



SAINT JOAN of ARC NEWS

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~ Mission Statement - Pentecost 1998 ~

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32ND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

A poor widow also came and put in two small coins worth a few cents. 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 12:42-43

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LITURGY SCHEDULE

Weekdays

Monday thru Friday: 7:00 am
Wednesday: 6:00 pm

Weekends

Saturday: 4:00 pm & 6:00 pm

Sunday: 8:00 am, 10:00 am,
12:00 pm

Holy Day Masses

Vigil Mass: (evening prior) 7:00 pm
7:00 am, 12:00 pm, 7:00 pm

Reconciliation

Wednesdays: 5:00 pm
Saturdays 11:00 am - 12:00 pm
in the Sister Carol Center

Holy Hour

Thursdays in Church at 7:00 pm

Rosary

Monday - Friday after the 7am Mass

PARISH CENTER OFFICE HOURS

The Parish Center is open:
Monday - Thursday: 8:30am - 5:00pm
Friday: 8:30am - 4:00pm

Mass intentions and most services can be done in person or by calling us at 586-777-3670 during these hours.

Our after-hours emergency number: 586-777-1342.

Baptisms: Please go to our website (stjoan.church) and fill out the Baptism request form. You will be contacted to make further arrangements based on submission of that form.

Marriages: Arrangements should be made at the Parish Center at least six months prior to the desired date. Pre-marriage series required.

Registration: It is very important that every family and independent adult be registered in the Church in order to keep our records and mailings current. Please contact the Parish Office to register at your earliest opportunity: 586-777-3670.

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INTERESTED IN BECOMING A PARISHIONER?

If you would like to become a parishioner of St. Joan of Arc, please register at stjoan.church and we will contact you by phone. Or by calling us at 586-777-3670 during office hours.

Live Streamed Broadcasts at St. Joan of Arc

Live Stream Broadcasts have become a standard part of our celebrations at St Joan of Arc. This has increased our mass participation at daily and weekend masses. It has also allowed many of our parishioners to stay in touch with their faith community remotely.

Go to: livestream.stjoan.church to watch all live streaming and to view archived celebrations.

Weekday Masses

Monday thru Friday @ 7am
Wednesday @ 6pm

Weekend Masses

Saturdays @ 4pm & 6pm
Sundays @ 8am, 10am, 12pm

Holy Hour

Thursdays @ 7pm



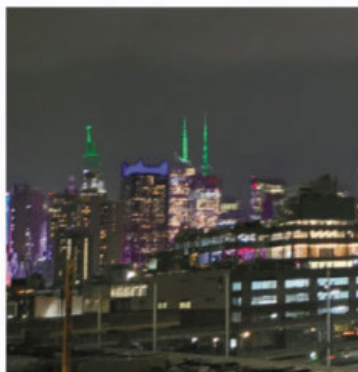
Traveling with Ms. Daisy (Part 8): This is a continuation of my travelogue about my journey with “Ms. Daisy” (aka my mom) on our Eastern Seaboard Journey on board the Viking Mars.

Last week, I shared my mom’s and my experience in New York, visiting St. Patrick’s Cathedral and Central Park. It was a very chaotic day in New York because of all the activities created by the world leaders who were present for the UN General Assembly Meeting that week. My Mom and I were pretty tired from all the day’s activity, battling all the traffic, security, and motorcades. As we approached Pier 90 of the Manhattan Terminal to return to the ship, there was more chaos because another cruise ship was loading passengers. There were people all over the place. Going through security in the terminal took some work because it was just as complicated as going through an airline security checkpoint. We had my mom’s rollator, the bags from the gifts we bought, and some of the snacks I purchased along the way (I know, I know. What would the Tall One do without his snacks). Once through security, and as we approached the ramp for our ship, we heard the sound of music and clapping. The ship’s crew and musicians were greeting those returning to the ship. Seeing the crew we got to know all lined up and greeting us one last time was pretty cool. After being serenaded by the crew, we went to our room, dumped our bags, and headed to World Café for dinner.

After a delightful dinner, my mom and I said goodbye to some of the fellow passengers we met. We also wanted to say goodbye to the Viking Staff we got to know during our cruise. We took a few pictures outside with views of lower Manhattan in the background. We then returned to our stateroom to finish packing, as our luggage had to be outside our door by 10:00 PM.

