



Saint Joseph's, Saint Anne's & Holy Family And Saint Patrick's
19th November 2023, Thirty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year A
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1st Reading	Proverbs 31:10-13, 19-20, 30-31
Responsorial Psalm	Psalms 128:1-2, 3, 4-5
2nd Reading	1 Thessalonians 5:1-6
Alleluia	John 15:4A, 5B
Gospel	Matthew 25:14-30 Or Matthew 25:14-15, 19-21

1st Reading - Proverbs 31:10-13, 19-20, 30-31

10 Who shall find a strong woman? Far away, and from the furthest parts, is her price.
 11 The heart of her husband confides in her, and he will not be deprived of spoils.
 12 She will repay him with good, and not evil, all the days of her life.
 13 She has sought wool and flax, and she has worked these by the counsel of her hands.
 19 She has put her hand to strong things, and her fingers have taken hold of the spindle.
 20 She has opened her hand to the needy, and she has extended her hands to the poor.
 30 Charm is false, and beauty is vain. The woman who fears the Lord, the same shall be praised.
 31 Give to her from the fruit of her own hands. And let her works praise her at the gates.

Responsorial Psalm - Psalms 128:1-2, 3, 4-5

R. (cf. 1a) Blessed are those who fear the Lord.

1 Blessed are you who fear the LORD, who walk in his ways!
 2 For you shall eat the fruit of your handiwork; blessed shall you be, and favoured.

R. *Blessed are those who fear the Lord.*

3 Your wife shall be like a fruitful vine in the recesses of your home;
 Your children like olive plants around your table.

R. *Blessed are those who fear the Lord.*

4 Behold, thus is the man blessed who fears the LORD.

5 The LORD bless you from Zion: may you see the prosperity of Jerusalem all the days of your life.

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2nd Reading - 1 Thessalonians 5:1-6

1 Concerning times and seasons, brothers and sisters, you have no need for anything to be written to you.

2 For you yourselves know very well that the day of the Lord will come like a thief at night.

3 When people are saying, "Peace and security," then sudden disaster comes upon them, like labour pains upon a pregnant woman, and they will not escape.

4 But you, brothers and sisters, are not in darkness, for that day to overtake you like a thief.

5 For all of you are children of the light and children of the day. We are not of the night or of darkness.

6 Therefore, let us not sleep as the rest do, but let us stay alert and sober.

Alleluia - John 15:4A, 5B

R. Alleluia, alleluia.

4A Remain in me as I remain in you, says the Lord.

5B Whoever remains in me bears much fruit.

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Gospel - Matthew 25:14-30

Jesus told his disciples this parable:

14 "A man going on a journey called in his servants and entrusted his possessions to them.

15 To one he gave five talents; to another, two; to a third, one to each according to his ability. Then he went away. Immediately

16 the one who received five talents went and traded with them, and made another five.

17 Likewise, the one who received two made another two.

18 But the man who received one went off and dug a hole in the ground and buried his master's money.

19 After a long time the master of those servants came back and settled accounts with them.

20 The one who had received five talents came forward bringing the additional five. He said, 'Master, you gave me five talents. See, I have made five more.'

21 His master said to him, 'Well done, my good and faithful servant. Since you were faithful in small matters, I will give you great responsibilities. Come, share your master's joy.'

22 Then the one who had received two talents also came forward and said, 'Master, you gave me two talents. See, I have made two more.'

23 His master said to him, 'Well done, my good and faithful servant. Since you were faithful in small matters, I will give you great responsibilities. Come, share your master's joy.'

24 Then the one who had received the one talent came forward and said, 'Master, I knew you were a demanding person, harvesting where you did not plant and gathering where you did not scatter;

25 so out of fear I went off and buried your talent in the ground. Here it is back.'

26 His master said to him in reply, 'You wicked, lazy servant! So you knew that I harvest where I did not plant and gather where I did not scatter?'

27 Should you not then have put my money in the bank so that I could have got it back with interest on my return?
 28 Now then! Take the talent from him and give it to the one with ten.
 29 For to everyone who has, more will be given and he will grow rich; but from the one who has not, even what he has will be taken away.
 30 And throw this useless servant into the darkness outside, where there will be wailing and grinding of teeth.'"

Or Matthew 25:14-15, 19-21

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19th November 2023, Sunday Mass Readings Homily Theme: Parable of the Talents: To Everyone Who Has, More Will Be Added and He Will Become Rich - Matthew 25:14-30, Matthew 13:12, Luke 19:11-28

Saint of the Day

St Mechthild of Hackeborn-Wippra was also referred to as Mechtildis of Helfta or Mechtilde of Magdeburg. She was a Benedictine nun. She was born in 1241 in Helfta, Saxony, Germany. She died on 19th November 1298 at the Helfta monastery. We celebrate her feast day on 19th November every year in the Catholic Church.

St Mechthild of Hackeborn Biography

Date of Birth	1241
Place of Birth	Helfta, Saxony, Germany
Profession	Benedictine nun
Place of Work	Germany
Date of Death	19 th November 1298
Place of Death	Helfta Monastery, Germany
Feast Day	19 th November
Canonization	Pre-congregation
Patron Saint of	Against blindness


St Mechthild of Hackeborn Life History

St. Mechthild of Hackeborn was born in 1241 in her family's castle near Eisleben, Saxony, Germany. She came from a devout and influential Thuringian noble family, and her older sister had entered a convent.

Mechtilde began her education in a convent at the age of seven and eventually became a nun in Rodersdorf, Switzerland. In 1258, she moved to the Helfta monastery, where her sister served as the abbess. At Helfta, she took on the roles of a teacher and choir director at the convent school. Mechthild was not only a visionary and mystic but also a mentor to St. Gertrude the Great, who wrote a book called "The Book of Special Grace" based on Mechthild's teachings. Initially, she had concerns that the book might cause trouble, but during prayer, Christ appeared to her, reassuring her not to worry. She became a highly sought-after spiritual advisor to her fellow nuns, the laity, and learned Dominicans. Some believe she might have inspired the character Matelda in Dante's "Purgatorio." She died on November 19, 1298, at the Helfta monastery. St. Mechthild is known for her patronage against blindness, and there is a well-known miracle associated with her, involving the healing of a blind nun. In art, she is often represented with a dove on a book, healing a blind nun, receiving a vision of Mary, or alongside St. Gertrude the Great.



St Mechthild of Hackeborn Feast Day 19th November



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