pilgrimage to Our Lady of Fatima Festival of Lights (Lewiston USA) Sunday December 7th. Bus leaves at 1:00 PM call Nunzia 416-638-1777 to reserve a seat.

ADVENT DAY OF RETREAT at QUEEN OF APOSTLES RENEWAL CENTRE, Mississauga, SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 29th, 2008.

Consider this day as a prayerful preparation for the celebration of the birth of Christ? Please call the Centre at 905-278-5229 to register.

The Knights of Columbus Grey Cup Party November 23 5:00 PM In the Parish Hall
Watch the Grey Cup Game. Refreshments. There will be door prizes, games and good company. Bring the family! Tickets are \$10 per person (cash bar).

The Knights of Columbus New Years Eve Family Dinner and Party



December 31. Tickets are \$50 each and \$20 for children under 12, and will be on sale this Saturday and Sunday in the Parish Hall during Coffee Sunday. Tickets can be obtained from either Kevin Daudlin or call the office.

Hurry and get your tickets! There are only a limited number available.

A great time is guaranteed for all!!!!

IMPORTANT DATES

WEDNESDAY NOVEMBER 19th
7:00 PM -Parent Reconciliation Seminar #3

TUESDAY DECEMBER 2
7:00 PM -Padre Pio Healing Mass

WEDNESDAY DECEMBER 3
9:15AM -St. Robert's School Mass at the school

FRIDAY DECEMBER 5
8:30 AM to 9:30 AM -Holy Hour

TUESDAY DECEMBER 9
8:00 PM -Social Committee Meeting

WEDNESDAY DECEMBER 10
7:00 PM -Celebration of First Reconciliation St. Robert & St. Norbert Schools

SUNDAY DECEMBER 14
BAKE SALE

WEDNESDAY DECEMBER 17
7:00 PM -St. Norbert's School Advent Mass



La parabola dei talenti parla della venuta di Gesù per il giudizio universale. Quando ritornerà, egli esigerà di sapere da noi come abbiamo usato il nostro tempo, cosa abbiamo fatto della nostra vita e dei talenti che abbiamo ricevuto, cioè delle nostre capacità. Il premio per il buon uso sarà la partecipazione alla gioia del Signore, cioè al banchetto eterno. La parabola racchiude un insegnamento fondamentale: Dio

non misurerà né conterà i nostri acquisti, le nostre realizzazioni. Non ci chiederà se abbiamo compiuto delle prodezze ammirate dal mondo, perché ciò non dipende da noi, ma è in parte condizionato dai talenti che abbiamo ricevuto. Vengono tenute in conto soltanto la fedeltà, l'assiduità e la carità con le quali noi avremo fatto fronte ai nostri doveri, anche se i più umili e i più ordinari. Il terzo servitore, "malvagio e infingardo" ha una falsa immagine del padrone (di Dio). Il peggio è che non lo ama. La paura nei confronti del padrone l'ha paralizzato ed ha agito in modo maldestro, senza assumersi nessun rischio. Così ha sotterrato il suo talento. Dio si aspetta da noi una risposta gioiosa, un impegno che proviene dall'amore e dalla nostra prontezza ad assumere rischi e ad affrontare difficoltà. I talenti possono significare le capacità naturali, i doni e i carismi ricevuti dallo Spirito Santo, ma anche il Vangelo, la rivelazione, e la salvezza che Cristo ha trasmesso alla Chiesa. Tutti i credenti hanno il dovere di ritrasmettere questi doni, a parole e a fatti.



La Gala e Cena di Famiglia la Vigilia di Capodanno Il 31 dicembre 2008
I biglietti sono \$50 a persona e \$20 per i bambini sotto 12 anni, e sono svendita questo sabato e domenica nella sale di Parrocchia durante domenica di Caffè. I biglietti possono essere ottenuti da Kevin Daudlin o chiama l'ufficio. Un grande tempo è garantito per tutto

Fa fretta e prende i suoi biglietti! Ci sono solo un numero limitato disponibile.

PELLEGRINAGGIO PARROCCHIALE A FATIMA (Lewiston USA) e FESTA DELLE LUCI
Domenica 7 Dicembre 2008 L'Autobus parte alle 1:00 Per riservare un posto chiama Nunzia 416-638-1777

Next Sunday we celebrate the Solemnity of **Christ the King**, followed by the First Sunday of Advent. It is a good time to start thinking about Christmas presents. Not the gifts we will receive, but those we will give. Why not celebrate this joyous season with an act of charity? In a society where many have so much and so many have so little; a little charity goes a long way. It is our opportunity to share our many blessings with those in need. Let us open our hearts, and get ready to welcome the Christ Child with hearts full of gratitude and humility.

Mass Intentions

TUESDAY NOVEMBER 18

7:00 PM
+Salvatore & Carlo Davide
+Defunti di famiglia Cuella & Alulio
+Defunti di famiglia Provenzano & Groe

WEDNESDAY NOVEMBER 19

8:00 AM
Intention Available

THURSDAY NOVEMBER 20

8:00 AM
Intention Available

FRIDAY NOVEMBER 21

8:00 AM
+Oto Palandra

SATURDAY NOVEMBER 22

5:00 PM
+Francesco & Caterina Perri
+Giuseppe Calderone
+Victor Leitner

SUNDAY NOVEMBER 23

7:45 AM
+Raimondo & Lagana Defunti
+Giuseppina Corbo
+Virginia & Antonio Bisogno
+Defunti D'Ascanio & D'Amimonte

9:00 AM
+Oto & Rochina Palandra
+Pasquale Battista & defunti Battista
+Defunti D'Andrea
+Tony Marrone & famiglia

10:30 AM
+Giovanni & Concetta Primiani

12:00 PM
+Elidio, Matilda, Amilcoa & Gilda Dalnada

**The office is closed Thursday and Friday
L'ufficio sarà chiuso giovedì e venerdì**