As we were packing, my mom thought one of the earrings she purchased on board the ship on one of our sea days was missing. She had one of the earrings, but the other one wasn’t anywhere to be found. She never

opened the box after purchasing the set, so when she opened it and only found one there, she thought that maybe it hadn’t been packed right when she bought it a few days earlier. My mom called down to the store, and the ship’s store manager got involved, made a few phone calls, and took a report. They said it would be days before they could determine whether it was still in their inventory. We said our prayers to St. Anthony, tore apart the room a bit, and after crawling on the floor and shaking one of the bed sheets, the “missing” earring suddenly landed on the floor. Thank you, St. Anthony! We found the earring. My mom was happy.



We then packed our remaining things, got the luggage outside, and crawled into bed. We had a great trip, and it was hard to believe it was just about coming to a close. I was happy my mom enjoyed the trip as much as she did, and I was equally delighted she could check off a bunch of items on her ultimate bucket list of things to do. We still had the helicopter ride to look forward to as the final “big splash” of the entire cruise. My mom was excited it was scheduled, but given all the chaos of airspace being open and then airspace being closed, she wasn’t getting too excited because she was worried it might not happen. I had hope everything was going to work out.

At about 3:30 that morning, my mom woke up in an utter panic and was in tears!

Minutes before we closed my dad’s casket on the day of his funeral in 2021, we took off his wedding ring and gave it to my mom. She put that ring on a finger on her right hand and it has remained there ever since. The ring was gone! This was one of the last big and most significant items of my dad’s that she has protected and cherished since his death. It was always on her hand, and it was missing. My heart sank for her. We immediately prayed to St. Anthony, and I started praying to St. Expeditus (or St. Expedite). Yes, there is a St. Expeditus. Father Tom Flynn got me hooked on him. He is the patron saint of urgent causes, emergencies, and expeditious solutions.

We then started tearing apart the room and our luggage. The hope was that the ring was someplace in the room or our luggage. St. Anthony helped a few hours earlier, and I desperately needed his help this time. My mom wondered if the ring fell down the sink when she washed her hands before she went to bed. But she wasn’t sure when she last felt it on her hand. I started looking through the pictures I had taken and determined it was on her hand at St. Patrick’s and possibly when we got back on the ship, but it was hard to tell. I tried to see if I could take the sink trap apart without tools, but I didn’t want to break anything and figured I would ask for help in the morning. We looked everywhere and couldn’t find it. I felt so bad for her. We left reports everywhere. Unfortunately, to this day, the ring hasn’t been found! We

thought it may have landed in our luggage, but it wasn’t there either! UGH! It was a tough way to end our cruise. Please pray to St. Anthony and St. Expeditus to help us find that ring!

A few hours later, we bid farewell to the Viking Mars and boarded our bus for lower Manhattan. We would spend 2 hours there before the bus took us to JFK for our return flight home. Given all that had happened that day, I was now bound and determined as ever to make this helicopter ride work no matter what!

Enjoy the week. Know of my prayers.

In Christ,

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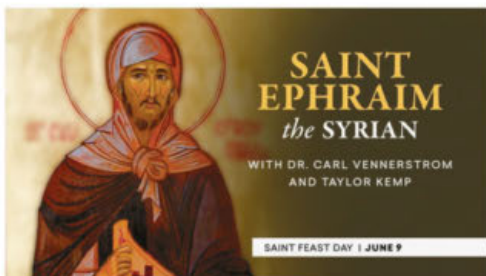
THIS WEEK ON FORMED

Week of November 10, 2024



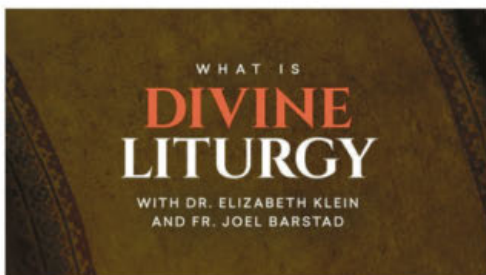
Why Does the Church Canonize People | Angels

Dr. Elizabeth Klein and Taylor Kemp discuss canonization: its definition, history, and how it works. Why do we honor the communion of saints? What leads to saints' official incorporation into public worship? What about miracles? Learn all about these topics in this episode.



