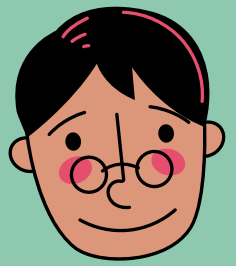
Reflection Question of the Week

Gospel: Matthew 25:1-13

Thirty-second Sunday in Ordinary Time

November 8, 2026



What is one thing you can do each day to show Jesus that you love him?

Children



What helps you stay close to Jesus when life gets busy or your faith feels less important?

Teens



The wise bridesmaids planned ahead. What can your family do this week to grow in faith and be ready to recognize Jesus in the people and opportunities God places in your lives?

Families



What changes might you make in your daily life to be more attentive to God's presence and more prepared to respond to his call to be ready?

Adults





Gospel Glossary

Parable: A simple story that uses everyday situations or experiences to teach a deeper moral or spiritual lesson.

Virgins: Young unmarried women, often associated with purity, innocence, and devotion.

Bridegroom: A man who is about to be married or has recently been married.

Flasks of oil: Small containers used to store oil, which can be used as fuel for lamps to provide light.

Merchants: People who buy and sell goods, usually as part of a business.

The Word of God

Matthew 25:1-13

Jesus told his disciples this **parable**: "The kingdom of heaven will be like ten **virgins** who took their lamps and went out to meet the **bridegroom**. Five of them were foolish and five were wise. The foolish ones, when taking their lamps, brought no oil with them, but the wise brought **flasks of oil** with their lamps. Since the bridegroom was long delayed, they all became drowsy and fell asleep. At midnight, there was a cry, 'Behold, the bridegroom! Come out to meet him!' Then all those virgins got up and trimmed their lamps. The foolish ones said to the wise, 'Give us some of your oil, for our lamps are going out.' But the wise ones replied, 'No, for there may not be enough for us and you. Go instead to the **merchants** and buy some for yourselves.' While they went off to buy it, the bridegroom came and those who were ready went into the wedding feast with him. Then the door was locked. Afterwards the other virgins came and said, 'Lord, Lord, open the door for us!' But he said in reply, 'Amen, I say to you, I do not know you.' Therefore, stay awake, for you know neither the day nor the hour."

Closing Prayer

Heavenly Father,
Thank You for Your love and guidance. Help us to remain faithful, watchful, and prepared for Your coming. Keep our faith strong, our hearts steadfast, and our lamps burning brightly as we walk daily with You.
In Jesus' name, we pray. Amen.