The Thirty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time November 15, 2020

Over the last month in our readings from Matthew, we hear Jesus not only teaching about his Relationship to God, his Father, but struggling to prepare his apostles and disciples for his Passion and impending death.

Just like last Sunday's reading about the Seven Virgins and their oil lamps, so too this letter to the Thessalonians, teaches the early church about what is to come to pass. About the "end times".

It is a demand to be ready, to be ready for the "end Times". It is the obligation of the disciples to be attentive to the duties and the needs of the Church, the Community of believers.

This is our mandate as well. This too is our obligation. In Paul's letter to the Thessalonians, we hear "The day of the Lord will come like a thief at night". But we cannot claim to be caught off guard. We are not people of the night. We know! So, let us "stay alert and sober".