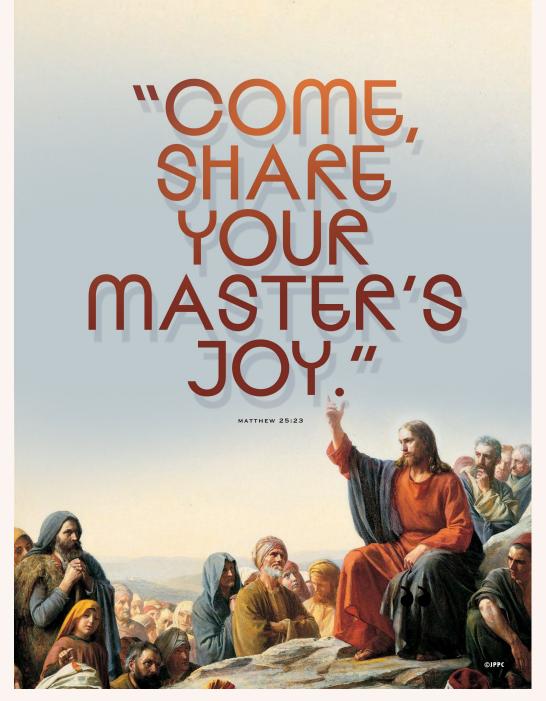
Thirty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time ~ November 15, 2020



St. Mark's Catholic Church

Rev. Msgr. Sean P. Flynn, Pastor Rev. José Fernandez-Bangueses, Resident Priest Rev. Bernard N. Mohan (*Wednesday and Friday*) Deacon Michael Keary

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Lectionary: 157

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

When one finds a worthy wife, her value is far beyond pearls.

Her husband, entrusting his heart to her, has an unfailing prize.

She brings him good, and not evil, all the days of her life.

She obtains wool and flax and works with loving hands.

She puts her hands to the distaff, and her fingers ply the spindle. She reaches out her hands to the poor, and extends her arms to the needy.

Charm is deceptive and beauty fleeting; the woman who fears the LORD is to be praised.

Give her a reward for her labors, and let her works praise her at the city gates.

Responsorial Psalm Ps

128:1-2, 3, 4-5

R. (cf. 1a) Blessed are those who fear the Lord.

Blessed are you who fear the LORD, who walk in his ways!

For you shall eat the fruit of your handiwork;

blessed shall you be, and favored.

R. Blessed are those who fear the Lord.

Your wife shall be like a fruitful vine in the recesses of your home;

Your children like olive plants around your table.

R. Blessed are those who fear the Lord.

Behold, thus is the man blessed who fears the LORD.

The LORD bless you from Zion:

may you see the prosperity of Jerusalem all the days of your life.

R. Blessed are those who fear the Lord.

Reading 2 1 THES 5:1-6

Concerning times and seasons, brothers and sisters, you have no need for anything to be written to you.

For you yourselves know very well that the day of the Lord will come like a thief at night.

When people are saying, "Peace and security," then sudden disaster comes upon them, like labor pains upon a pregnant woman, and they will not escape.

But you, brothers and sisters, are not in darkness, for that day to overtake you like a thief.

For all of you are children of the light and children of the day.

We are not of the night or of darkness.

Therefore, let us not sleep as the rest do, but let us stay alert and sober.

Alleluia

JN 15:4A, 5B

R. Alleluia, alleluia.

Remain in me as I remain in you, says the Lord.

Whoever remains in me bears much fruit.

R. Alleluia, alleluia.

Gospel

MT 25:14-30

Jesus told his disciples this parable:

"A man going on a journey called in his servants and entrusted his possessions to them.

To one he gave five talents; to another, two; to a third, one--

to each according to his ability.

Then he went away.

Immediately the one who received five talents went and traded with them, and made another five.

Likewise, the one who received two made another two.

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

"After a long time the master of those servants came back and settled accounts with them.

The one who had received five talents came forward bringing the additional five.

He said, 'Master, you gave me five talents.

See, I have made five more.'

His master said to him, '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.'

Then the one who had received two talents also came forward and said, 'Master, you gave me two talents.

See, I have made two more.'

His master said to him, '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.'

Then the one who had received the one talent came forward and said, 'Master, I knew you were a demanding person, harvesting where you did not plant and gathering where you did not scatter;

so out of fear I went off and buried your talent in the ground.

Here it is back.'

His master said to him in reply, 'You wicked, lazy servant!