St. Ephrem the Syrian | Catholic Saints

An Eastern Father of the early Church, St. Ephrem the Syrian was arguably the most important saint and theological writer for the Syriac-speaking churches. He did not write many treaties or letters but devoted himself to writing hymns to God. These hymns, however, contain a wealth of knowledge and teaching that elegantly weave together images from the Old and New Testaments.



What is the Divine Liturgy? | Catholic Rites

Byzantine Catholic Church, as they discuss the nature of Byzantine piety, Divine Liturgy, and the similarities and differences between the Eastern and Latin rites. This episode highlights the importance of icons, chanting, veils, and the reception of leaven bread and other key features of the Byzantine Divine Liturgy.

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Do you want to be happy? Duh . . . sure you do! It's safe to say that *everyone* is looking for happiness. Although we may each define happiness differently, we are driven by the desire to be happy. Yet, how happy are we . . . really?

Now, let's not get bogged down in narrowly defining what it means to be happy. Happiness truly does vary between individuals. For some people, taking frequent vacations will bring a lot of gladness. For others, shopping is a real rush. For the right person, attending a Christmas Mass is glorious. For someone else, getting a Whopper Junior from Burger King will make her day – pure happiness! Everyone is different. Our souls light up for a multitude of reasons as we experience life in a unique combination of events. Happiness is out there to be had. The question is whether or not we can find it and hold onto it.

Actually, the inability to *hold fast* to what makes us happy is a huge source of persistent *unhappiness*. We won't stay in the moment. We rush so quickly that we cannot enjoy the things we relish. We are at war with ourselves. Think about it. We may actually like doing the work we do, be it in the home, or out in the business world, but when the pace is too fast, everything we do becomes **work**, and we hate it. We are not happy. Our minds constantly race ahead to the next thing on the list. Then, the thing with which we are presently engaged becomes a burden.

Regardless of our age, we create misery for ourselves. Even little kids at play are not happy with the toy currently in their hands. They become more consumed with what the other kids are doing, becoming competitive or jealous, and not enjoying what they can. We think about the carefree life of a child and wish for those innocent days, only to realize that the little ones have allowed themselves to be as miserable, or more miserable, than adults who think they are carrying the world on their shoulders. Beyond that, even adults with great responsibility can be childishly self-absorbed when compared to other people who may

have even more of a workload and responsibility than they do. We simply won't live in the *present*.

The cute little 1988 Bobby McFerrin song, *Don't Worry, Be Happy*, makes sense even though it seems naïvely simplistic. We *do* have control over the amount we worry. Worrying is something we allow to happen. We allow our worries to smother us rather than keeping them in perspective and not letting them get us down. Worrying accomplishes nothing. This is a Biblical concept. God knows all things and the outcome of everything. As scripture says, he feeds the sparrows who never worry about where their food will come from. He counts the hairs on our heads (or knows the number of square inches of empty space where there could be some). Our worry fixes nothing.

Even so, worry, distraction, greed, ego, guilt, sloth, and fear, barricade us from living in the present, vibrant life, right in front of us. This is a sad reality that steals away happiness which is free and available for the taking. The political election (which is in process on the day this article is being composed) will most likely produce far more sadness than happiness, regardless of who wins whatever race. The 'losers' will obviously be consumed with the impending "end of the world" as we know it. And the 'winners' will, more often than not, be absorbed in misery over what it will be like trying to move ahead with their agendas. Again, think on a personal level: how many people will be able to revel in their supposed victory – and for how long will they maintain that positive vibe? Generally speaking, the rush that comes from victory is short-lived. We pivot back into 'negative mode' pretty quickly.

When we lose sight of fundamental sources of happiness, we cannot pull ourselves into the light of a good life. Possessing the root essentials of life should make for an underlying happiness that is not easily displaced by worldly attractions. Having decent health, basic mobility, a roof that doesn't leak over our heads, something

to eat, and hopefully at least one person in our life with whom we can have an honest, sincere relationship are root sources of happiness. Gratitude for having the basics will fend off our tendency to be grumpy even though we are blessed.

It is demoralizing to view every day that we get up as another experience of aches and pains and hardships. We whine about the roof over our head because the house is so puny. The food we eat isn't organic and the variety is too limited. Waaaah! The people in our lives are too ordinary, too mundane, just plain boring. And we don't even think about the reality that God is providing for all of our needs *at every moment* of every day. Without his attention, we would evaporate out of existence. God deserves our gratitude.

