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Buried Gold: Francis and the Gifts We Were Given

Dear Parish Family,

This Sunday's Gospel (Matthew 25:14-30) is the parable of the talents. A master goes on a journey and entrusts his property to three servants: five talents to one, two to another, one to the third. The first two put what they have to work and return the master's money doubled. The third digs a hole and buries his single talent. When the master comes back, he is not impressed by the cautious servant's safe return of exactly what he was given. "You wicked, lazy servant," he says. The problem was never the amount. It was that the servant mistook fear for faithfulness.



"But the man who received one went off and dug a hole in the ground and buried his master's money."

It is easy to hear this parable as a story about money, but Jesus is talking about the gifts God places in our hands: faith, time, skills, the ability to pray, the ability to love. The first reading from Proverbs describes a woman of valor who "reaches out her hands to the poor" and "extends her hands to the needy." Her faithfulness is not measured by what she keeps locked away, but by what she puts to use. The second reading from Thessalonians reminds us that we are "children of the day," and so we should live awake and sober, not buried in anxiety.

Our patron knew something about burying what he was

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El Oro Enterrado: Francisco y los Dones que Recibimos

Querida familia parroquial:

El Evangelio de este domingo (Mateo 25, 14-30) es la parábola de los talentos. Un señor se va de viaje y confía sus bienes a tres siervos: cinco talentos a uno, dos a otro, uno al tercero. Los dos primeros ponen a trabajar lo que tienen y devuelven al señor el doble. El tercero cava un hoyo y entierra su único talento. Cuando el señor regresa, no le impresiona la devolución cautelosa del siervo, que solo le entrega exactamente lo que recibió. «Siervo malo y perezoso», le dice. El problema nunca fue la cantidad. Fue que el siervo confundió el miedo con la fidelidad.

Es fácil escuchar esta parábola como una historia sobre dinero, pero Jesús habla de los dones que Dios pone en nuestras manos: la fe, el tiempo, las habilidades, la capacidad de orar, la capacidad de amar. La primera lectura, del libro de los Proverbios, describe a una mujer hacendosa que «tiende la mano al desvalido» y «extiende sus manos al pobre». Su fidelidad no se mide por lo que guarda bajo llave, sino por lo que pone en uso. La segunda lectura, de la carta a los Tesalonicenses, nos recuerda que somos «hijos de la luz», y que por eso debemos vivir despiertos y sobrios, no enterrados en la

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Food Pantry Needs:
Both Food Pantries have the same needs!

Pancake mix, syrup, cereal, fruit cocktail, canned tuna, spaghetti, and peanut butter, toilet paper, bar soap, and toiletries.

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Necesidades del Banco de Alimentos:
¡Ambos bancos de alimentos tienen las mismas necesidades!

Mezcla para panqueques, jarabe, cereales, cóctel de frutas, atún en lata, espaguetis, mantequilla de maní, papel higiénico, jabón en barra y artículos de aseo personal.

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en la ansiedad.

Nuestro patrono sabía algo sobre enterrar lo que había recibido. De joven, Francisco tuvo todas las ventajas que la riqueza de su padre podía ofrecerle, y gastó gran parte de ellas en sueños de gloria. Solo después de su conversión comprendió que sus dones no eran para su propia imagen. En las primeras biografías, reúne a sus primeros hermanos y les dice, en esencia, que hasta entonces habían hecho poco o nada, y que había llegado la hora de empezar a servir al Señor de verdad. No esperó a sentirse completamente preparado. Comenzó con lo que tenía: unos pocos amigos, una capilla en ruinas, una vida sencilla y la confianza de que Dios lo multiplicaría.

Francisco nos recuerda que el siervo que arriesga algo por el Señor nunca se queda sin nada. Los talentos que parecen pequeños en nuestras manos, cuando los devolvemos a Dios, crecen de maneras que no habríamos podido planear.

Antes de terminar, quiero decirles un sincero gracias. Veo sus dones trabajando en esta parroquia cada semana: los que enseñan a nuestros niños, los que preparan el altar, los que visitan a los enfermos en casa, los que acompañan a un vecino en duelo, los que reciben a los recién llegados. No han enterrado lo que recibieron, y esta comunidad es más fuerte por ello.

Y los invito esta semana a sacar un talento de la tierra. Piensen en un don que Dios les ha dado, sea una habilidad, un poco de tiempo o una palabra de ánimo, y úsenlo por alguien más esta semana. No esperen a sentirse listos. Empiecen, como Francisco, con lo que ya tienen. San Francisco, ruega por nosotros.