So you knew that I harvest where I did not plant and gather where I did not scatter?

Should you not then have put my money in the bank so that I could have got it back with interest on my return?

Now then! Take the talent from him and give it to the one with ten.

For to everyone who has, more will be given and he will grow rich;

but from the one who has not, even what he has will be taken away.

And throw this useless servant into the darkness outside, where there will be wailing and grinding of teeth."

Or

Mt 25:14-15, 19-21

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If you know someone who doesn't have access to the internet and would like a copy of the bulletin, please reach out to the Rectory at 732-449-6364.

This Week's Mass Intentions				
Date	Intention	Requested by		
Monday, November	16			
7:30 AM	† All Souls in Purgatory	Geri Zalom		
	† Loretta Jordan	Estate		
	† Caroline Liuzza	Lembo Family		
11:00AM	† Anna Boeri	Bertucci Family		
	† Ronald Gesior	Family		
	† Edward McGowan	Family		
Tuesday, November	17			
7:30 AM	† Janice M. Clemens	St. Mark's Parish Family		
11:00AM	† Mary & John Walters	Shirley Collis		
	† Donna Jo Disko	Jose & Nancy Tages		
	† Gonzalo Lopez	Bertucci Family		
Wednesday, Novem	ber 18			
7:30 AM	† Florence Ferrante	Janet & Art Ferrante		
11:00AM	† Stephen J. Bohacik	Family		
	† Joseph Patrick DeSarno	Patricia DeSarno		
	† Lee Ann Duffy	Walking with Purpose Sisters		
Thursday, Novembe	r 19			
7:30 AM	† Janice Clemens	Don Sabatini		
11:00AM	† Marie "Sis" Coogan	Helena, Robert, & Mary Anne Coogan		
	† Mary Roche	Pat Weeks		
	† Madeline Lanni	Ed & Judy Blaha		
Friday, November 20)			
7:30 AM	† Ethel Bencivengo	Dan & Rose Crimmins		
11:00AM	† James M. Revel	Knight of Columbus Council #5611		
	† Lee Ann Duffy	St. Mark's Parish Family		
Saturday, November	21			
7:30 AM	† Joan Cunning	William Travers		
4:30 PM	† Rita Fredericks	Raymond Fredericks		
	† Edward McGuirk	Maureen Kelly Machirella & Family		
	† Therese McGrath	Helen McGrath		
Sunday, November 2	22			
8:00 AM	† John Barnes	St. Mark's Parish Family		
	† Edward McGowan	Family		
	† Molly Tobin	Bill Travers		
10:00 AM	People of the Parish			
	† Matthew & Beatrice Cummings	Tom Arreilly		
	† William T. Watson, III	Jim & Ginny Mulvihill		
	Dylan Finn, Special Intention	Howell Middle School South Sunshine		
5:00 PM	Maria Valdez, Special Intention	Family & Friends		
	† Carlos Vinicio Zuna	Zuna Family		
	† Silviano Ramirez	Daughter & Family		





Readings for the Week November 15, 2020

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

Tuesday: Rv 3:1-6, 14-22; Ps 15:2-3a, 3bc-4ab, 5;

Lk 19:1-10

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

Thursday: Rv 5:1-10; Ps 149:1b-2, 3-4, 5-6a and 9b;

Lk 19:41-44

Friday: Rv 10:8-11; Ps 119:14, 24, 72, 103, 111, 131;

Lk 19:45-48

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

Sunday: Ez 34:11-12, 15-17; Ps 23:1-2, 2-3, 5-6;

1 Cor 15:20-26, 28; Mt 25:31-46

Please Note: At this time, because of Covid 19, we are not accepting clothing, or any personal books, devotionals, religious articles or Rosary beads. In the future we will gladly accept your donations, but at the present time and for the safety of all those concerned, we are asking that these items not be left at the church. Thank you.

Prayers For Healing

The list of parishioners, relatives, and friends are in need of your prayers for healing. Note to ensure the consent of the person whose name appears here, the pastor's policy requires that only they

or a family member may request a name be added to this list. Also if you or a loved one are unable to attend mass and would like to receive Holy Communion in a home or assisted living, please notify Donna at 732-449 -6364 ext. 100.