Slowing down and "smelling the roses" is essential to possessing happiness. Jesus says: "Do not worry about tomorrow; tomorrow will take care of itself. Sufficient for a day is its own evil" (Matthew 6:34). Jesus also says in the preceding verse: "Seek first the kingdom of God and his righteousness, and all these things will be given you besides." The "things" our Lord is talking about are the essentials of life: food, clothing, shelter. These are automatic add-ons when we focus on living free lives in accord with the truth of the kingdom of God. The core of happiness resides in knowing that we are in meaningful relationship with God who created us.

What that relationship consists of is getting to know Jesus better – a day at a time. All of the other worldly things that distract us and make us miserable when we lack them are happiness-killers. There is a lot of happiness to be had – right in front of us – if only we would allow ourselves to receive what God wants to give us.

In Jesus, Mary, and Joseph,

Fr. Bob



November 10, 2024

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Thirty-second Sunday in Ordinary Time

1 Kgs 17:10-16 | Heb 9:24-28 | Mk 12:38-44 or 12:41-44

GROW AS A DISCIPLE | PRAY, STUDY, ENGAGE, SERVE

"Give it your all! Leave it all on the field! Trust in your training/preparation/coaches." We've all heard a version of this type of exhortation. It requires a great amount of confidence and trust – faith, if you will – to let go of our doubt and fears. The two widows of today's readings had such confidence, as they offer us heroic examples of faith. The widow of Zarephath uses her only remaining food to cook for Elijah. She did this after receiving God's promise that, "The jar of flour shall not go empty, nor the jug of oil run dry." The widow had the assurance that God would sustain her, and she lived by it – trusting she could give her all, because with God's help there would be more. Likewise, the widow in the Gospel could make an offering to the temple treasury because of her limitless confidence in God: she gave "her whole livelihood." From that moment, she would have nothing to sustain her but God's providential care. By their unreserved acts of generosity, both women consented to rely on God in the most absolute sense. And in so doing, they silently proclaimed their faith in the personal and unconditional love that God had for each of them.

GO EVANGELIZE

PRAYER, INVITATION, WITNESS, ACCOMPANIMENT

So deeply did these two women believe in God's goodness that they were able to act without fear. Confident in his love, they could give to the point of having nothing left. They, literally, "gave it all that they had." Rather than being burdensome, however, their surrender was the basis of their relationship with God and therefore, it was a much greater treasure than material goods. This message is clearly at odds with the notion that possessions and wealth are the basis of happiness. By rejecting this idea, giving generously of ourselves and trusting God to sustain us, we gain more than we could ever give up. Like the widow whose jar never runs dry, when we fill our lives with what God offers and not what the world offers, we live with abundance.

REFLECT Choose one aspect of your life you can mentally "reframe" in order to see it not as a lack but as an opportunity to cast yourself more fully on God. Spend 15 minutes this week speaking to God about this. If you can, thank him for the chance to draw closer to him. If it is too difficult to thank him for your trial, ask him to *help you* see and appreciate how he is leading you along this path of greater intimacy with him.

Readings for the Thirty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time



THIRTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME – NOVEMBER 17 B

Reading One – Dn 12:1-3

In those days, I Daniel, heard this word of the Lord: "At that time there shall arise Michael, the great prince, guardian of your people; it shall be a time unsurpassed in distress since nations began until that time. At that time your people shall escape, everyone who is found written in the book.

"Many of those who sleep in the dust of the earth shall awake; some shall live forever, others shall be an everlasting horror and disgrace.

"But the wise shall shine brightly like the splendor of the firmament, and those who lead the many to justice shall be like the stars forever."

Responsorial – Ps 16:5, 8, 9-10, 11

R. You are my inheritance, O Lord!

O LORD, my allotted portion and my cup, you it is who hold fast my lot. I set the LORD ever before me; with him at my right hand I shall not be disturbed.

R. You are my inheritance, O Lord!

Therefore my heart is glad and my soul rejoices, my body, too, abides in confidence; because you will not abandon my soul to the netherworld, nor will you suffer your faithful one to undergo corruption.

R. You are my inheritance, O Lord!

You will show me the path to life, fullness of joys in your presence, the delights at your right hand forever.

R. You are my inheritance, O Lord!

Reading Two – Heb 10:11-14, 18

Brothers and sisters: Every priest stands daily at his ministry, offering frequently those same sacrifices that can never take away sins. But this one offered one sacrifice for sins, and took his seat forever at the right hand of God; now he waits until his enemies are made his footstool. For by one offering he has made perfect forever those who are being consecrated.

