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November 7, 2021

ST. JOHN THE EVANGELIST CATHOLIC CHURCH



32nd SUNDAY *in ordinary time*

Calling his disciples to himself, he said to them, "Amen, I say to you, this poor widow put in more than all the other contributors to the treasury." - Mk 12:43

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Sacraments of the Church

Masses: Saturday Vigil – 4:00 p.m., 9:00 a.m., 11:00 a.m. 4:30 p.m. (Creole)

Daily Liturgy: Monday through Wednesday 12:10 p.m. **Communion Service** Friday 7:00 a.m.

Reconciliation: Saturday 3:30-4:00p.m. in Chapel or contact the Rectory to schedule an appointment

Charismatic Prayer Sponsored by the Haitian Community: Thursday 7:00 p.m.- 9:00 p.m.

Infant Baptism: By appointment. Please contact the Rectory to make arrangements.

Inquirers:

Find out what it means to be Catholic while considering Baptism or Confirmation. If you are an adult whom has not received these sacraments and are considering doing so, please call Fr Joe MacCarthy at the Rectory.



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Please remember our sick, their families, and caregivers, in your prayers. May God's healing presence be with them.

Saturday, November 6, 2021

4:00 p.m. Patrick J. Hickey Birthday Memorial

Sunday, November 7, 2021

9:00 a.m. David Walker Birthday Memorial

Katie Quinn **Healing**

11:00 a.m. Arlene Almquist Memorial

Alice Ronchetti **Healing**

Monday, November 8, 2021

12:10 p.m. Intention Offered in Hope

Tuesday, November 9, 2021

12:10 p.m. Margaret Meillon Month's Mind

Wednesday, November 10, 2021

12:10 p.m. David Walker Memorial

Saturday, November 13, 2021

4:00 p.m. James Clark Anniversary

Sunday, November 14, 2021

9:00 a.m. Robert C. Rudolph Memorial

11:00 a.m. Joseph Maietta Memorial

Ann McGinnis Memorial

Mary Wall, Vinny Nguyen, Arlene Hinsley, Larry Higgins, Rick Gerbrands, David Barry, Patricia Gillan, Cyril MacDonald, Pat Fisk, Lawlor Family, Bobby Rudolph, Bill Baril, Josie Woodwell, Jean McCarthy, T.M., Joan Melanson, Elaine Rossignol, More Family, Luther Family, John More, Andrew More, Normile Family, David O'Hearn, James Higgins, Dani Steininger, Johnson Family, Mary Clarke, Thomas Fisher, Gerry Luongo, Lee-McCarthy Family. Joan Gianino, Helen Dixon, Christina Sicari, Bob Cyr, Amber Healy Bassett, Antonio Pinto, Don Coram, Alexia Jones, Lorretta McQuade, Joy Sanders, Maria Frazier, Mary White, Michael White, Terry Sullivan, Paul G. Levesque, Elsa LaTorre, Sue & Bob Bullen, Izilda Lopes, Barbara Glick, Mary Corbett, Pamela Nadeau, Mary Hurley, Theodore (Teddy) Coughlin, Margaret Pedro, Sephora Rubim, John MacIsaac, Sr. Phyllis Doucet, Karen Whittaker, Chip Paoletti, Bob Gerbrands Perrone Family, Carol Drummey, Betty Mitchell. Oreste Luongo, Katie Quinn, Alice Ronchetti, AnneMarie Geneus.

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(U. S. Army)

L Cpl Alexander J. Casey
(U.S. Marines)

Our prayers go out to all men and women who are serving our country may God protect them.

THIRTY-SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

PASTORAL STAFF

To reach our pastoral staff please call 617-547-4880 and choose one of the extensions listed below

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A Prayer for Our Veterans

Loving God, We ask for blessings on all those who have served their country in the armed forces. We ask for healing for the Veterans who have been wounded, in body and soul, in conflicts around the globe. We pray especially for the young men and women, in the thousands, who are coming home with injured bodies and traumatized spirits. Bring solace to them, O Lord; may we pray for them when they cannot pray. We ask for, echoing John Paul II, an end to wars and the dawning of a new era of peace, as a way to honor all the veterans of past wars.

Have mercy on all our Veterans. Bring peace to their hearts and peace to the regions they fought in. Bless all the soldiers who served in non-combatative posts; May their calling to service continue in their lives in many positive ways.

Give us all the creative vision to see a world which, grown weary with fighting, Moves to affirming the life of every human being and so moves beyond war. Hear our prayer, O Prince of Peace, hear our prayer.

Amen.

Thank You for your Continued Support During this Difficult Time

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\$3,469.00. from the English community

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Are you new to the Parish or just visiting

Welcome! Thank you for joining our parish in celebrating Mass. Whether you are visiting, or in the area for studies, or new to the community, please know that we are delighted to have you among us. We would like to meet you. Please say hello to any priest, minister or staff after Mass, or call 617-547-4880 or e-mail *info@stjohncambridge.org*
We are here to serve you!

REMINDER



Daylight Saving Time concludes at 2 a.m. on **Sunday, Nov. 7, 2021**, when the clock will "fall back" one hour and in theory we get one extra hour of sleep.

