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Readings: no. 475, p. 1679 1st Reading: Ephesians 3.1-12++ Gospel: Luke 12.39-48 OM: St. Anthony Mary Claret

From experience, we know that “If you want anything done, you ask a busy person. The practice validates that to those proven capable of handling much, even more is expected! Paul was certainly a busy person spreading the Gospel and no doubt, Archbishop Anthony Mary Claret who founded a missionary order, we know as the Claretians, was as well.

Still, some of us know very well what must be done and yet delay acting! Slouching through life, waiting for the busy people to build the kingdom of God! Nevertheless, busyness’ does not mean much, unless we are doing the right thing. Faith holds all Christians accountable for our part in this divine dance we call life. And so, in this evening’s, parable, we meet both types of behaviour in the same individual! That side of us who would rather just wait and guess when the Master might return! And moreover, the other who does not even know what pleases the Master! Neither attributes are great, but the side of us that knows better and neglects to act properly is found even more blameworthy.

If we are informed, that Jesus is appearing in the flesh today, does the announcement change our day? We might imagine such an informant was suffering and themselves in desperate need of care. However, the saints don't have", "Open for Business Hours". Those were established at our Baptism. Christian charity, brothers and sisters, is a seven by twenty-four, always on call vocation. And, by the way, Jesus **is** here with us in Gospel and in Holy Eucharist. We are given much and much is expected of us. Thankfully, with faith, grace and sacrament this seemingly impossible condition of discipleship can actually be a living joy. Like the Apostle Paul, and Archbishop Anthony Claret let us too be servants of the Gospel and Eucharistic Children of God.

Amen