

November 19, 2017 – 33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time – Cycle A

Good Morning! And how are you?

We are blessed because God tells us what's going to happen in the end today. Again, as we prepare for next week: The Feast of Christ the King, the end of the church year, as we focused on last week and we continue to focus on today, we focus on the end of time, and the end of our life, and judgement day.

And so the second reading He says "that day we will come like a thief in the night. Just when you're just not ready for it." But then He says "but you brothers and sisters are not in the night. That this should keep you off guard." And the reason He says this is because God has given us the final answers to the final questions. Right? As we talked about before, and I taught at Prep every week, I give them a 10 point quiz and that was every Friday and every Thursday, I would give them the questions and the answers to the test. Right? Every week. I would sit there and say "okay gentlemen pull out a piece of paper the first question tomorrow is who was Abraham? The answer gentlemen is the Father of the Faith. The second question on tomorrow's test gentlemen will be who is Sarah? The answer gentlemen is the wife of Abraham." Cake, huh? And yet I failed up to seven kids every year on average. When I gave them the questions and the answers. God, again, has given us the questions and the answers for the final exam when you and I stand before Him. And what He wants to say to us and what all of us want to hear is "well done good and faithful servant. Come and share your Master's joy."

Is that true? We all want that. So He's telling us how to do it and how not to do it. And when He talks about this in the Gospel today He talks about those who have given and then take what God has given them and use it for His glory and multiply it. And He talks about the five and the two and then the one. The one with the five multiplies it and skid it. It's God's money, its God's talent, He gives it to us to use for His glory not for our own. Every gift you and I have been given has been given to us for God and the building of His kingdom. But too many people, none of you, but too many people build it for their bank account, for their money, for their business, for their "everything" first and then whatever's left over is for

God. It's all God's and we got to build up His kingdom and not our own. And so, and notice that when we do that for Him what does He say when we give it all back to Him, He says share your master's joy. That He shares this with us. You know when we do everything for Him, He blesses us. It's just that simple, but, now we get to the final man who just had the one and he buries it. As we talked about before this is a sin of omission. Right?

Two weeks ago, I was at EWTN, and I was speaking to them, to all the radio people throughout the United States. And so I was to give the first talk in the morning to all these people for one hour and it was on confession. Right? But there was an auto accident to the bus coming, and in front of the bus was getting there, and so there got there forty minutes late. So, I had to take my one hour talk on confession and talk on it in twenty minutes. Whoa! Oh, we did it because you tell me I have to be done exactly on time, I was done exactly when I needed to be done. But I had to take the one hour talk and put it into twenty minutes. And so I thought okay these are good people here they're doing Catholic radio across the nation. I can bring it on what they don't focus on, and give them the final answers to the final exam. And so when we get to the final, the way I say to them was I just said: "so first that means that you and I love God above all things created." And you heard me speak on this many times. That means that we love God above our family, above our money, upon our wealth, upon our health, upon everything to love God above all because that's the way He loves us. And we've all broken the commandments so we need to make sure that we confess that.

And then the second thing I talk about, was of course, that we'll be judged at the end of time on the sins of omission. And as I said to them and I've talked to you many times and hearing confessions almost thirty years, ninety eight percent of the time most people only focus on their sins of commission. Rarely the sins of omissions. We just talked about this. So what I said to them was we need to begin all our confessions and all of our examinations of conscience with the sins of omissions. To really make sure when I just go into that box and I'm just thinking about all my dirty thoughts- get over it. Think about how we haven't loved God above all things. You know again, so a sins of omission is what according to Matthew 25 is what we'll be judge and go to hell for forever. Is that correct? "I was hungry you gave Me food, I was thirsty you gave Me drink, come inherit the

Master's joy or get out of sight, you condemned the everlasting fire prepared for the devil and his angels. Because I was hungry and you gave Me no food, I was thirsty you gave Me no drink." Nowhere does it talk about anything else that's the only time He explicitly talks about who's going to heaven and whose going to hell. So I can say to you, you can go to daily mass, receive communion every day, say a rosary every day, but not take care of the poor and go to hell forever. Right? According to Matthew 25 that's what Jesus said. This isn't Father Larry, hell with Father Larry. What does Jesus say, the God of Gods, the King of Kings, the Lord of Lords, who will judge you and me on eternal life either eternally happy or eternally miserable. This is what He tells us. So, again the sins of omissions. So first of all, do I pray every day? If I don't that's a great sin. It's not like, oh yeah, I don't pray I should. No, no, no, no. Pray or go to hell. Right? How often? Every day. Not an option people. This is a sin of omission. A great sin of omission.

Second, we must forgive one another. Right? In Matthew 25, I mean in when we speak the gospel, I mean the Our Father, today we will say to God forgive us as we forgive. And then after that He teaches us if we do not forgive others God will not forgive us. A great sin of omission. So if I go to daily mass and I go to confession and I go to communion but there's one person I refuse to forgive, I'll be damned. Great sin of omission. So I go through my life is there anyone that I have not forgiven. Lord give me the grace to forgive them. It's all grace to live this shows you've received the grace of God because you lived a life like Christ. So, we're not talking about works here or feeling works we're talking about cooperating with the grace of God has given us or not cooperating. Okay? So, the second thing I am a forgiving person that's the third thing I guess. Do I take care of the poor? Not do I try. Do I consistently take care of others? That means I'm a generous with that which God has given me or do I waste it all on myself and I got to be generous first with others and then take care of me. And we've talked about this. But as we're preparing for the final judgment some of you might get mad at me when I talk this way. I'm trying to prepare you for the final exam. I'm giving you the questions and the answers to the final exam.

According to Jesus this isn't according to Paul, so don't quote me, Paul, let's quote Jesus Christ. This is what Jesus, the King of Kings says. So when we come before Him and right now you and I were to drop dead.

Bang! How am I on my prayer? How am I on my forgiveness? How am I on taking care of the poor? And if these are things I have to work on don't go crazy. Say Lord, I need to work on these things. And He'll give you the grace. But we have to have the desire to be that way. God is always rich in mercy. And if we know what He wants and we try with all our heart He'll bless us. It's when we decide nope I put myself first you get what's left over. Okay. He'll give you what you want and that's yourself. And you'll have that forever.

So, today as we come before God let's ask Him for the grace to give us a heart that's filled for love for Him. It's filled with love for others. That focus on mercy on forgiveness on taking care of the poor that we might be like God and live with Him forever. You got it? Get it? Gonna live it? May each of you know His love today and forever. Amen.