Weekly Reflection

Two readings from today's scriptures focus on stories of widows. Both were poor women in relation to worldly standards and yet when called upon to be generous they gave everything they had. In the gospel, Jesus points out the action of the widow with the words "she contributed all she had." Being a grateful disciple of Christ requires a spirit of stewardship of the multiple gifts God has bestowed on us. It means being willing, like the two widows, to make sacrifices, to offer prayer and service to the parish as well as to those most in need. Are you willing to share these gifts? This week, pay attention for opportunities that God will provide for you to share your time, your talent, and your treasure - and then - respond as a grateful disciple!

NOVEMBER 7, 2021

**HALLIDAY FAIR
THIS WEEKEND
NOVEMBER 6TH & 7TH**

The Christmas Fair this weekend Saturday from 10 am to 6 pm and Sunday, from 10 am to 1 pm. Join us in the Parish Hall for games, raffles, prizes, country store, gift baskets, food & refreshments, children's toys, baked goods, lottery tickets, house ware goods, the bargain attic, and more! There is a White Elephant Sale, Children's games, Punch boards, and as well as the chance to mingle with your fellow St. John's community members. The St. John's Holiday Fair is an important fundraiser for St. John's and a yearly tradition. There is no better way to begin your preparation for the Holidays and support St. John's than by attending the Christmas Fair!

We look forward to seeing you there!

**Turkey Shoot at
St. John's Parish Hall
Friday, November 19th**



You are cordially invited to St. John the Evangelist's Annual "Turkey Shoot" Raffle on FRIDAY, November 19th in the Fr. Collins Parish Hall, 2254 Massachusetts Avenue, North Cambridge beginning at 7 PM. What is a Turkey Shoot? It is a raffle of various Thanksgiving foods including: Turkeys, Basket of Fixings (vegetables, fruits, stuffing mix), Apple Cider, Pies and Cookies. **To participate you must be present to purchase raffle tickets.** Please join us for a fun-filled night.

Gingerbread Bake –Off



The Young Adults Group is hosting the St. John's **Gingerbread Bake-Off!** Come view and/or bring your own gingerbread creations on November 20th starting at 5:30pm in the Parish Hall, eating will begin at 6pm, with an award ceremony at 6:30pm. There will be prizes for the '**Best Decorated**'; '**Best Tasting**'; '**Tallest**' and '**Most Innovative**! So even if you aren't as comfortable baking or living arrangements are not conducive to baking, there are prizes to be won if you want to buy some cookies and just decorate! We will also need taste testers! Families with young ones could have an early dinner and come for dessert or for late eaters, it is a chance to have dessert first! Everyone is of course welcome to stay on after to continue socializing. This event will be family friendly and so we invite one and all to join! Note that there will be a sign-in sheet at the door for contact tracing.

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Pastor's Corner

The selection from Mark's Gospel offered for proclamation on this 32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time contrasts the fatuous piety of the scribes, elite members of the Jewish teaching class, and the humble holiness of the poor widow who takes her offering in the Temple from all that she has. Jesus is quick and thorough in His condemnation of the haughty scribes who take seats of honor in the synagogue and demand acts of honor be made to them when passing by those not of their class. "They devour the houses of widows and, as a pretext, recite lengthy prayers." It was the practice of the scribes not to take money as payment but to instead accept large sums from the people in return for their status. Jesus is quick to compare their willingness to take from the houses of widows with the simple and sacrificial act of kindness which the poor widow makes in the Temple. The story of the Widow's Mite, as it has been called with familiarity, is a reminder to the disciples of Jesus both then and now to act with kindness and humility and to be generous to those who have less.

The First Reading, taken from the 1 Book of Kings, anticipates the story of the poor widow offered in Mark by describing the prophet Elijah approaching a widow on his entry into Zarephath. He asks for water and later a small cake of bread, but she is insistent that she has none to give. He encourages her regarding the promise of provision which the one God makes and so off she goes to look. "She left and did as Elijah had said. She was able to eat for a year, and he and her son as well; the jar of flour did not go empty nor the jug of oil run dry."

God's promise made to the Jewish people in this scene is, for Mark, fulfilled in Jesus, both in His words and His deeds. It is a promise made from the earliest days and realized as faith in Jesus is strengthened in His presence. It is a promise which comes to fruition when we respond in freedom and faith to the offer of grace which is friendship with Jesus, an offer

made to everyone baptized in His Name.

We are called in this way to work to be saints, like those we celebrated in a particular and special way on All Saints Day. These special disciples proclaimed as being offered a reward in heaven intercede for us as we so work to be deserving of that same reward. We ask in a strong way the intercession of Saint John the Evangelist as we are so grateful for our spiritual home offered in this parish. We seek the intercession of the Blessed Virgin Mary as she provides a wonderful example of humility in the face of God Himself. Through her intercession, may we be so led to holiness in Jesus.

This weekend we celebrate our Christmas Fair with all of its fun and friendship to be shared by and with the wonderful people of our parish community. It is my hope that not only did we support our parish in a generous way, but that we grew in faith and friendship through our presence with and for each other. Please tell others in your family or friendship circles of what is going on this weekend and invite them to come and join in the fun. Thanks and have a great week!

God Bless, Fr. Joe

Congratulations

Congratulations to longtime parishioners, Carmen and Norman Boucher who will celebrate their 60th Wedding Anniversary on November 11th



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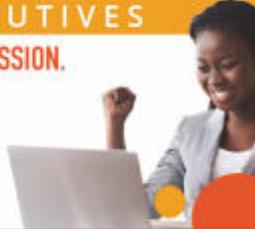
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