

Deacon Tony's November 12, 2023 Homily for the 32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

The book of Wisdom was written for a specific purpose. It was written about 50 years before the coming of Christ and it was meant to instruct the men of religion morally and intellectually. They were being rejected and suffered greatly, and in need of edification. The Wisdom that we study is the wisdom of God (not man's wisdom) and it can be found by all who seek her.

She hastens to make herself known in anticipation of their desire; whoever watches for her at Dawn will not be disappointed, for he shall find her sitting by his gate.

For seeking God's Wisdom is the perfection of prudence, and whoever for Wisdom's sake keeps vigil, shall quickly be free from care; because she seeks those worthy of her (who are also seeking her), and graciously appears to them in His ways of care and concern.

Let us look at some of the ways that God reveals Himself to us:

PRAYER

- Jesus has instructed us to pray unceasingly, weather it is convenient or inconvenient.

BIBLE

- The inspired Word of God and is useful for teaching, correcting and training.

EUCCHARIST

- The very body of Christ that allows us to share in His divinity.
- That offers us time in Adoration to hear God speak.

RECONCILIATION

- That offers us forgiveness and fulness of freedom.

CARE FOR THOSE IN NEED

- God has entrusted us to care for all of His children young and old.

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Let us take prudent steps to do what we need to do in order to come face to face with our Lord.

When the foolish virgins, who were not prudent, were not present on time, THEY FOUND THE DOORS LOCKED.

The truly wise person builds his life on Jesus as the Way, on Jesus as Truth and Life, not only for the future but for here and now.

The Gospel, understood and adopted, is the only program that can guarantee fulfilment and happiness right away.

The others all depend on an uncertain future.

Such a wise person lives each day in the light of Jesus' vision. Such people find him in the most ordinary experiences of daily living – in the people they meet, in the events that take place, in the situations in which they meet, in the events that take place, in the situations in which they find themselves. Jesus is no stranger to them. He can bring many surprises, but he is never unexpected. When they eventually hear the final call, "Look! Here is the bridegroom! Come out to meet him", they are not worried. They are happy and more than ready to meet an old friend face to face.

There are two short prayers which we may find useful to be said at any time as we go through our day:

Lord, grant that all my thoughts, intentions, actions and responses may be directed solely to Your love and service this day.

Help me, Lord, to seek, to find, and to respond to you in every person and every experience of this day.