



In the Parable of the Ten Virgins (Matthew 25: 1-13), Christ depicts a somber reality in our world where people are divided. The foolish virgins go through life without preparation for the final encounter with the Lord at the time of judgment. The wise virgins take the message of God into their hearts, living a faithful life filled with good deeds. Thus, each group will be either punished or rewarded accordingly.

As every one of us wants to be a winner, let us stay vigilant and ready to meet the Lord at any time. Let us live according to the saying, "We plan our lives as if we are living forever, and we prepare for eternity as if we are dying today."

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**5TH SUNDAY AFTER THE HOLY CROSS
OCTOBER 16, 2022**

By your cross, exalt your holy Church, guide her shepherds, adorn her priests with virtue, purify her deacons, help the elderly, educate children, direct the young, protect orphans, care for widows, and grant rest in your dwellings of light to our brothers and sisters who have died hoping in you. May we find refuge in the shadow of your cross on the great day of your second coming, that we may raise glory and thanks to you, to your Father, and to your Holy Spirit, for ever.

***Sedro-Liturgy of the Word for the
5th Sunday after the Holy Cross***

