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Be like servants who await their master’s return from a wedding.
LUKE 12:35

In Luke’s Gospel today, Jesus places a strong emphasis on being alert, watchful, and vigilant. Similar passages recur throughout the Gospels, but here the call to vigilance is placed distinctly in the context of living in profound trust in God. It is not a vigilance based on fear, of “getting caught” doing something bad. This vigilance is based on confident hope that God will bring healing and justice. Exactly when and how God will intervene is not known to us. We need to be alert for God’s activity and expect to be surprised and disrupted, but primarily we need to live faithfully.

How can we practice vigilance? Regular patterns of prayer and reflection, works of charity and justice, and everyday kindness help us to stay alert. We can practice listening to others, especially to those we perceive as different from us. We can let go of excessive distractions. We might loosen our busy schedules to provide space for spontaneous generosity. We can learn to live in the present moment, listening for God’s voice within.

THE MASTER WHO SERVES

In his parable of the master and the servants, Jesus pulls a surprise on his listeners. When the master returns, he will “proceed to wait on them.” Jesus disrupts expectations of what masters and servants are supposed to do. The hierarchy of master and servant was foundational to the social order. Yet Jesus, summing up his ministry later at the Last Supper, underlined this radical overturning in Luke 22:27: “I am among you as one who serves.”

Jesus reveals the shocking humility of God, who humbly attends and tenderly cares for us human beings. Jesus’ humility, in his life and death, clarified for his disciples what it meant to follow him. Imitating Jesus means placing others’ needs first. Joining in God’s work means being vulnerable to others. Authority is authentically exercised only within service. In these ways, Jesus invites his followers to participate in God’s humility.

Today’s Readings: Wis 18:6–9; Ps 33:1, 12, 18–19, 20–22; Heb 11:1–2, 8–19 (1–2, 8–12); Lk 12:32–48 [35–40]

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**WEEKLY SCHEDULES**

**Lectors/Eucharistic Ministers:**
8/15 7:00 p.m.  Mark Hitt/Jane Klug
8/17 4:00 p.m. Paula Whitwam/Mark Klug
8/18 8:00 a.m. Rose Hess/John Hess
8/18 10:00 a.m. Larry Freeland/Mark Helfer

**Altar Server:**
8/15 7:00 p.m.  Please Volunteer
8/17 4:00 p.m.  Frizzell
8/18 8:00 a.m.  Laberdee
8/18 10:00 a.m. Swift

**Gift Bearers:**
8/15 7:00 p.m.  Please Volunteer
8/17 4:00 p.m.  Kay Bosworth & Daunel Gump
8/18 8:00 a.m.  Mark Hitt
8/18 10:00 a.m. Georgia Pettit

**Sacristy Cleaners: Week of August 18, 2019**
Sue Church & Cindy Gunto

**Greeters:**
8/17 4:00 p.m.  Gina & Mark Hedrick
8/18 8:00 a.m.  Kitty Pazyk & Roger Frame
8/18 10:00 a.m. Sue Church & Cindy Gunto

**Bingo: August 16, 2019**
Raffle: John & Sheree Leonard
Kitchen: Jenny Ingram

**COLLECTION: July 27, 2019**
- Envelopes - $2748.00
- Loose Offering - $841.00
- Building Repairs - $70.00
- Memorial Offerings - $45.00
- Diocesan Offerings - $40.00
- Attendance - 254

**Please welcome Fr. Titus Thomas, missionary priest from Tanzania, who is celebrating our Masses this weekend.**

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**REV. THAT SON NGOC NGUYEN, PASTOR**

**Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confessions):**
Sat. 3:30 p.m., or any other time upon request.

**Sacrament of Marriage:**
By appointment. Contact the parish office at least six months before the date of the marriage. Pre-CanA is required.

**Sacrament of Baptism:**
By appointment. The Diocese requires instructions beforehand for the parents. Contact the parish office.

