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.”
Our Scripture Reflection

One of the basic Christian dogmas is our belief that Our Lord will come at the end of time to bring His Kingdom to its fullness. We acknowledge this teaching each time we pray the great prayer He gave us: “Thy Kingdom come...” However, in the daily living of life, we forget about this teaching. Now, we are never to live life in a neurotic manner, in fear and trembling. Unlike the foolish virgins, however, we are to be prepared. The disciple who has been living his/her faith each day is one who will be ready to receive the Lord when He comes....and with joy!

Food for your Journey

You have to rely on your preparation. You got to really be passionate and try to prepare more than anyone else, and put yourself in a position to succeed, and when the moment comes, you got to enjoy, relax, breathe and rely on your preparation so that you can perform, and not be anxious or filled with doubt.
--Steve Nash, NBA player.

A Prayer from the Heart

Dear God, It is a wonderful life! I thank You and praise You for the many blessings I experience each day in the life that You have given me. May I always remember, Lord, that this life is a gift on loan. As Mom said, “We’re just passing thru.” As I enjoy this life may I do the work You have assigned to me, the work of a disciple, so that I may be ready to receive Your Son when He comes in glory. Amen