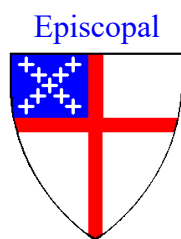


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### **Last Week's Gospel and Mother Julie's Sermon Outline (Matthew 25:14-30)**

Jesus said, "It is as if a man, going on a journey, summoned his slaves and entrusted his property to them; to one he gave five talents, to another two, to another one, to each according to his ability. Then he went away. The one who had received the five talents went off at once and traded with them, and made five more talents. In the same way, the one who had the two talents made two more talents. But the one who had received the one talent went off and dug a hole in the ground and hid his master's money.

After a long time the master of those slaves came and settled accounts with them. Then the one who had received the five talents came forward, bringing five more talents, saying, 'Master, you handed over to me five talents; see, I have made five more talents.' His master said to him, 'Well done, good and trustworthy slave; you have been trustworthy in a few things, I will put you in charge of many things; enter into the joy of your master.' And the one with the two talents also came forward, saying, 'Master, you handed over to me two talents; see, I have made two more talents.' His master said to him, 'Well done, good and trustworthy slave; you have been trustworthy in a few things, I will put you in charge of many things; enter into the joy of your master.'

Then the one who had received the one talent also came forward, saying, 'Master, I knew that you were a harsh man, reaping where you did not sow, and gathering where you did not scatter seed; so I was afraid, and I went and hid your talent in the ground. Here you have what is yours.' But his master replied, 'You wicked and lazy slave! You knew, did you, that I reap where I did not sow, and gather where I did not scatter? Then you ought to have invested my money with the bankers, and on my return I would have received what was my own with interest. So take the talent from him, and give it to the one with the ten talents. For to all those who have, more will be given, and they will have an abundance; but from those who have nothing, even what they have will be taken away. As for this worthless slave, throw him into the outer darkness, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.'"

### **Mother Julie's Sermon Outline**

Talent: 20 years' wages for a day laborer, of extraordinary worth  
Roughly 60-65 pounds of silver coins

Given to the servants to take care of in owner's absence - not theirs to own, but theirs to use - to benefit the master

First two servants are commended for following the master's instructions: Well done, good and faithful servant. Enter into the joy of your master.

Third servant is overcome by fear and buries the talent in the ground. He is condemned by the master.

Point #1: Relationship with Master/God determines how we will carry out the mission entrusted to us

- If we believe in a God of compassion, love, mercy, and forgiveness we are more likely to mirror God's actions of love and mercy.
- If we believe in a harsh, angry, unfair God we may be too fearful to act or too fearful to take risks or deviate from the status quo.
- If we believe in a God of vengeance we will avenge ourselves.

Point #2: We are stewards, not owners

- Entrusted with responsibility of caring for God's creation
- Entrusted with responsibility of using the financial gifts God has given us for the benefit and glory of God
- Not equally gifted, but all are gifted
- Given the gift of compassion, how are you using that gift?
- Given the gift of organization, how are you using that gift?
- Given the gift of physical strength and endurance, how are you using that gift? There are lots of us who no longer have that gift and could surely use a hand.
- Given the gift of patience, how are you using that gift?
- Given the gift of cooking, how are you using that gift?
- Given the gift of computer skills, how are you using that gift?
- Given the gift of musical ability, how are you using that gift?