Where there is forgiveness of these, there is no longer offering for sin.

Alleluia – Lk 21:36

Alleluia, alleluia.

Be vigilant at all times and pray that you have the strength to stand before the Son of Man.

Alleluia, alleluia.

Gospel – Mk 13:24-32

Jesus said to his disciples: "In those days after that tribulation the sun will be darkened, and the moon will not give its light, and the stars will be falling from the sky, and the powers in the heavens will be shaken.

"And then they will see 'the Son of Man coming in the clouds' with great power and glory, and then he will send out the angels and gather his elect from the four winds, from the end of the earth to the end of the sky.

"Learn a lesson from the fig tree. When its branch becomes tender and sprouts leaves, you know that summer is near. In the same way, when you see these things happening, know that he is near, at the gates. Amen, I say to you, this generation will not pass away until all these things have taken place. Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away.

"But of that day or hour, no one knows, neither the angels in heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father."

Liturgical Life

(PRACTICING) CATHOLIC

Giving From Abundance

If you're like me, and you're far, far below the "having buildings named after you" tax bracket, you might just think that today's Gospel has nothing to do with you.

You might kick back and relax, thinking of all the poor, rich suckers sitting in the pews, shifting uncomfortably as Jesus praises the meager gift of the widow and disdains those who only give from abundance, those whose charity results in admiration and praise and all manner of temporal reward.

"In this economy, every gift I give is from my poverty," you might think to yourself with a chuckle.

But you — and let me be clear, I'm talking mostly to myself here — would be wrong. Because we all have an abundance of something, even if it isn't money.

What I've come to realize about myself is that I find plenty of ways to give only from my abundance. For instance, if I answer any request with the words, "Sure, I can, but..." chances are high that I'm about to work out a way to give, but only in a way that doesn't really impact me.

I'm willing to help. I just don't want to feel it.

But here's the thing about Jesus: he cares what's in our hearts as well as what's in our hands. A good deed, an act of charity? That's great! But what's the story behind it? Because a world full of moral actions and selfish hearts doesn't do anyone any good.

When we give from our poverty — our poverty of money, our poverty of time, our poverty of patience — we are giving the gift of the widow.

— Colleen Jurkiewicz Dorman

Why do we do that?

Catholic Life Explained

Question:

Our prayer group has been reading the lives of some saints, and we were struck by how some of them thought they were such sinners. Why would such holy people think they had such serious sin?

Answer:

Professional athletes practice the fundamentals of their sport over and over again, reaching for better form, consistency, and better performance. They focus on the basics, review past performances, and visualize greater success. Practice makes better, if not perfect!

Spiritual masters such as the saints also looked for perfection. They practiced their faith in the search for holiness, grace, and virtue. Through sacraments, prayer, study, good works, and penance, they raised their level of awareness, their sensitivity to the presence of God, the demands of the Gospel, and the workings of the Holy Spirit. They examined their consciences daily, reviewing the day for moments of failure and times that they could have been more virtuous in one way or another. They resolved to do better, be more attentive and alert!

Therefore, anything that would distract them or interfere with their relationship with God would be like a small black spot on a bright white wall — you can't miss it! The great saints were aware of sin and the presence of evil because they were so tuned in to the struggle between good and evil that was fought in their own lives, hearts, and souls. We must guard against becoming desensitized to sin in our lives and unaware of the harm it causes us. A goal of any spiritual practice is to become more aware of our sinfulness so that we seek God's forgiving and healing love.

WE'RE HOSTING
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**Join us in the Sr. Carol Center in the
Emmaus Fellowship Hall and learn about
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Tues., Dec. 3rd from 6:30 pm to 8 pm**

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Weekly Calendar of Events

Monday, November 11th

7:00 AM Mass - Live Streamed

10:00 AM Walking with Purpose - EH

7:00 PM Walking with Purpose - EH

Tuesday, November 12th

7:00 AM Mass - Live Streamed

Wednesday, November 13th

7:00 AM Mass - Live Streamed

5:00 PM Reconciliation

6:00 PM Mass - Live Streamed

Thursday, November 14th

7:00 AM Mass - Live Streamed

1:00 PM Hearts Afire - EH

7:00 PM Holy Hour - Live Streamed

Friday, November 15th

7:00 AM Mass - Live Streamed

Saturday, November 16th

10:00 Funeral for Martha Lou Brda

11:00 AM Reconciliation

4:00 PM Mass - Live Streamed

6:00 PM Mass - Live Streamed

Sunday, November 17th

8:00 AM Sunday Mass - Live Streamed

10:00 AM Family Mass - Live Streamed

12:00 PM Sunday Mass - Live Streamed

Words on the Word

November 10, 2024 – Winds of Charity

When natural disasters are at their worst, often that's when people are at their best.