Benjamin Ohlweiler
Jeremy Pavlick
Lucy Gargano
Julia Buonocore
Fred Buonocore
Christine Frauenheim
Alexandra Gavilanes
Sarah Gallagher
Jimmy Azzollini

Vivian Wilson Ken Hauck Dorothy Waugh Patricia Cavanaugh Rose Courtney Grace Philhower Jim Bogan Maria Valdez Ani Slevin

Eternal Rest grant anto them, O Lard, And let perpetual light shine upon them.

Please remember in your prayers those of our diocese, parish, friends, and family members who have recently died.

+ John Sangeveld

May the angels lead you into paradise..."

Thank You! We are so grateful to all those who financially sacrifice each week to support our parish and it's ministries!



We would especially like to thank all of those who faithfully use their weekly parish contribution envelopes and those who give online through the Parish Giving Program.



We would like to thank all those who have attended Mass the past few weeks, who wore a mask and adhered to the social distancing requirements.

We wish to remind those who are afraid to come to Mass because of health issues, that the dispensation from Sunday and Holy Day obligation will remain in effect until further notice.



The Christmas season is now upon us and The Giving Tree committee, through the Social Concerns ministry, is asking for your support. The response has always been exceptionally generous, and despite the challenges we face with the pandemic, we hope this year's efforts will continue to show our desire to share with others. St Mark's will continue to sponsor the residents of Habcore in Asbury with \$25 Target gift card donations as well as toys, hats and gloves for the children of Our Lady of Mount Carmel, Epiphany House, Mercy Center and Madonna House.

With the safety of our parishioners and volunteers in mind, this year's Giving Tree procedures have been adjusted to be 100% non-contact. There are three ways to contribute:

• Online gift donations: We have set up online gift registries through Amazon, Walmart and Target. Gifts will be shipped directly to the Social Concerns and dropped off at our charities. We ask that online orders are to be placed by Tuesday, December 1st to ensure they arrive on time.

Target Registry Link

Type in: tgt.gifts/stmarksgivingtree

Walmart Registry Link

Type in: https://bit.ly/2GJQJLU

Amazon List Link

Type in: https://amzn.to/38sh5xB

- Gift Card donations: \$25 to either Target or Walmart. Please put in envelope and drop off at the rectory or mail to 215 Crescent Pkwy, Sea Girt, NJ 08750. Return by Sunday, December 6th. You can also purchase gift cards through the registry links.
- Monetary donations: We are accepting monetary donations to shop on your behalf. Any donation in either cash or checks, made out to St. Mark's Social Concerns with Giving Tree in the memo. Please put in envelope and drop off at the rectory or mail to 215 Crescent Pkwy, Sea Girt, NJ 08750. Return by Sunday, December 6th.

Please reach out to **Tricia Levin at stmarksgivingtree@gmail.com** with any questions.

Thank you and God Bless you for your generosity.

Prayer to Jesus for Coronavirus Healing

Jesus Christ You traveled through towns and villages curing every disease and illness. At Your command the sick were made well. Come to our aid now in the midst of the global spread of the corona virus, that we may experience your healing love. Heal those who are sick with the virus, may they regain their strength and health through quality medical care. Heal us from our fear which prevents nations from working together and neighbors from helping one another.

Carry in Your arms those who have died from the virus and bring them home. Be with the families of those who are sick or have died. May they know Your Peace. Be with the doctors, nurses, researchers and all medical professionals who put themselves at risk in serving the sick. May they know your protection. Be with the leaders of all nations. Give them the foresight to act with charity and true concern for the well-being of the people they were meant to serve. Give them the wisdom to invest in long term solutions to help prevent future outbreaks. Our Lord Jesus stay with us as we endure and mourn, persist and prepare. In place of our anxiety, give us Your Peace. Jesus Christ heal us. Amen

Wrap Yourself or Your Loved One in a Prayer Shawl



St. Mark's Prayer Shawl Ministry, a part of Social Concerns is offering beautiful hand made shawls blessed by our priests.

If you, a family member, or neighbor, are sick, lonely, grieving or would appreciate the embrace of a warm shawl, please call Donna at the rectory at 732-449-6364 ext.100.