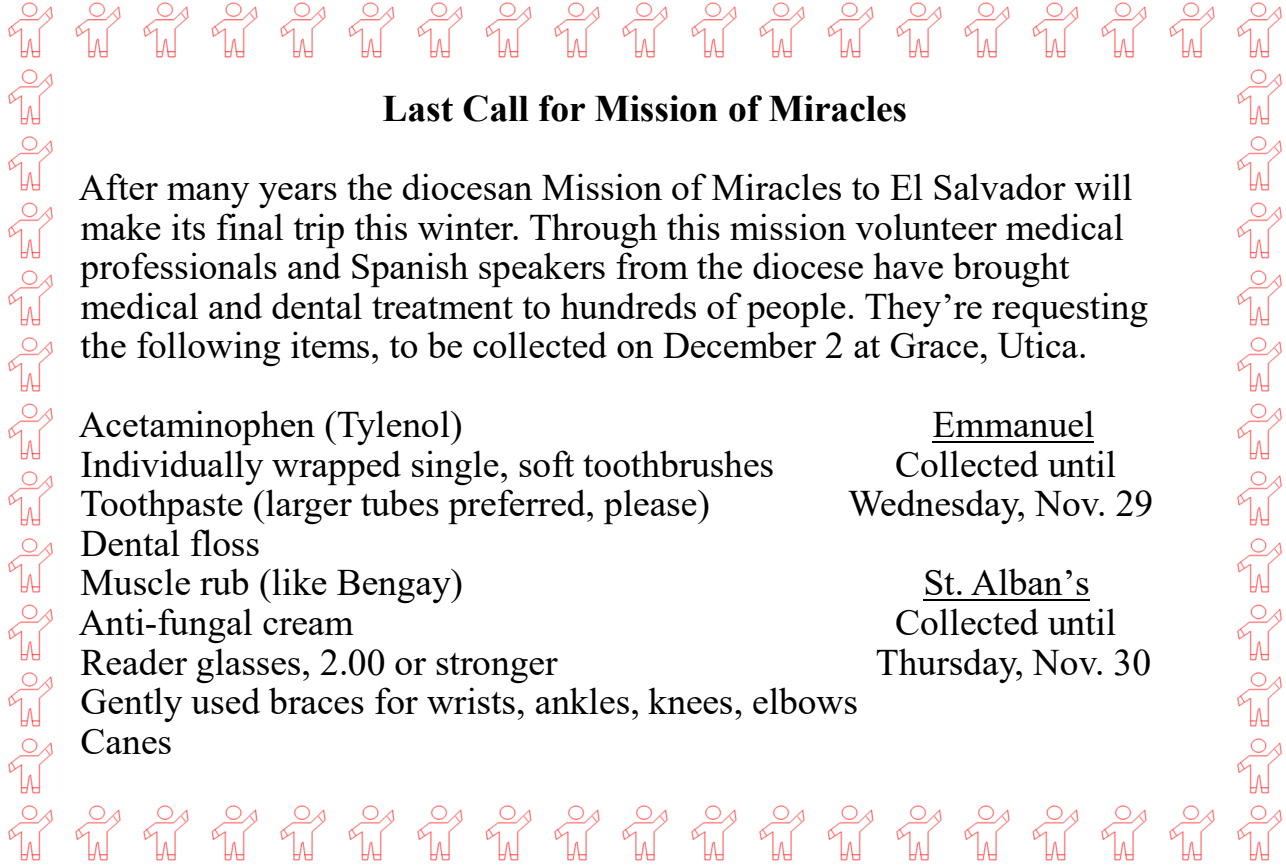
Point #3: Master will return/Christ will come again

- Source of Christian hope - God will finish what was begun in resurrection
- First two servants are praised for their faithfulness, not for doubling the master's money! Not afraid to take risks.
- We have been entrusted with gifts of immense worth - starting with our very life. How will we use them for the glory of God and the benefit of God's people?

### **Christmas Cards Needed for Loretto Residents**

This is the time of year when charitable organizations send us Christmas cards in the mail as part of asking for a donation. Don't throw them away! Residents at Loretto can use them to send greetings to their family and friends.

The fronts of used Christmas cards also are accepted and used as decorations in residents' rooms. Bring in your cards and Chaplain Kate Bell will bring them to Loretto.



### **Last Call for Mission of Miracles**

After many years the diocesan Mission of Miracles to El Salvador will make its final trip this winter. Through this mission volunteer medical professionals and Spanish speakers from the diocese have brought medical and dental treatment to hundreds of people. They're requesting the following items, to be collected on December 2 at Grace, Utica.

Acetaminophen (Tylenol)

Individually wrapped single, soft toothbrushes

Toothpaste (larger tubes preferred, please)

Dental floss

Muscle rub (like Bengay)