Those who have been on this earth for a while have seen repeatedly that when things are bad – earthquakes, hurricanes, tornadoes, even terrorist attacks and human-created tragedies – people of goodwill come through.

This year's hurricane season seems to be particularly devastating, and indeed has impacted even people hundreds and thousands of miles inland who normally are spared the destruction. Few can remember a situation like Hurricane Helene a few weeks ago, which created a path of destruction well into the mountains of North Carolina.

Local media, as it usually does, included coverage of charitable relief efforts. People across the area joined people across the country in making donations to the victims of this, and other, hurricanes and tragedies.

Over and over, people demonstrate their willingness to dig deep and help others.

It's a sobering reminder, then, to hear Jesus' admonition in today's gospel passage that charity like this (and countless other situations) is part of our duty as Christians. He uses the example of the poor widow's contribution to the treasury to illustrate that we're called not only to give, but to give beyond what we think we can.


"Calling his disciples to himself, (Jesus) said to them, 'Amen, I say to you, this poor widow put in more than all the other contributors to the treasury,'" St. Mark writes. "For they have all contributed from their surplus wealth, but she, from her poverty, has contributed all she had, her whole livelihood."

That's a tall order, to be sure. But it's a great reminder that charitable love is the only thing that, the more of it we give away, the more it comes back to us in larger measure.

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Mass Intentions / Weekly Readings

Mass Intentions

Monday	November 11, 2024 Saint Martin of Tours, Bishop (White) - Veteran's Day 
7:00 am	Special intention for Joe Schotthoefer
Tuesday	November 12, 2024 Saint Josaphat, Bishop and Martyr (Red)
7:00 am	The deceased veterans in the McQuillan, Zaranek, Walters and Gaidis Families
Wednesday	November 13, 2024 Saint Francis Xavier Cabrini, Virgin (White)
7:00 am	Monsignor Lentini
6:00 pm	Special Intention for the living and deceased members of the St. Vincent DePaul Society
Thursday	November 14, 2024 Weekday (Green)
7:00 am	Jay Barker
Friday	November 15, 2024 Weekday; Saint Albert the Great, Bishop and Doctor of the Church (Green/White)
7:00 am	Mario and Ann Catalanotte
Saturday	November 16, 2024 Vigil for the Thirty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time (Green)
4:00 pm	Fr. John C.Jordan, Bonnie Batche, Robert Bidigare, Martin Krall, Andrew, Rita and Gerald Kopacko, Edward, Helen and Henry Blind, Debbie Albrecht, Joan Weber, Dr. Lori Karol, Dennis Lex, Marie Ann Easley, David Sperry, Thomas Benoit, and Special Intention for the J. Champine Family, the Thomas Family, and Ray Dinser
6:00 pm	Joseph and Rita Snyder
Sunday	November 17, 2024 Thirty-second Sunday in Ordinary Time (Green)
8:00 am	The Intentions of SJA Parishioners
10:00 am	Patricia Antonelli
12:00 pm	Joseph Paluzzi Jr., Steve Haamen, Daniel Bommarito, Asunta & Luigi Conte, Michael Ciach and a Special Intention for the Hilu Family

Daily Readings

Monday, November 11	Friday, November 15
Titus 1:1-9 Luke 17:1-6	2 John 4-9 Luke 17:26-37
Tuesday, November 12	Saturday, November 16
Titus 2:1-14 Luke 17:7-10	3 John 5-8 Luke 18:1-8
Wednesday, November 13	Sunday, November 17
Titus 3:1-7 Luke 17:11-19	Daniel 12:1-3 Hebrews 10:11-14, 18 Mark 13:24-32
Thursday, November 14	
Philemon 7-20 Luke 17:20-25	

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Minnie Louise Haskins



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Acts 20:35

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Bringing Home the Word

Thirty-second Sunday in Ordinary Time (B)

November 10, 2024

Ouch!

