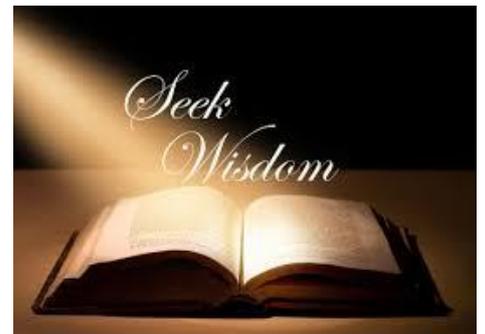


**READINGS AND REFLECTION  
FOR THE 32ND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

**A READING FROM THE** book of Wisdom 6:12-16  
*Wisdom is found by those who look for her.*

Wisdom is bright, and does not grow dim.  
By those who love her she is readily seen,  
and found by those who look for her.  
Quick to anticipate those who desire her,  
she makes herself known to them.  
Watch for her early and you will have no trouble;  
you will find her sitting at your gates.  
Even to think about her is understanding fully grown;  
be on the alert for her and anxiety will quickly leave you.  
She herself walks about looking for those who are worthy of her  
and graciously shows herself to them as they go,  
in every thought of theirs coming to meet them.  
The Word of the Lord.



**The Word of the Lord.**

**RESPONSORIAL PSALM      PS 62**

O God, you are my God, for you I long;  
for you my soul is thirsting.  
My body pines for you  
like a dry, weary land without water.  
**FOR YOU MY SOUL IS THIRSTING, O GOD, MY GOD.**

So I gaze on you in the sanctuary  
to see your strength and your glory.  
For your love is better than life,  
my lips will speak your praise.  
**FOR YOU MY SOUL IS THIRSTING, O GOD, MY GOD.**

So I will bless you all my life,  
in your name I will lift up my hands.  
My soul shall be filled as with a banquet,  
my mouth shall praise you with joy.  
**FOR YOU MY SOUL IS THIRSTING, O GOD, MY GOD.**

On my bed I remember you.  
On you I muse through the night  
for you have been my help;  
in the shadow of your wings I rejoice.  
**FOR YOU MY SOUL IS THIRSTING, O GOD, MY GOD.**

**A READING FROM PAUL'S FIRST LETTER TO THE THESSALONIANS 4:13-18**

*God will bring them with him those who have died in Jesus.*

**We** want you to be quite certain, brothers, about those who have died, to make sure that you do not grieve about them, like the other people who have no hope. We believe that Jesus died and rose again, and that it will be the same for those who have died in Jesus: God will bring them with him. We can tell you this from the Lord's own teaching, that any of us who are left alive until the Lord's coming will not have any advantage over those who have died. At the trumpet of God, the voice of the archangel will call out the command and the Lord himself will come down from heaven; those who have died in Christ will be the first to rise, and then those of us who are still alive will be taken up in the clouds, together with them; to meet the Lord in the air. So we shall stay with the Lord for ever. With such thoughts as these you should comfort one another.

**The Word of the Lord.**

Stay awake and stand ready, because you do not know the hour  
when the Son of Man is coming. Mt 24:42

## A READING FROM THE GOSPEL ACCORDING TO LUKE 20:27-38

*The bridegroom is here! Go out and meet him.*

Jesus told this parable to his disciples:  
'The kingdom of heaven will be like this:

Ten bridesmaids took their lamps and went to meet the bridegroom. Five of them were foolish and five were sensible: the foolish ones did take their lamps, but they brought no oil, whereas the sensible ones took flasks of oil as well as their lamps.



The bridegroom was late, and they all grew drowsy and fell asleep. But at midnight there was a cry, "The bridegroom is here! Go out and meet him." At this, all those bridesmaids woke up and trimmed their lamps, and the foolish ones said to the sensible ones, "Give us some of your oil: our lamps are going out". But they replied, "There may not be enough for us and for you; you had better go to those who sell it and buy some for yourselves".

They had gone off to buy it when the bridegroom arrived. Those who were ready went in with him to the wedding hall and the door was closed. The other bridesmaids arrived later. "Lord, Lord," they said "open the door for us." But he replied, "I tell you solemnly, I do not know you". So stay awake, because you do not know either the day or the hour.

### **The Gospel of the Lord**

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## REFLECTION

On 4.10.2020, Pope Francis' released his Encyclical Letter *Fratelli Tutti*.

We can access its wide-ranging eight chapters on the internet.

Pope Francis addresses "dark clouds" that hang over our world and offers a grand yet simple vision of human interconnectedness. We're all connected to each other in ways we scarcely imagine. We are called – both during and beyond CoVid19 – to rethink our lifestyles and to help those in need. After CoVid19, we do not need to "plunge even more deeply into feverish consumerism and new forms of egotistic self-preservation."

In Chapter Six, Pope Francis discusses "dialogue" as our process for approaching, listening to, speaking to and coming to know and understand one another so to find common ground. Pope Francis calls 'the whole world' but concretely each of us to reflect on our own actions and embrace this process.

Let us honour the patient dialogue of generous people who keep families and communities together. Their persistent, courageous dialogue does not make headlines but quietly helps the world to live much better than we imagine.

Pope Francis asks us not to confuse dialogue with the feverish exchanges of opinions ("parallel monologues") on social networks. They may be sharp, aggressive, self-serving, contradictory, unreliable and engage no-one.

May the Spirit inspire our dialogue  
in our families, in communities important  
for us including our parishes,  
in our workplaces, in our Church's preparation  
for the Plenary Council 2021,  
and in all leaders and organizations  
influencing our society's culture.



**KEEP  
CALM  
AND  
Tutti  
Fratelli**

**Alone we can  
do so little;  
together we  
can do so  
much.**

*Helen Keller*



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