Anti-fungal cream

Reader glasses, 2.00 or stronger

Gently used braces for wrists, ankles, knees, elbows

Canes

Emmanuel

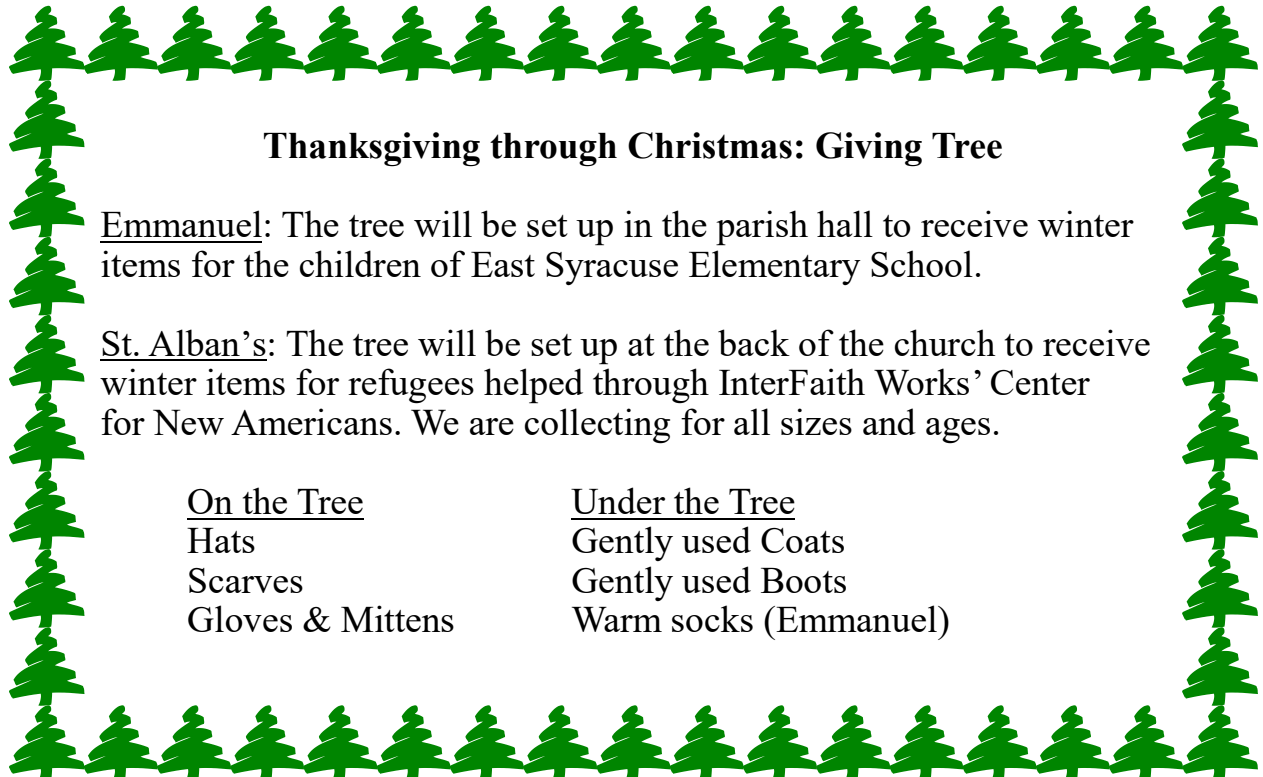
Collected until

Wednesday, Nov. 29

St. Alban's

Collected until

Thursday, Nov. 30



### **Thanksgiving through Christmas: Giving Tree**

Emmanuel: The tree will be set up in the parish hall to receive winter items for the children of East Syracuse Elementary School.

St. Alban's: The tree will be set up at the back of the church to receive winter items for refugees helped through InterFaith Works' Center for New Americans. We are collecting for all sizes and ages.

#### On the Tree

Hats

Scarves

Gloves & Mittens

#### Under the Tree

Gently used Coats

Gently used Boots

Warm socks (Emmanuel)

## **First Friday Dinner and Silent Auction at St. David's December 1**

Time: Appetizers at 6:00 p.m. and Dinner at 7:00 p.m.

Bring: \$15, your own place setting, beverage (coffee and tea provided)

Menu: Beef Tenderloin. Baked Potato, Oven Seasoned Roasted Vegetables,  
Green Salad & Holiday Dessert Table

RSVP required by Monday, November 27 to stdavids4@verizon.net or 446-2112

### **In Person Schedule: Both Parishes & Friends are Welcome!**

Wednesday	Emmanuel St. Alban's	* 3:00 p.m.: Thanksgiving Eve Holy Eucharist * 5:30 p.m.: Thanksgiving Eve Holy Eucharist
Saturday	Emmanuel	* 4:15 p.m.: Coffee Hour 5:00 p.m.: Holy Eucharist, Church School on Nov. 4 and 18
Sunday	St. Alban's	* 8:30 a.m.: Bible Study * 9:30 a.m.: Holy Eucharist 10:30 a.m.: Coffee Hour

\* also on Zoom

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### **Zoom Schedule & Codes**

#### **Saturday**

5:00 p.m. Emmanuel: **812 9701 3112 & 381729**

#### **Sunday**

8:30 a.m. Bible Study: **825 2837 9378 & 695433**

9:30 a.m. St. Alban's: **826 9515 6305 & 446765**

#### **Tuesday**

10:00 a.m. Morning Prayer: **849 7442 6644 & 031228**

6:30 p.m. St. Alban's Vestry: Codes emailed that afternoon

#### **Wednesday**

2:00 p.m. Bible Study: **840 0349 8213 & 586548**

3:00 p.m. Holy Eucharist: **841 6723 4888 & 796264**

5:30 p.m. Holy Eucharist: **850 1081 3072 & 112223**

**Mother Julie will be out of town for Thanksgiving  
from Thursday until Saturday afternoon.**