32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time-Keeping our Lamps Burning

We are pilgrims of faith journeying toward our eternal home with God. As we approach the end of the Church year, the readings for the Thirty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time invite us to reflect on three essential virtues of Christian life: wisdom, hope, and vigilance. They challenge us to keep the flame of faith burning brightly as we await the coming of the Lord.

In first reading, wisdom is described as God's radiant and unfading gift, sought and found by those who desire it. The responsorial psalm beautifully echoes this longing: "My soul is thirsting for you, O Lord, my God."

In the second reading, Saint Paul offers words of comfort and hope. He reminds us that those who have died in Christ will share in His resurrection. This promise fills us with hope and strengthens our confidence in God's gift of eternal life.

In the Gospel, Jesus tells the parable of the wise and foolish virgins. The difference between them was simple: some were prepared and others were not. The wise virgins brought extra oil for their lamps and were ready when the bridegroom arrived; the foolish virgins were caught unprepared and missed the wedding feast.

The oil in their lamps symbolizes a living faith sustained by prayer, the sacraments, and works of charity. It reminds us that holiness cannot be borrowed at the last moment; it must be cultivated day by day through a faithful relationship with God. Like the wise virgins, we are called to live with wisdom, vigilance, and perseverance, always prepared for the Lord's coming.

As pilgrims of faith, let us remain watchful and faithful, keeping our lamps burning filled with the oil of prayer, trust, and charity, so that when Christ comes, He may find us ready to enter the joy of His eternal kingdom. Amen.

Pastor, Fr. Dr. Ben Ampong.

With Deep Gratitude!

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