By Sr. Dianne Bergant, CSA

That's the sound of someone giving until it hurts. Most of us probably will never be in such a situation. It's not that we don't give, but we are seldom asked to give until it really hurts. The women in today's readings were in desperate straits. They hurt even before they opened their hands to give. Both belonged to one of the groups of vulnerable people often identified in the Bible—namely, the resident alien, the orphan, and the widow. Because the

social structure of a patriarchal society is usually built on male kinship, those with no male patron were extraordinarily vulnerable. Consequently, Jewish law made special provision for them. (See Deuteronomy 24:17, 19–21; 26:12–13; 27:19.)

The women in these stories were disadvantaged because they were women, they were widows, and they were poor. How these deprivations interacted with each other isn't specifically mentioned.

It's not their state of deprivation that makes them models for us to emulate. It's their generosity despite their deprivation. The widows featured in today's readings gave from their hearts, not from their abundance. They recognized need in another and did what they could to address that need. That is the virtue set before us today. It is, indeed, heroic!

Do we do what we can—as little as that might be—to help others in need? Or do we cling to what we have, to what we say we are entitled to because we worked for it? Are we that uncaring? Ouch! That hurts! †



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A Word from Pope Francis

Brothers and sisters, the Lord's scales are different from ours. He weighs people and their actions differently: God does not measure quantity but quality; he examines the heart; he looks at the purity of intentions. This means that our "giving" to God in prayer and to others in charity...must be an expression of gratuity, as Jesus did with us: he saved us freely.

ANGELUS, ROME, NOVEMBER 11, 2018



REFLECTION QUESTIONS

- Can you list all those who have been generous to you?
- Do you find generosity difficult or easy?

Sunday Readings

1 Kings 17:10–16

[Elijah said,] "The Lord, the God of Israel, says, 'The jar of flour shall not go empty, nor the jug of oil run dry....'"

Hebrews 9:24–28

Christ...will appear a second time, not to take away sin but to bring salvation to those who eagerly await him.

Mark 12:38–44 or 12:41–44

[Jesus said,] "They have all contributed from their surplus wealth, but she, from her poverty, has contributed all she had...."



Turning Our Daydreams Into Prayer

Fr. Ron Rolheiser, OMI

We daydream a lot, though few will admit it. We're all pathological daydreamers, and that isn't necessarily bad. Our hearts and minds, chronically frustrated by the limits of our lives, naturally seek solace in daydreaming. It's an irresistible temptation. Hence the escape into daydreams. And what are the contents of those daydreams?

In our daydreams, we create fantasy lives for ourselves that we play over and over again in our minds as we might play and replay a favorite movie. But there's something important to note here.

In our daydreams, we're never petty or small. We're always noble and grand, the hero/ heroine, generous, bighearted, immune from faults, drawing perfect respect, and making perfect love. In our daydreams, we, in fact, intuit the vision of Isaiah where he foresees a perfect world, the lamb and the lion lying down together, the sick being healed, the hungry being fed, all restlessness being brought to calm, and God drying every tear. Isaiah also fantasied about perfect consummation. His fantasy was a prophecy. In our earthly fantasies, we intuit the kingdom of God.

Of course, this has a downside: [because] in our daydreams we're always the center of attention and admiration, our daydreams can easily stoke our natural narcissism. But, as Henri Nouwen suggests, one of the important struggles in our lives is to turn our fantasies into prayer. That's the task of Advent. †

This reflection is an excerpt from *Daybreaks: Daily Reflections for Advent and Christmas* by Fr. Ron Rolheiser, OMI. Advent begins in three weeks. Visit Liguori.org for *Daybreaks* and other spiritual reading for the season.

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fear of not having
enough so that I may
generously share all
the blessings you have
given me. Amen.*

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WEEKDAY READINGS

November 11–16

Monday, St. Martin of Tours:

Ti 1:1–9 / Lk 17:1–6

Tuesday, St. Josaphat:

Ti 2:1–8, 11–14 / Lk 17:7–10

Wednesday, St. Francis Xavier Cabrini:

Ti 3:1–7 / Lk 17:11–19

Thursday, Weekday:


Phmn 7–20 / Lk 17:20–25

Friday, Weekday:

2 Jn 4–9 / Lk 17:26–37

Saturday, Weekday:

3 Jn 5–8 / Lk 18:1–8

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