

## **Catholic Church Bulletin Insert**

*Revealing Peace & Justice through Scripture from “In the beginning...” (Gn 1:1) to “The grace of the Lord Jesus be with you all. Amen!” (Rev 22:21).™*

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Wisdom 18: 6 – 9

Hebrews 11: 1 – 2, 8 – 9

Luke 12: 32 – 48

The Epistle from Hebrews 11: 1 – 2, 8 – 9 concerns the nature of faith. Then Abraham is given as an example of one who lived with great faith.

The epistle begins with “faith is the realization of what is hoped for” (v. 1). What we hope for is a prayer to strengthen our faith, especially in the most difficult times. The expression of “pray for the best and hope for the rest” always points to faith that can’t be seen.

The Gospel of Luke 12: 32 – 48 is that faith is required to both wait and work for the Lord. It further describes the rewards for those who wait and the punishment for those who do not.

Indeed our waiting is a constant and faithful vigil “as servants who await their master’s return” (v.36) with votive candles in hand. To be ready for Christ’s return, the best we can do is to strive daily to be in right relationship with all God’s creation. Keep the light burning in the window of your heart and soul, stay awake and pay attention.

Actions on behalf of Catholic Social Justice always point to keeping the light burning to light the way for the Master.

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