



# Building Faith@HOME

November 15, 2020

**1st Reading:** PRV 31:10-13, 19-20, 30-31

**Responsorial Psalm:** 128:1-2, 3, 4-5

**Second Reading:** 1 THES 5:1-6

**Gospel:** MT 25:14-30

## “Well done my faithful servant!”

Today’s Gospel reading, if only taken on its surface, can leave us with a challenging understanding of God and his expectations of us. After all, didn’t the servant with one talent return his loan in full? First, we see that each servant was given talents “according to his ability”. Our Father who knows both our strengths and limitations isn’t going to give us more than we can handle. Rather, he recognizes where each of us are in our journey and gives us the tools and support to do the work ahead. So, the servant with one talent did have the ability, but lacked the trust in God to go any further. Not only could he not advance the kingdom, but he was unable to grow in relationship with his master. But what about the other two servants, what can be learned from them? Each had been given a portion to use, and both in trusting in God’s provision had doubled the gift.

Rather than burying the talent, the other servants took on the responsibility and were faithful to the task. Their reward was God’s recognition of their faithfulness and confidence that they were now ready to accept more. “Well done, my good and faithful servant. Since you were faithful in small matters, I will give you great responsibilities. Come, share your master’s joy.”

<[Theologyisaverb.com](http://Theologyisaverb.com)>

## November 14th begins THE YEAR OF VOCATIONS

Through our baptism, each and everyone of us is called to holiness. Like the talents given to the servants in today’s gospel, we are given the gifts of the Holy Spirit which are manifested in each of us in different ways. Our response to God’s call requires the use of our gifts in ways to build the Church. This response is called our “vocation.” As we begin this year of vocation, talk about the gifts or talents that each member of your family has and how those gifts can be used to build the Church in the world.

## November 17 - Memorial of St. Elizabeth of Hungary

St. Elizabeth is the patron saint of Bakers and [Catholic Charities](#). She was a princess of Hungary who had great empathy for the poor. She daily took bread and secretly went out to feed the poor. The bread that she was hiding miraculously appeared as roses. Enjoy fresh baked “[Rose Bread](#)”, a sweet cinnamon bread shaped like a rose.

## November 21 - Memorial of the Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Prayer for this morning or evening: “Eternal Father, we honor the glory of the Virgin Mary. May her prayers bring us the fullness of your life and love. Amen.”

## Links for More Ideas, Activities & Resources FYI

[youtube.com](http://youtube.com) - Bishop Barron on The Parable of the Talents (Teens & Adult Faith Builder)

[Dltk-kids.com](http://Dltk-kids.com) - Parable of the Talents (Children Faith Builder)

[catholiccuisine.com](http://catholiccuisine.com) - Rose Bread for St. Elizabeth of Hungary (Family Faith Builder)

[youtube.com](http://youtube.com) - The Presentation of Mary (popesprayerusa) (Teens and Adult Faith Builder)

[Diolc.org](http://Diolc.org) - Discernment of Gifts, a Spiritual Gifts Inventory Activity, Diocese of Cleveland (Teens & Family Builder)

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## Year of Vocations

November 14, 2020 - November 21, 2020

Are there unused talents that I am failing to recognize or use today? How might I better trust in God that he will use my gifts to build his church in the world around me?

YEAR OF VOCATIONS  
St. Joseph pray for us

## Virtue of the Week