Catholic Charities News

Community Services is Catholic Charities' link to parishes in the Trenton diocese. Serving families in crises, we provide food, mortgage, rent and utilities assistance, temporary housing, counseling, and immigration services. To learn more about Catholic Charities Community Services visit our You Tube presentation. Click on: https://youtu.be/-r8YRyPClY4
If you know of anyone needing assistance, please contact Catholic Charities at 800-360-7711



St. Mark's would like to let our Parishioners know what practices we have in place to protect them during the pandemic so that

they can make informed decisions on whether they feel they would like to attend in person Masses. Social distancing with roped off pews which allows those present to sit at least 6 feet apart, all pews, door handles and railings are sanitized after every Mass daily and during the weekend Masses and Sacraments, sanitizer is at the front and side entrances, bathrooms are cleaned and sanitized on a regular basis, masks must be worn by everyone in the church, the priests and Extraordinary Ministers use hand sanitizer before distributing Communion, Communion is distributed one side at a time to allow for social distance, the windows are open during Mass to help circulate air, collection baskets are placed on the Altar rail rather than the Ushers handling the collection, weekend requirement is entrance thru the front doors for Parishioner count but you may exit thru all doors.



Please join us on Friday's for Adoration immediately after 11:00 AM Mass with Benediction at 1:45 PM. It will be broadcast as well on livestream @ stmarkseagirt.com

St. Mark's Altar Rosary Society

St. Mark's Altar Rosary Society will be reciting the rosary after the 11am mass on the first Monday of each month.

We invite those that cannot make it to church, to join us from home in the recitation of the



rosary. In this way we continue to honor our Blessed Mother and follow her directions to continue praying for an end to abortion and all the intentions of her Immaculate Heart.



A message from Bishop O'Connell: Preparing for Christmas during COVID

The COVID pandemic will not take away Christmas 2020! It will, however, change the way we celebrate it, especially in our churches and parishes, if current circumstances continue as they are or worsen. Because COVID is a highly contagious airborne virus, the prospect of large (or larger than usual) crowds gathering indoors this winter for long periods of time without ample ventilation and proper social distancing, as well as the necessity to sanitize churches between Masses, Christmas Eve and Christmas Day Mass schedules will be affected, especially in parishes where there is only a

single pastor or priest assigned. The COVID pandemic's maximum one-third occupancy restrictions in churches coupled with the need for social distancing will limit the space available for parishioners to attend Christmas Mass as usual. Church schedules will also have to accommodate required cleaning.

Parishioners in the Diocese of Trenton have been dispensed from the holy day obligation because of the COVID pandemic this year. In addition to the restricted "in church" occupancy with required social distancing at Christmas Eve and Christmas Day Masses, parishes will also offer live-streamed Christmas Masses along with those broadcast on television to support the faith of those who cannot attend church this year. Those who are not feeling well or who are in a high-risk category should remain at home and take advantage of the on-line or televised celebrations of Christmas Mass.

Parishes will determine the number and times of Christmas Masses they will be able to offer this year. Please listen for announcements or check parish websites for schedules.

None of us want the restrictions or adjustments we have had to make because of the COVID pandemic. Please God, it will end soon. Although different from past Christmases, parishes will do their very best to assist the faithful in celebrating the Lord's birth with faith and joy.

Thank you for your understanding and patience.





ANNOUNCING A PARTNERSHIP TO SUPPORT THE DIAPER BANK OF MONMOUTH COUNTY



Did you know: 1 in 3 U.S. families struggle to afford diapers; a toddler uses up to 8 diapers a day; infants use up to 12 diapers per day; and diapers cost \$70 - \$80 per month per child? Just as food banks support families in need, diaper banks also

provide a basic need.

Child Care Resources of Monmouth County, Inc., a 501 (c)(3) organization, raises awareness about diaper need. To help families, volunteers, working out of St. Thomas More Parish as their base of operation, are partnering with Child Care Resources to coordinate support for the Diaper Bank from Monmouth County parishes.

For more information, or to plan a parish diaper drive, contact Deacon Matt Nicosia at deacon matt@optimum.net. To help purchase diapers, make checks payable to "Child Care Resources" and mailed to: Diaper Bank c/o Child Care Resources, 3301C Route 66, Neptune, NJ 07754-1234. Check out their website at http://ccrnj.org/diaperbank-at-child-care-resources/.



Please support the NJ Right to Life

The pandemic has been devastating to **the NJ Right to Life** fundraising. Please consider making a donation directly to New Jersey Right to Life https://njrtl.org/donate/ or contact **Marie Checton 732-245-8405.**

Proceeds will benefit New Jersey Right to Life, the state's oldest and largest pro-life organization, dedicated to protecting all human life from conception to natural death.

Please show your support for LIFE!





On Behalf of the Babies, Thanks for Supporting Life!



