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Danny Murphy – 32nd Sunday of the Year 2017

February is probably the best month to get schmaltzy because of St. Valentine's Day. I don't want to wait until February, so I am going to get schmaltzy with you now! The other day, I heard one of my favorite songs, now it's LONG before your time! The song was, "Have I told you lately that I love you?" That song got me thinking: I haven't told YOU lately that I love you! Well, I'm telling you now. From the moment I met you, you have been so affirming, so encouraging. Each time when I come here I look forward to coming here. Each time, when I leave here, I leave here renewed, regenerated. Each day since I've been here, I thank God for being here. Dear God, please bless in a very special way, these very special people! So, now we had better take a look at the scriptures, and what we're going to do, we're going to reflect on our Gospel, the story of the Ten Bridesmaids. What is your

favorite time of the week?? Do you have a favorite time of the week? My favorite time of the week is Sunday afternoon, because after the Masses and all that stuff, I always relax. It seems to me that you need some time in your week – a day when you can relax, slow down, stop doing, and stop thinking. Andrew Carnegie, one of the richest men in the world was once asked: “Why don’t you stop what you’re doing. You already have much more than you’ll ever need. Why don’t you just stop?!” Carnegie replied, “Yes, you’re right, but I can’t stop – I forgot how to stop!” To me, that’s very sad! The bible tells us that God rested on the seventh day, now your seventh day might be Tuesday or a Thursday or any other day and it might not be the same day each week. But I think it should be SOME day each week when you rest. God did not make us human doers, he made us human BEINGS! My worth does not depend upon my productivity. The expressions: “Keep busy, idle hands are the devil’s workshop” are not from the Bible. The five foolish virgins, in our Gospel today might have been so busy that they forgot to take extra oil along and so they missed meeting Jesus. If I’m always busy, usually running around, here and there doing this and that, often late, frequently frantic, I too might miss Jesus. And I might miss hearing him say to me: “I love you, I’m crazy about you!” One of the things that maybe we could keep in mind is this. Let’s say, you object, rightfully so! You object and you say, “Ok, I might be too busy, but I’m, busy about very important things; I’m busy about things that I need to do.” Just ask yourself, and I hope that I’m not undervaluing that which keeps you busy, but just ask yourself, what if I were to get sick, what if I were to become disabled? Life would still go on

without me. The world would still go on without me. There is no place in any of the four Gospels that pictures Jesus as being in a hurry! So, if we're going to meet him, we'd better slow down, because he's not going to speed up! My favorite time of the week is Sunday afternoon, when I relax, slow down, stop doing, stop thinking. What is your "Sunday afternoon?"