



Catholic Church

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**Friday, September 1, 2023  
Friday of the Twenty-First  
Week in Ordinary Time**



***Good morning!***

We read 1 Thessalonians 4:1-8, Psalm 97, and Matthew 25, 1-13. I cannot believe it is already September 1. How do we stay awake to the passing of time? How do we not take for granted our time and our life? Notice in the Gospel they all "became drowsy and fell asleep." It is easy to become drowsy and fall asleep to the ways of living our faith. Paul exhorts the people of Thessalonica to conduct themselves to please God. They have fallen asleep to the way of faith and awoke to the ways of the world. Are we prepared? Do we have enough oil for our lamps? This oil is not something we can share but comes from our hearts. May we be prepared and sustained as we await the return of our Lord, and upon his return have the strength to stand before our loving Savior.

***Peace,  
RevKev***

***"Rejoice in the Lord, you just!"  
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