33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

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Sunday, 15 November 2026 · Matthew 25:14–30

1 Today's Gospel

The Parable of the Talents: Gifts to Use, Not Bury

Jesus told a parable about a man going on a journey. He called his servants and handed over his wealth: five **talents** to one, two to another and one to the third, "to each according to his ability."

The first two servants traded and **doubled** what they had. But the third was afraid, so he dug a hole and **buried** his master's money. After a long time the master returned. To each of the first two he said: "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." The servant who hid his talent lost even the one he had.

Our English word talent comes from this story! God trusts each of us with **gifts**: our abilities, our time, our faith and the people we love. He asks us to use them **faithfully** and with love. Fear can make us hide our gifts, but when we use them to serve God and others, even in small ways, they grow.

Big idea! God trusts each of us with **gifts to use**, and being faithful in small things leads us to **share His joy**.

> Listen at Mass: In the first reading, listen for a woman who works hard and *"reaches out her hands to the poor."* St Paul calls us *"children of the light"*.

> Go deeper: Look up 1 Peter 4:10. The Catechism says God gives people different talents so that we can share them with those who need them (CCC 1936–1937).

2 Think It Through

Answer in a sentence or two.

1. What did each of the three servants do with his talents?

2. Why do you think the master praised being faithful in small matters?

3. What is one gift God has given you? How could you use it to help someone?

3 My Prayer

Write a prayer thanking God for one of your gifts and asking Him for courage to use it.

Dear Lord Jesus,

4 My Treasure Chest

Draw a treasure chest full of the talents God has given you. Label each one with a way you can share it.

Ideas: music · sport · drawing · being a good friend · patience · helping at home · praying for others

"Well done, my good and faithful servant." **Matthew 25:21**