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In this Sunday's Gospel, Jesus teaches us the importance of being prepared for the coming of the Kingdom of Heaven. Through the parable of the wise and foolish virgins, He reminds His disciples that no one knows the day or hour of His return. Therefore, we must remain vigilant, faithful, and ready to welcome Him.

In first-century Palestine, it was customary for young women to wait for the bridegroom and accompany him to the wedding celebration. Jesus uses this familiar tradition to teach a deeper spiritual lesson. The wise virgins represent those who live with faith and readiness, while the foolish virgins remind us of the danger of neglecting our spiritual lives.

For the early Christian community, this parable was especially meaningful because they were learning to live faithfully while awaiting Christ's return. The message remains relevant today: Being prepared for Christ means living our faith every day through prayer, love, service, and faithfulness to God. The Gospel invites us to ask ourselves: Are we truly ready to welcome Jesus into our lives?



En el Evangelio de este domingo, Jesús nos enseña la importancia de estar preparados para la llegada del Reino de los Cielos. A través de la parábola de las vírgenes prudentes y las vírgenes necias, nos recuerda que nadie conoce el día ni la hora de su regreso. Por eso, debemos permanecer vigilantes, fieles y preparados para recibirlo.

En la Palestina del siglo primero, era costumbre que un grupo de jóvenes esperara al novio para acompañarlo a la celebración de la boda. Jesús utiliza esta tradición para transmitir una enseñanza espiritual. Las vírgenes prudentes representan a quienes viven con fe y preparación, mientras que las necias nos recuerdan el peligro de descuidar nuestra vida espiritual.

Para las primeras comunidades cristianas, esta parábola tenía un significado especial, pues estaban aprendiendo a vivir su fe mientras esperaban el regreso de Cristo. Este mensaje sigue siendo importante para nosotros: Estar preparados para recibir a Cristo significa vivir nuestra fe cada día mediante la oración, el amor, el servicio y la fidelidad a Dios. El Evangelio nos invita a preguntarnos: ¿Estamos verdaderamente preparados para recibir a Jesús en nuestras vidas?

SPOTLIGHT ON DERWIN & ANTONIA BORLING

By Trudy Dowd



This faith-filled couple, Derwin and Antonia (Toñita) are a constant presence here at Our Lady of Mt. Carmel Church, especially at the 11:00 Sunday Mass. They've been parishioners for 15 years since their wedding here in 2011, with Fr. Emil Robu officiating. You'll see Derwin serving at the altar, and Toñita singing with the choir. Although they live in Seaside, they choose to attend Mass at OLMC because according to Derwin, "It feels like family." They also serve as catechists: Derwin teaches the OCIA program (Order of Christian Initiation of Adults), and Toñita teaches the second-year Confirmation class. Both are touching lives as they teach about our Catholic faith. They also accompany Fr. Jhonnatan to the Masses for our Hispanic community held in Cachagua, and have become integral to this worship. In addition to their ministries in our parish, they are very involved in the Cursillo program at San Pablo de Colores in Watsonville.

Toñita was born in Villa Guerrero, a small town in Mexico, and emigrated to the US in 2003. Derwin was born in Maui, Hawaii, and moved here in 1992 during his military service. Together they have five children and eleven grandchildren. They love traveling and spending time with family. When Toñita and Derwin are not busy with church, they enjoy having a seafood dish with a great Michelada, together at the beach.

When asked what moves them to be of service, Toñita says, "God changed our lives. Serving Him and our church is our grateful response to His love." Fr. Jhonnatan says, "These two live out their faith by giving generously of their time and always being willing to lend a hand." We're very happy the Borlings have chosen OLMC as their spiritual home.



