

My Sunday Mass Page

Sunday, 8 November 2026 · Matthew 25:1-13



1 Today's Gospel

The Ten Bridesmaids: Keep Your Lamp Burning

Jesus said, "The kingdom of heaven will be like this: ten bridesmaids took their lamps and went to meet the bridegroom." Five were **wise** and brought flasks of **oil**; five were foolish and brought none. The bridegroom was late, and they all fell asleep.

At midnight came a cry: "The **bridegroom** is here! Go out and meet him." The foolish ones' lamps were going out, but the wise ones said there might not be enough oil to share. While the foolish ones went to buy more, the bridegroom arrived. Those who were ready went in with him to the wedding feast, and the door was closed. Jesus said, "**Stay awake, because you do not know either the day or the hour.**"

The bridegroom is Jesus, and the feast is the joy of heaven. The oil is like our faith and love, which nobody can lend us at the last minute. We fill our lamps little by little, by praying, going to Mass and loving others. Jesus wants every one of us at His feast, **ready** to welcome Him.

Big idea! We get ready for Jesus **little by little**, filling our lamps with **faith and love**.

Listen at Mass: In the Psalm we sing "My soul is thirsting for you, O Lord my God." In the second reading, St Paul promises that we will be with the Lord for ever.

Go deeper: Look up Luke 12:35-36, where Jesus tells us to keep our lamps lit, and Matthew 5:14-16.

2 Think It Through

Answer in a sentence or two.

1. What did the wise bridesmaids do differently?

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2. Why could the oil not be borrowed at midnight?

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3. What habit keeps your lamp full for Jesus?

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3 My Prayer

Write a prayer asking Jesus to help you stay awake and ready for Him.

Dear Lord Jesus,

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4 Design a Lamp

Design a lamp for the wedding feast. Label drops of oil around it with things that keep you close to Jesus.

Ideas: morning prayer · Sunday Mass · forgiving someone · helping at home · reading the Bible

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