

Dear Friends,
In today's Gospel (Matthew 25:14–30), Jesus tells the parable of the talents. A master entrusts his servants with different amounts of money before leaving on a journey. Upon his return, he expects them to use wisely what has been entrusted to them. Two servants faithfully multiply their talents, while the third servant, out of fear, hides his talent in the ground. The master praises the faithful servants but rebukes the one who failed to use his gift.

This parable reminds us that everything we have is a gift from God. Our abilities, time, knowledge, resources, and opportunities are not meant to be kept for ourselves. They are entrusted to us so that we may use them according to God's will and for the good of others. Each of us has been blessed with unique talents. Perhaps you have a talent for teaching, organizing events, visiting the sick, welcoming newcomers, ushering, working with children, or helping with practical tasks around the parish. Whatever your gifts or availability, there is a meaningful way for you to contribute. Let us not assume that our talents are too small or that our participation is unnecessary. No talent is too small when it is offered with love.

I invite each parishioner to take one concrete step this week - prayerfully identify a talent God has given you and consider how you can share it with our parish. If

you are already involved in a ministry, continue serving with generosity and renewed commitment. If you have not yet volunteered, this is an opportunity to get involved. Please contact the parish office or speak with a ministry leader to learn where you can use your talent.

God does not expect us to have the same gifts or accomplish the same things. What He asks is that we remain faithful and responsible stewards of the blessings He has given us. We should not bury our talents out of fear or the belief that our contribution is insignificant. Instead, we are called to step forward with courage, trusting that God will help us use our gifts fruitfully.

A vibrant and faithful parish does not grow through the efforts of a few people alone. It grows when each of us recognizes that we have a responsibility to contribute to the life and mission of our Church. The life of our parish depends all parishioners using their God given talents.

Let us remember that volunteering in our parish is not simply about filling a position or completing a task. It is an expression of our faith, our love for Christ, and our commitment to one another. When we share our talents, we help build a parish where faith grows, people feel welcomed, and the Gospel is lived every day.

I invite every parishioner to put their talents at the service of God. I pray that each of us respond generously to His call, helping Sacred Heart parish grow into a stronger, more vibrant community of faith. And when we do so, one day we will hear the words of our Lord: ***"Well done, my good and faithful servant."***

May God bless our parish,
Fr. Krzysztof Kardzis