Con gratitud y bendiciones,

P. Daniel Vallejo

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Holiday Food Needs

As we plan for the Holidays, please remember those in need and help provide food baskets for the Thanksgiving and Christmas Holidays. We will need donations of:

Instant Mashed Potatoes	Stuffing Mix
Turkey Gravy	Canned Vegetables
Canned Sweet Potatoes	Canned Cranberry Sauce
Brownie Mix	Cookies
Snack Items	Jello and/or Pudding

You can drop off donations in the Food Pantry food boxes at the entrances of the Church, or at the Food Pantry during our normal hours, Monday and Wednesday 10:00 am – 12:30 pm.

Truly, thank you for your generosity.

St. James Gift Card Fundraiser

The St. James Food Pantry Gift Card Fundraiser has returned!

Buy all of your Holiday gift cards from the Food Pantry to support the Pantry. A portion of the proceeds from purchasing gift cards is donated directly to the Food Pantry.

Order forms are located at both the Delaware Ave and South End sites. Drop off your order form by Nov. 29th with a check made payable to St. Francis of Assisi Church. Note on the memo line the check is for Gift Cards.

Gift cards will be available for pick-up after Mass on Dec. 5th and Dec. 6th at the site you placed your order form.
Call or email Linda Cruz if you need other arrangements.

Thank you for your support!!!

Questions? Contact Linda Cruz at Lindac2009@msn.com or by phone at 518-605-8740.

Location and Hours of St. Francis Food Pantries
Horarios y Ubicaciones de los Bancos de Alimentos

St. James Food Pantry	518-414-1929
391 Delaware Ave., (rear)	Mon. & Wed.: 10:00 am —12:30 pm
St. John's/St. Anne's Center	518-472-9091
88 Fourth Ave.	Mon., Wed., Th.: 10:00 am —12:00 pm & 1:00 pm —3:00 pm
Welcome Table	Tues., Sat., 11:30 am —1:00 pm

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Harvest Dinner – Dec. 5, 4:30 pm
St. Johns'/St. Anne's Center

Millie Holmes, Peggy Hetling, and Jackie Brilling will host a harvest dinner on Saturday, December 5, 2026, at St. John's/St. Ann's Center, at 4:30 PM.

Menu:

Charcuterie	Fried Chicken
Mac N Cheese	Smoked Turkey Green Beans
Candied Yams	Cole Slaw
Desserts	Beverages

Please register on the form located in the vestibule/foyer of the church. We look forward to seeing you!
Donation $35.00 to benefit St. Francis of Assisi Parish.

Giving Tree Project

As you can see, the Giving Tree is up on the St. Joseph side of the Delaware Ave site of St. Francis of Assisi Church, and we are ready to launch our annual Giving Tree Project.

We invite you, your friends, and your family to join our project by taking a tag, or tags, from the tree. Each tag has the age and gender of a child and a gift suggested request.

Gifts need to be returned NO LATER THAN SUNDAY DEC 13th and placed under the tree, so they can be given to the families prior to our Christmas break.

ALL GIFTS MUST BE NEW AND UNUSED. THEY CAN BE WRAPPED, HOWEVER WE WOULD PREFER THAT THEY BE PLACED IN GIFT BAGS.

IMPORTANT: PLEASE SECURELY ATTACH THE GIVING TREE TAG TO THE GIFT BAGS.

If you prefer, you can drop the gifts off at the Food Pantry during our normal hours of operation, Monday and Wednesday from 10:00 am – 12:30 pm

Thank you so much for your support!
Merry Christmas and may God bless you!

Join Hallow today!

We have a network-wide subscription, so enjoy all the benefits of Hallow : set and maintain a prayer routine includes audio Bible stories, prayers, meditations, Lectio Divina, Christian music and much more!

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given. Francis, as a young man, had every advantage his father's wealth could provide, and he spent much of it on dreams of glory. Only after his conversion did he understand that his gifts were not for his own image. In the early biographies, he gathers his first brothers and tells them, in effect, that until now they have accomplished little or nothing, and that it is time to begin serving the Lord in earnest. He did not wait until he felt fully ready. He started with what he had: a few friends, a ruined chapel, a bare life, and a trust that God would multiply it.

Francis is a reminder that the servant who risks something for the Lord is never left with nothing. The talents that seem small in our hands, when given back to God, grow in ways we could not have planned.