Esta pareja llena de fe, Derwin y Antonia (Toñita), es una presencia constante aquí en la iglesia de Nuestra Señora del Monte Carmelo, especialmente en la misa dominical de las 11:00. Han sido feligreses durante 15 años, desde que se casaron aquí en 2011, en una ceremonia oficiada por el P. Emil Robu. Verás a Derwin sirviendo en el altar y a Toñita cantando con el coro. Aunque viven en Seaside, eligen asistir a misa en Nuestra Señora del Monte Carmelo porque, según Derwin, «se siente como una familia». También se desempeñan como catequistas: Derwin imparte el programa OCIA (Orden de Iniciación Cristiana para Adultos) y Toñita enseña la clase de Confirmación de segundo año. Ambos están marcando vidas al enseñar sobre nuestra fe católica. También acompañan al P. Jhonnatan a las misas para nuestra comunidad hispana que se celebran en Cachagua, y se han convertido en parte integral de este culto. Además de sus ministerios en nuestra parroquia, están muy involucrados en el programa del Cursillo en San Pablo de Colores, en Watsonville.

Toñita nació en Villa Guerrero, un pequeño pueblo de México, y emigró a los EE. UU. en 2003. Derwin nació en Maui, Hawái, y se mudó aquí en 1992 durante su servicio militar. Juntos tienen cinco hijos y once nietos. Les encanta viajar y pasar tiempo con la familia. Cuando Toñita y Derwin no están ocupados con la iglesia, disfrutan de un plato de mariscos acompañado de una buena michelada, juntos en la playa.

Cuando se les pregunta qué los motiva a servir, Toñita dice: «Dios cambió nuestras vidas. Servirle a Él y a nuestra iglesia es nuestra respuesta de gratitud a Su amor». El P. Jhonnatan dice: «Estos dos viven su fe dedicando generosamente su tiempo y estando siempre dispuestos a echar una mano». Estamos muy contentos de que los Borling hayan elegido a OLMC como su hogar espiritual.

Mass Intentions
Nov 7th – Nov 15th

Saturday Nov 7th 4:30: + Peter Coakley
Sunday Nov 8th 9:00: + Michelle Casas
11:00: + Jack Trezza
1:00: Spanish Mass
Wed. Nov 11th 12:00: + Jill Taylor
Thurs. Nov 12th 12:00: + Fr. Scott McCarthy (3rd Anniv)
Fri. Nov 13th (First Friday) 12:00: + Georganne Dudash
Saturday Nov 14th 4:30: People of the Parish
Sunday Nov 15th 9:00: + Sr. Marion Therese Arroyo
11:00: + Joanne Causton

Rest in Peace Krista Schmidt



Krista Schmidthues passed away on Sept 29 in San Luis Obispo. She was a very involved parishioner of OLMC for decades and had many friends here. Our best memories of her are of her walking to daily and weekend Mass from her home nearby, and volunteering for every church event over the years: rummage sales, fall festivals, decorating for holy days, and the Lenten dinner dessert table with Nydia Maldanado. The Stations of the Cross artwork are framed by her

Experienced Pianist: we are looking for a pianist for the weekend Masses. This is a paid position. Inquire at 659-2224 or speak with our choir director Tamara Somerville.



From the Parish Priest's Desk ...



This Sunday's Gospel reminds us to keep the light of faith burning through prayer and service. One beautiful way to do so is by sharing our gifts with our parish family. **Next Sunday, November 15, join us for our Ministry Fair after the 9:00 and 11:00 a.m. Masses.** We especially invite new parishioners to discover opportunities to serve. We will also offer a special blessing for those already serving in our ministries. Come and be part of our parish family! Shalom ***Fr. Jhonnatan***



OLMC Christmas Dinner on Friday, December 4th.

More info to come!

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SCHEDULE

Weekday Mass

Wednesday — Friday, 12 noon

Weekend Mass

Saturday Vigil at 4:30 PM
Sunday at 9:00 and 11:00 AM in English
Spanish Mass: 2nd Sunday of the Month
1:00 PM in the Church
4th Saturday of the Month at 7:00 PM in Cachagua

Reconciliation

Saturday at 3:30 PM and by appointment

Office Hours

Wednesday — Friday 1:00 PM — 3:00 PM
Sundays: 10:00 AM — 11:00 AM

"At the heart of silence is prayer. At the heart of prayer is faith. At the heart of faith is life. At the heart of life is service."

— St Teresa of Avila

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