Liturgical Planning Overview
For November 12, 2017
Which is the 32\textsuperscript{nd} Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year A

Lectionary # 154

Readings: 32\textsuperscript{nd} Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year A
I: Wisdom 6:12-16
II: 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18 or 4:13-14
G: Matthew 25:1-13

For reflection:

The parable in tonight’s Gospel calls us to live in a manner that is anticipatory of Jesus’ return...even if we can’t know when that will be. Especially if we can’t know when that will be.

Tonight’s Gospel acclamation is “stay awake and be ready, for you do not know on what day your Lord will come!” In this passage from Matthew, Jesus challenges his audience to be prepared for the coming of the Lord, and discourages them from thinking that we can profit off the preparation of others. The wise will be ready, he claims, and the foolish will be left wishing they had prepared more. We don’t know when the Lord will come to dwell among us again, so we have to be ready. What does readiness look like? Ask yourself this: do you know Jesus? Would you recognize him when he comes again? Your life is a journey of relationship with Jesus and deepening this relationship is the best way to ready yourself for his coming into the world again.

To what are you most attentive today, in this moment? How is God calling you into deeper relationship with God’s Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord? As we await Jesus’ return in resplendent glory, let’s ask for God’s wisdom to come upon us.

Lord, keep us aware of the ways you work and move in our life, that we may always be ready to welcome you at your coming into the world and into our hearts.

Planning your music:

Mass Setting: ________________

Opening Song suggestions:
Wake, O Wake and Sleep No Longer #425
Seek Ye First the Kingdom #680
Crown Him with Many Crowns #559

Gloria? Yes, every week during Ordinary Time. It’s always preferable to sing the Gloria, but if you’re not ready to do so, it may be spoken. Be sure to let your presider know whether you will speak it or sing it.

Psalm: The psalm for this week is 63. See the arrangement at # 246 or #247 in the Newman Hymnal.
During Ordinary Time you may also use Psalm 145. See arrangements for Psalm 145 at #356-363 in the Newman Hymnal. You may be most familiar with #358 and #362. #359 is also very simple and can be learned easily.

**Alleluia (from your chosen Mass setting)** If the Mass setting you are using doesn’t contain an Alleluia, look at #M4, #M97-100. Select one you like and then use it for the whole season.

**Alleluia verse:**
Stay awake and be ready!
For you do not know on what day your Lord will come.

**Preparation of the Altar and Gifts – Song Suggestions:**
May You Cling to Wisdom #379
Wisdom, My Road #123
My Soul in Stillness Waits #412

**Holy, Holy; Memorial Acclamation; Amen (all from your chosen Mass setting)**

**Lord’s Prayer (may be spoken or sung)**

**Lamb of God/Agnus Dei (from your chosen Mass setting)**

**Communion Song Suggestions:**
Not on Bread Alone #164
Bread for the World #132
As We Gather at Your Table #131

**Closing Song Suggestions:**
All Glory, Laud, and Honor #481
City of God #694
Love Divine, All Loves Excelling #654