Before I close, I want to say a heartfelt thank you. I see your gifts at work in this parish every week: the ones who teach our children, who prepare the altar, who visit the homebound, who sit with a grieving neighbor, who greet the newcomers. You have not buried what you were given, and this community is stronger because of it.

And I invite you this week to take one talent out of the ground. Name one gift God has given you, whether it is a skill, a little time, or a word of encouragement, and use it for someone else this week. Do not wait until you feel ready. Begin, as Francis did, with what you already have. Saint Francis, pray for us.

With gratitude and blessings,
Daniel Vallejo
Fr. Daniel Vallejo

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Let us pray for the proper use of wealth, that not succumbing to the temptation of selfishness, it may always be put at the service the common good and solidarity of those who have less.

St. Vincent de Paul Society

The good news of today's Gospel is the extravagance of what is being given us. All we need do is be faithful in "small matters." The cost of fidelity has no comparison to the reward given.

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Place a check made out to "St. Vincent de Paul Society" in the collection basket. Please mark that it is from St. Francis.

You can also help by joining us!
Call the Cathedral at 518-463-4447 to learn more.

Mass Intentions

Del. Ave.		*Requested by:*
Sat., Nov. 14 4:00 pm	+ Ena Keenan	Denise Buckley
Sun., Nov. 15 9:00 am	+ Elena Insogna	Audra & Rich
10:30 am	Pro Populo	
Sat., Nov. 21 4:00 pm	+ Gloria Johnson, + Francis R. Johnson, + Francis J. Johnson	Gloria Moak
Sun., Nov. 22 9:00 am	Anthony & Maria Lobo	Audrda & Rich
10:30 am	Pro Populo	
South End		*Requested By:*
Sun., Nov. 15 10:30 am	Pro Populo	
Sun., Nov. 22 10:30 am		

Readings for the Week of Nov. 15, 2026

Sun: Prv 31:10-13, 19-20, 30-31/Ps 128:1-2, 3, 4-5/ 1 Thes 5:1-6/Mt 25:14-30 or 25:14-15, 19-21

Mon: Rv 1:1-4; 2:1-5/Ps 1:1-2, 3, 4 and 6/ Lk 18:35-43

Tues: Rv 3:1-6, 14-22/Ps 15:2-3a, 3bc-4ab, 5/ Lk 19:1-10

Wed: Rv 4:1-11/Ps 150:1b-2, 3-4, 5-6/Lk 19:11-28

Thurs: Rv 5:1-10/Ps 149:1b-2, 3-4, 5-6a and 9b/ Lk 19:41-44

Fri: Rv 10:8-11/Ps 119:14, 24, 72, 103, 111, 131/ Lk 19:45-48

Sat: Rv 11:4-12/Ps 144:1, 2, 9-10/Lk 20:27-40

Next Sunday:

Ez 34:11-12, 15-17/Ps 23:1-2a, 2b-3, 5, 6/ 1 Cor 15:20-26, 28/Mt 25:31-46

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St. Francis of Assisi
Mass and Confessions Schedule

Confession and Mass Schedule

Sat.:	Confession:	3:15–3:50 pm	St. Francis (Del. Ave.)
	Mass	4:00 pm	St. Francis (Del. Ave.)
Sun.:	Mass	9:00 am	St. Francis (Del. Ave.)
	Mass	10:30 am	St. Francis (Del. Ave.)
	Mass	10:30 am	St. Francis (South End)

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Santa Misa: Domingo 10:30 am
Confesiones: Domingo 10:00 am

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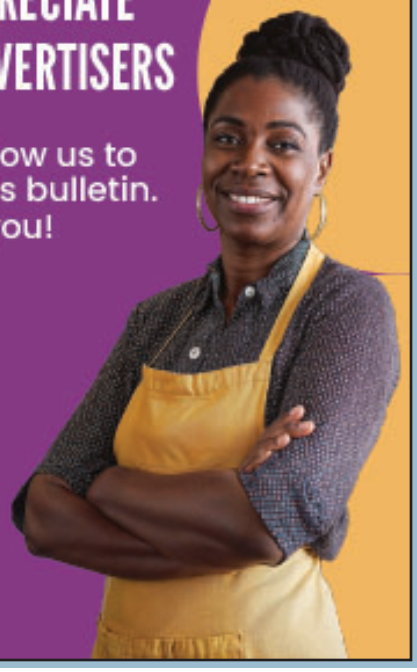
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