**Religious Education (P.S.R.):**
Sundays during the school term at 9:00 a.m. to 9:50 a.m. for Grades 1-12.

**Registration and Church Support:**
Parishioners should be properly registered at the Parish Office.

Rev. That Son Ngoc Nguyen, pastor

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**Mass Schedule:**
- Weekends: Saturday - 4:00 p.m.
  Sunday - 8:00 a.m. 10:00 a.m.
- Weekdays: Monday - Friday 8:00 a.m.

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- Sunday 8:00 a.m., 10:00 a.m.

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- Monday - Friday 8:00 a.m.
PRAY FOR OUR SICK PARISHIONERS, FRIENDS AND FAMILY MEMBERS:

Prayer Request: Marjolea DeBold, Linda Anderson, Sharon McGee, Tony & Jerrie Skvarka, Carolyn Harris, Donna Colucci, Peggy Myśliwiec, Zelma Imhof, Joe Church, Bobby Kleinedler.


Our Parish offers prayers and condolences to the Shutler family upon the death of Mr. John Wayman. May he rest in peace.

BISHOP’S INSTALLATION MASS SET

The installation Mass for the Most Rev. Mark Brennan will be held at the Cathedral of St. Joseph in Wheeling on Aug. 22 at 2 p.m.

While the Mass is open to the public, general seating at the Cathedral will be limited because of the great number of invited guests. Those who cannot be seated at the Cathedral are invited to watch the Mass at WesBanco Arena, where the diocese is hosting a public reception following the installation.

Each diocese parish will receive two tickets for the Mass, which will be honored at the Cathedral until seating there reaches capacity. Free parking will be provided in the garage next to the arena.

FALL RCIA CLASSES FORMING

A reminder that we are planning fall RCIA classes now. If you know someone who is interested in becoming Catholic or who has not yet been fully initiated in the faith, please encourage them to talk to father or office staff. RCIA classes are also ideal for those who want to learn about the faith.

In Sympathy

Office of Safe Environment

We encourage ALL parents to read the following information in the Parish bulletin.

PSR SESSIONS READYING

With the beginning of the new school year comes the beginning of Parish School of Religion classes, otherwise known as PSR. Teachers and parish organizers need to hear immediately from parents who wish to enroll their children so preparations to serve them can be finalized.

Classes will begin Sept. 8 and meet Sundays until early May in the former school from 9 - 9:45 a.m. Teachers are ready to greet your children! All they need now is to hear from you.

PSR classes are designed to assist families of public school children in grades 1 through 12 with their religious education. Students seeking to take the sacraments of First Holy Communion and Confirmation are also served.

Please contact Linda Beck at 304-843-1166. You will find registration forms in the vestibule. Please return to the parish office by Aug. 25.

CATHOLIC CHARITIES SEEKING CAO

Catholic Charities West Virginia is seeking a full-time Chief Advancement officer. The position can be located in Wheeling, Charleston, or Martinsburg. The CAO is responsible for a team of professionals that advance the organization's philanthropic work through fundraising, marketing and communications, volunteerism and parish relations. Visit www.dwc.org for additional information and to apply.

WVU STUDENTS INVITED TO ST JOHN PARISH MOUNTAINEER NIGHT

Any new or returning students to WVU should be sure to come check out St. John University Parish in Morgantown. Every Thursday the parish holds Mountaineer Catholic nights, which begin with a Mass at 6 p.m. followed by Dinner for a Dollar, which is a home-cooked meal that is a break from the dining hall food, followed at 7:30 p.m. with a speaker or community night. Students can just stop by or stay the entire evening. For more information, visit our website mountaineer-catholic.com or our Facebook page “Mountaineer Catholic.”

To report an incidence of suspected child sexual abuse, contact local law enforcement, or contact WV Child Protective Services: 800-352-6513. To report suspected cases of sexual abuse by personnel of the Diocese, contact this diocesan number: 888-434-6237.
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