Cavavava Cavava Cavava Cavava

CYO OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD

Sunday, November 15, 7:30-8:30 p.m. in St. Mark's basement.

What: Please bring a shoebox, one roll of last year's Christmas wrap, scotch tape, and scissors.

Also bring some of the following: Small Toys (cars, balls, dolls, stuffed animals, kazoos, harmonicas, yoyos, jump ropes, etch-a-sketches with extra batteries, coloring books with crayons, art supplies, etc.)

Hygiene items (toothbrush, mild bar soap, comb, washcloth, band aids, etc.)

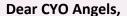
Other (t-shirts, socks, hair clips, toy jewelry, watches, flashlights with batteries, etc.)

Clothes (shoes, socks, hat, scarf, mittens, underwear, shirts and pants, etc.)

Do not pack your box until you get to church. We will distribute everything evenly and then wrap.

Thanks and God bless!

CYO Operation Christmas Child Committee



I am so proud of the many service projects you completed while we were unable to meet (March-September)!!!!! Six food drives, a fundraiser for the families dealing with pediatric cancer, 100's of greeting cards to our seniors in nursing homes, great interviews of our doctors, nurses, priests, etc. and the beautiful painted seashells with messages of hope!!

Thank you for being patient as we try to make our weekly meetings as safe as possible for all our members. Staggering the groups week to week helps us to avoid a large crowd. So far so good! Thank you for wearing masks, being attentive to social distancing and using the provided hand sanitizers. As Jillian would say: "We got this "!!!!!!

I am not posting a full CYO calendar because I have to wait week to week to make sure everyone is healthy. I will email your parents every week and text each of you to give you updates. For the time being: Everything is tentative!!!!!!!!!!

December also has lots of service activities. We are selling Christmas wreaths for our charities such as Madonna House and Ugandan missions. We have also been asked by the Missionaries of Charity sisters to collect new thermal tops and pants for the homeless in our area. We will ask St. Mark's parishioners to help with this. Hopefully we will be able to go Christmas caroling at one of the nursing homes. We will have to wait and see what is allowed.

If at any time we are not able to have an in-person meeting at St. Mark's, I will be conducting ZOOM meetings.

Again, thanks for your generosity and for all the warmth and love you bring to every CYO meeting and service event. You are so right, Jillian: "We got this"!!!!!!!!!!

Mrs. Mary Reilly Mary33angels@aol.com 732-685-6011 (Text is ok).



Let's light up the town of Manasquan in remembrance!

Light a Life Walk of Remembrance

TO BENEFIT COMMON GROUND GRIEF CENTER



DATE: Saturday, November 28th, 2020
Rain Date: December 5th, 2020

WHERE: Downtown Manasquan

TIME: Between 4pm-8pm

DONATION FOR LUMINARY: \$10.00

WHAT IS IT? Purchase a luminary in memory or honor of a special person. We will include the name of that person on the luminary. Luminaries will be lit and displayed along the streets of downtown Manasquan. Stroll the town anytime between the hours of 4-8pm.

Purchaser of luminary need not be present for walk.



Sponsored By



Four easy ways to order luminaries:

- 1. Online at commongroundgriefcenter.ejoinme.org/lightallfe2020
- Make a check payable to Common Ground and mail to Common Ground, 67 Taylor Ave., Manasquan, NJ 08736
- Visit Squan Family Dentistry at 54 Broad St., Manasquan (Monday-Friday: Sam-6pm)
- Visit Bouquets To Remember at 123 Main St., Manasquan (Tues-Fri: 10am-5:30pm; Sat: 10am-5pm)

Together, in remembrance, we can light up the town of Manasquan!

In collaboration with the Borough of Manasquan

Common Ground Grief Center is a 501(c)3 nonprofit organization which provides on-going peer support groups for children, teenagers and their families who are grieving the loss of a parent, sibling or friend. The Center provides services free of cost to all participating families. Common Ground is supported solely by private donations through individuals, corporations, foundations, grants and fundraisers.





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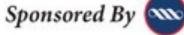
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Light a Life, Walk of Remembrance ORDER FORM

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Trigésimo Tercer Domingo del Tiempo Ordinario ~ Noviembre 15, 2020

Primera lectura: Proverbios 31, 10-13. 19-20. 30-31

Dichoso el hombre que encuentra una mujer hacendosa: Muy superior a las perlas es su valor.

Su marido confía en ella y, con su ayuda, él se enriquecerá; todos los días desu vida le procurará bienes y no males. Adquiere lana y lino y los trabaja con sus hábiles manos.

