

19th Sunday in Ordinary Time

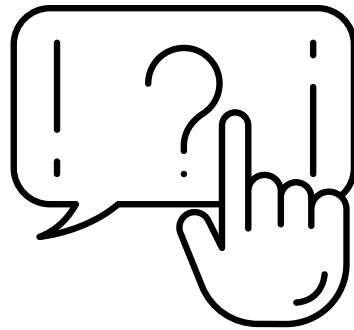
Luke 12:32-48

'You also must be ready.'

At that time: Jesus said to his disciples, 'Fear not, little flock, for it is your Father's good pleasure to give you the kingdom. Sell your possessions, and give to the needy. Provide yourselves with money bags that do not grow old, with a treasure in the heavens that does not fail, where no thief approaches and no moth destroys. For where your treasure is, there will your heart be also.'

'Stay dressed for action and keep your lamps burning, and be like men who are waiting for their master to come home from the wedding feast, so that they may open the door to him at once when he comes and knocks. Blessed are those servants whom the master finds awake when he comes. Truly, I say to you, he will dress himself for service, and have them recline at table, and he will come and serve them. If he comes in the second watch, or in the third, and finds them awake, blessed are those servants! But know this, that if the master of the house had known at what hour the thief was coming, he would not have left his house to be broken into. You also must be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an hour you do not expect.'

Peter said, 'Lord, are you telling this parable for us or for all?' And the Lord said, 'Who then is the faithful and wise manager, whom his master will set over his household, to give them their portion of food at the proper time? Blessed is that servant whom his master will find so doing when he comes. Truly, I say to you, he will set him over all his possessions. But if that servant says to himself, "My master is delayed in coming", and begins to beat the male and female servants, and to eat and drink and get drunk, the master of that servant will come on a day when he does not expect him and at an hour he does not know, and will cut him in pieces and put him with the unfaithful. And that servant who knew his master's will but did not get ready or act according to his will, will receive a severe beating. But the one who did not know, and did what deserved a beating, will receive a light beating. Everyone to whom much was given, of him much will be required, and from him to whom they entrusted much, they will demand the more.'



Reflection

In this Gospel, Jesus invites us to live with open hearts and ready hands. He reminds us that true treasure isn't found in possessions but in the love and generosity we show to others. Like servants waiting for their master to come home, we are called to stay alert and faithful – not just occasionally, but every day. We don't know when Jesus will return, so our readiness means living with kindness, generosity, and responsibility right now. The more we have been given – whether talents, time, or resources – the more we are called to use them wisely for the good of others. When we choose to serve and love others faithfully, we are storing up a treasure that lasts forever. Let's keep our lamps burning bright by loving, helping, and living as God wants, so we're always ready to welcome Him.

Materials needed

Access to the internet

Activity

Jesus reminds us to stay ready – not by gathering things, but by doing good and caring for others. One way we can do this is by making sure people know that the SVP is here to help.

Spend some time exploring the [Request Help](#) page on the SVP website to see how we reach out to those in need. Then, think about how you can help spread the word. Could you let others know what the SVP does? Could you share where people can go if they need support?

By raising awareness, guiding people to the help they need, and taking action as a group, you're living the Gospel – showing kindness, generosity, and a readiness to serve. This is the kind of treasure Jesus calls us to build: a treasure that truly transforms someone else's life.

Call to Action

Let's put our faith into action. This week, take one step to help others get the support they need. Share something about the SVP with a friend, a teacher, your parish, or on social media. You never know who might be struggling in silence. By raising awareness, you're not just talking about kindness – you're living it, and showing that you're ready to love and serve, just like Jesus asks.