# Pastor's Letter

## November 15, 2026 – 33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

Dear Church Family,

Most people would probably agree with the statement that life is short and we should make the most of it. We might disagree on how to do that. Some think that we should try to have all the fun we can and get the most pleasure that we can out of our time. Others might think that we should try to amass all the power or wealth that we can. The goal for Christians, however, is not to get something for ourselves, but to use the time and the gifts that we have been given to promote God's plan for renewing the world. We are called to give ourselves to the building up of God's kingdom.

Our Gospel reading for today is the Parable of the Talents. A rich man gives three of his servants money to go out and invest. Two of them go out and double their master's money. The third is afraid of the risk and buries the money in the ground. The two who took a chance with what they were given are praised and rewarded by their master. The timid servant who held back, loses everything. Jesus is showing us that the blessings that we receive, both spiritual and material, are meant to be put in circulation to help spread the love of God. If we hoard them, we will lose them. If we share our faith and the blessings of God with others they will be multiplied. If we don't share them, both we and the world will be poorer. As the parable says, "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."

We don't all have the same gifts and talents. Some of us are able to do more and some less. The two servants in the parable are not judged on the amount of money they made, but on the fact that they did what they could with what they had. That's what we are called to do, to contribute what we can to the common good and to the sharing of the good news of Jesus Christ according to our abilities and gifts. We are not going to be judged in comparison to other people. We will be judged based on how well each of us makes the most of who we are.

You and I have been given great gifts. Let's not be afraid to take a chance and put them to work for God.

Blessings,

Fr. Scott