Sabe manejar la rueca y con sus dedos mueve el huso; abre sus manos al pobre y las tiende al desvalido. Son engañosos los encantos y vana la hermosura; merece alabanza la mujer que teme al Señor. Es digna de gozar del fruto de sus trabajos y de ser alabada por todos.

Salmo Responsorial: Salmo 127, 1-2. 3. 4-5

Dichoso el que teme al Señor.

Dichoso el que teme al Señor y sigue sus caminos: comerá del fruto de su trabajo, será dichoso, le irá bien.

Dichoso el que teme al Señor.

Su mujer como vida fecunda, en medio de su casa; sus hijos, como renuevos de olivo, alrededor de su mesa.

Dichoso el que teme al Señor.

Ésta es la bendición del hombre que teme al Señor:

"Que el Señor te bendiga desde Sion, que veas la prosperidad de Jerusalén todos los días de tu vida".

Dichoso el que teme al Señor.

Segunda lectura: 1 Tesalonicenses 5, 1-6

Hermanos: Por lo que se refiere al tiempo y a las circunstancias de la venida del Señor, no necesitan que les escribamos nada, puesto que ustedes saben perfectamente que el día del Señor llegará como un ladrón en la noche.

Cuando la gente esté diciendo: "¡Qué paz y qué seguridad tenemos!", de repente vendrá sobre ellos la catástrofe, como de repente le vienen a la mujer encinta los dolores del parto, y no podrán escapar. Pero a ustedes, hermanos, ese día no los tomará por sorpresa, como un ladrón, porque ustedes no viven en tinieblas, sino que son hijos de la luz y del día, no de la noche y las tinieblas. Por lo tanto, no vivamos dormidos, como los malos; antes bien, mantengámonos despiertos y vivamos sobriamente.

Aclamación antes del Evangelio: Juan 15, 4.5

R. Aleluya, aleluya.

Permanezcan en mí y yo en ustedes, dice el Señor;

el que permanece en mí da fruto abundante.

R. Aleluya.

Evangelio: Mateo 25, 14-30

En aquel tiempo, Jesús dijo a sus discípulos esta parábola: "El Reino de los cielos se parece también a un hombre que iba a salir de viaje a tierras lejanas; llamó a sus servidores de confianza y les encargó sus bienes. A uno le dio cinco talentos; a otro, dos; y a un tercero, uno, según la capacidad de cada uno, y luego se fue. El que recibió cinco talentos fue enseguida a negociar con ellos y ganó otros cinco. El que recibió dos hizo lo mismo y ganó otros dos. En cambio, el que recibió un talento hizo un hoyo en la tierra y allí escondió el dinero de su señor. Después de mucho tiempo regresó aquel hombre y llamó a cuentas a sus servidores. Se acercó el que había recibido cinco talentos y le presentó otros cinco, diciendo: 'Señor, cinco talentos me dejaste; aquí tienes otros cinco, que con ellos he ganado'. Su señor le dijo: 'Te felicito, siervo bueno y fiel. Puesto que has sido fiel en cosas de poco valor, te confiaré cosas de mucho valor. Entra a tomar parte en la alegría de tu señor'. Se acercó luego el que había recibido dos talentos y le dijo: 'Señor, dos talentos me dejaste; aquí tienes otros dos, que con ellos he ganado'. Su señor le dijo: 'Te felicito, siervo bueno y fiel. Puesto que has sido fiel en cosas de poco valor, te confiaré cosas de mucho valor. Entra a tomar parte en la alegría de tu señor'. Finalmente, se acercó el que había recibido un talento y le dijo: 'Señor, yo sabía que eres un hombre duro, que quieres cosechar lo que no has plantado y recoger lo que no has sembrado. Por eso tuve miedo y fui a esconder tu talento bajo tierra. Aquí tienes lo tuyo'. El señor le respondió: 'Siervo malo y perezoso. Sabías que cosecho lo que no he plantado y recojo lo que no he sembrado. ¿Por qué, entonces, no pusiste mi dinero en el banco, para que a mi regreso lo recibiera yo con intereses?

Quítenle el talento y dénselo al que tiene diez. Pues al que tiene se le dará y le sobrará; pero al que tiene poco, se le quitará aun eso poco que tiene. Y a este hombre inútil, échenlo fuera, a las tinieblas. Allí será el llanto y la desesperación' "