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GrapeVine has a dual mission. Its first is to support the community of Catholic artists. Recognizing that proclaiming the Gospel through music can be challenging and at times isolating, *GrapeVine* seeks to build fellowship and friendship amongst all Christian artists which would then encourage a generous sharing of talents and knowledge, leading to further growth and excellence. Recognizing the power of music to encourage and evangelize, *GrapeVine's* second mission is to expose this music to as many people as possible, that their hearts may be touched and encouraged by the Gospel message it proclaims.

Be watchful, be ready . . .



Advent is approaching. Already, the Sunday readings are making mention of the need to be watchful, ready, alert and awake. At liturgy we have heard about the ten virgins, five of whom were foolish because they were caught short without oil for their lamps. We heard about Jesus returning, separating the goats from the sheep, and the goats making all kinds of excuses as to why they didn't better love and serve the Lord.

And then there's the parable that really nails me: the one about the wealthy master leaving on a long journey and entrusting his servants with his possessions – the talents. I often think about the “wicked and lazy servant” who, in fear, buried his talent such that it never grew nor produced fruit. Am I doing enough with the talents that God has given me? And am I using them now, in a timely manner? Would I be ready to make an account for them should Jesus come back again while I am still here?

During past several months since the last issue of *GrapeVine*, we have all witnessed some amazing things: the subway bombings in London, Hurricane Katrina and then Hurricane Rita, the earthquake in Pakistan, the riots in France. And now there's the threat of a pandemic with the Avian Flu. What gives?

Jesus does say in the scriptures that such events as we have witnessed would occur and increase in frequency and intensity as the Last Days approach. It seems to me we need to be very much aware these days of what the Lord is saying to us! While the Second Coming of Jesus may not come tomorrow, certainly there is more of a need than ever in this world to bring Him to everyone we meet.

So, how are we handling the talents God has entrusted to us? Are we using them to serve Him and Him alone? Are we focused with single hearts on sharing the Good News with as many as we can? And do we truly love who we are singing to? Are we working all the time to improve on our gifts and reaching our fullest potential?

The world today is full of noise and confusion. Twenty-first century technology provides an endless means of distraction. How easy it is to lose focus and flit from one thing to the next. Meanwhile, the day is coming when Jesus will return. He will make us account for what we have been given.

Are we ready? Are we doing the most that we can with our talents in His service? Or have those talents been buried in the ground, either because we fail to act, or because we are so distracted by the world?

Be watchful, be ready. You know not when He comes. †

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