

# Sunday Gospel Reflection

## Thirty-Third Sunday Ordinary Time

### 1. Sign of the Cross

### 2. Gospel: Matthew 25:14-30 *“enter into the joy of your master.”*

#### The Parable of the Talents



MATTH. XXV.

Fœnora qui referunt, herus his nova munera donat;  
Qui tulit effosās e serobe, perdit opes.  
Gratia subtrahitur, quam non inpendis in usum.  
Perdere apud iustum est, non meruisse, Deum.

Der Herr schenkt denen neu, die Ihm den wucher bringen.  
Führt den, ders Gut vergrub, als einen Praffer, an.  
Die Gnade fällt, wann wir Sie nicht stets höher scheringen:  
Wer nicht bey Gott geizt, Der hat sein Gut verthan.

<sup>14</sup> “For it is as if a man, going on a journey, summoned his slaves and entrusted his property to them; <sup>15</sup> to one he gave five talents, to another two, to another one, to each according to his ability. Then he went away. <sup>16</sup> The one who had received the five talents went off at once and traded with them, and made five more talents. <sup>17</sup> In the same way, the one who had the two talents made two more talents. <sup>18</sup> But the one who had received the one talent went off and dug a hole in the ground and hid his master’s money. <sup>19</sup> After a long time the master of those slaves came and settled accounts with them. <sup>20</sup> Then the one who had received the five talents came forward, bringing five more talents, saying, ‘Master, you handed over to me five talents; see, I have made five more talents.’ <sup>21</sup> His master said to him, ‘Well done, good and trustworthy slave; you have been trustworthy in a few things, I will put you in charge of many things; enter into the joy of your master.’ <sup>22</sup> And the one with the two talents also came forward, saying, ‘Master, you handed over to me two talents; see, I have made two more talents.’ <sup>23</sup> His master said to him, ‘Well done, good and trustworthy slave; you have been trustworthy in a few things, I will put you in charge of many things;

enter into the joy of your master.’ <sup>24</sup> Then the one who had received the one talent also came forward, saying, ‘Master, I knew that you were a harsh man, reaping where you did not sow, and

gathering where you did not scatter seed; <sup>25</sup> so I was afraid, and I went and hid your talent in the ground. Here you have what is yours.' <sup>26</sup> But his master replied, 'You wicked and lazy slave! You knew, did you, that I reap where I did not sow, and gather where I did not scatter? <sup>27</sup> Then you ought to have invested my money with the bankers, and on my return I would have received what was my own with interest. <sup>28</sup> So take the talent from him, and give it to the one with the ten talents. <sup>29</sup> For to all those who have, more will be given, and they will have an abundance; but from those who have nothing, even what they have will be taken away. <sup>30</sup> As for this worthless slave, throw him into the outer darkness, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.'

### **3. Reflection: (reflect on your own or share together if with others)**

1. What are the talents that have been given to you by God the Father?
2. Are there ways in which you have simply hidden your talent in a hole in the ground?
3. In what ways would you like to use your talents more fully on behalf of God?

### **4. Share petitions that you would like to pray for: Finish with the Special Petition.**

**Special Petition: For the poor throughout the world and in our community.**

### **5. Lord's Prayer**

### **6. Sign of the Cross.**