

will be weeping and grinding of teeth.” abroad who summoned his servants and entrusted his property to

Intercession: We place before the Lord the desires of our hearts. Pray for the Holy Father, for Bishop Mark and the clergy of our diocese, for vocations to the priesthood, for those who are sick, for your own personal needs, and for those who have died.

Thanksgiving: In thanksgiving we pray the Divine Praises.

Blessed be God

Blessed be his holy name

Blessed be Jesus Christ, true God and true man

Blessed be the name of Jesus

Blessed by his most Sacred Heart

Blessed be his most Precious Blood

Blessed be Jesus in the most holy Sacrament of the altar

Blessed be the Holy Spirit, the Paraclete

Blessed be the great Mother of God, Mary most holy

Blessed be her holy and immaculate conception

Blessed be her glorious assumption

Blessed be the name of Mary, virgin and mother

Blessed be Saint Joseph, her spouse most chaste

Blessed be God in his angels and in his saints

A Visit to the Blessed Sacrament



Thirty Third Sunday in Ordinary Time
Reflection Resource



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Stillness: As we approach the Lord in the Tabernacle we make the Sign of the Cross.

Preparation: we open our hearts to the Lord and make a prayer of preparation.

O God, who in this wonderful Sacrament have left us a memorial of your Passion, grant us, we pray, so to revere the sacred mysteries of your Body and Blood that we may always experience in ourselves the fruits of your redemption. Who live and reign with God the Father in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

Invocation: Make an Act of Spiritual Communion.

My Jesus, I believe that you are present in the Most Holy Sacrament of the Altar. I love you above all things, and I desire to receive you into my soul. Since I cannot at this moment receive you sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart. I embrace you as if you were already there and unite myself wholly to you. Never permit me to be separated from you. Amen.

Read: Meditate on the Gospel of Matthew 25:14:30

Jesus spoke this parable to his disciples: 'The kingdom of Heaven is like a man on his way them. To one he gave five talents, to another two, to a third one; each in proportion to his ability. Then he set out. 'The man who had received the five talents promptly went and traded with them and made five more. The man who had received two made two more in the same way. But the man who had received one went off and dug a hole in the ground and hid his master's

money. 'Now a long time after, the master of those servants came back and went through his accounts with them. The man who had received the five talents came forward bringing five more. "Sir," he said "you entrusted me with five talents; here are five more that I have made." 'His master said to him, "Well done, good and faithful servant; you have shown you can be faithful in small things, I will trust you with greater; come and join in your master's happiness." 'Next the man with the two talents came forward. "Sir," he said "you entrusted me with two talents; here are two more that I have made." His master said to him, "Well done, good and faithful servant; you have shown you can be faithful in small things, I will trust you with greater; come and join in your master's happiness." 'Last came forward the man who had the one talent. "Sir," said he "I had heard you were a hard man, reaping where you have not sown and gathering where you have not scattered; so I was afraid, and I went off and hid your talent in the ground. Here it is; it was yours, you have it back." But his master answered him, "You wicked and lazy servant! So you knew that I reap where I have not sown and gather where I have not scattered? Well then, you should have deposited my money with the bankers, and on my return I would have recovered my capital with interest. So now, take the talent from him and give it to the man who has the five talents. For to everyone who has will be given more, and he will have more than enough; but from the man who has not, even what he has will be taken away. As for this good-for-nothing servant, throw him out into the dark, where there