

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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Reflections for the 32nd Sunday

In Ordinary Time

First Reading: 1 Kings 17:10–16

Then the word of the Lord came to him, ‘Arise and go to Zarephath, which belongs to Sidon, and dwell there. Behold, I have commanded a widow there to feed you’” (1 Kgs 17:8-9, RSV). Thus, begins our story this week about Elijah the Prophet from the First Book of Kings. At the word of the Lord, Elijah went to the town of Zarephath in Sidon. In Zarephath, he met a widow gathering sticks for the fire over which she intended to cook a last meal for herself and her son. The name of the town indicates to the audience that the widow was a Phoenician and not of the Israelite race or religion. The fact that she is a foreigner highlights her charity and faith. When Elijah met the woman, he asked her to bring him some water. Amazingly, she immediately turned to bring this beggar some water. As she turned to fetch the water, Elijah requested some bread as well. She replied by swearing an oath by the God of Israel that she had nothing baked and that the little meal she had left was the last of her food. Elijah promised her that God would provide for her and her child if she fed him what she had left. In a profound act of faith, the widow gave the Prophet of God the remainder of her food. The widow gave the whole of the little she had in contrast to most of us, who give little despite our abundance. God cannot be outdone in generosity, and so in response to her charity and faith in an unfamiliar God and His Prophet, the Lord multiplied her flour and oil. This miracle of the multiplication of the widow’s bread is a type or foreshadowing of the multiplication of the loaves and fishes by Jesus. Just as God multiplied bread through Elijah, so through Jesus Christ does God multiply the bread and fish. The lesson in both cases is that those who put their trust in God will be taken care of by Divine Providence. It is interesting that the story closes by saying that the flour and oil never ran out as the “word of the Lord had said” (1 Kgs 17:16 RSV). The story began in 1 Kings 17:8 by stating that the “word of the Lord” sent Elijah to the widow. Because the periscope begins and ends with a reference to the “word of the Lord,” we can believe that we ought to trust in God.

Second Reading: Hebrews 9:24–28

In our reading from Hebrews, we discover that our sanctuaries, like the sanctuary of the Temple in Jerusalem, are meant to replicate the heavenly sanctuary. Many churches are designed to mimic the Jerusalem Temple (interestingly, Jewish synagogues were also roughly modeled on the Jerusalem Temple as well, which means

that many of our churches resemble synagogues in their layout). The Temple of Solomon followed the design given by God to Moses for the construction of the Tabernacle (Exodus 25-27), which served as a portable temple while Israel was in the desert. The Temple replaced the Tabernacle as the proper site for the sacrifices of the Mosaic rites during the reign of Solomon, the son of King David. The design of our churches is meant to act as a reminder of our Jewish roots. Christ makes an eternal offering of Himself to the Father in the heavenly sanctuary. We participate in His eternal offering at the re-presentation of the sacrifice of Calvary in the holy Eucharist, which is celebrated in our earthly sanctuaries. In every parish church, when the Eucharist is celebrated, we experience both the re-presentation of Calvary and a taste of heavenly worship. At every Mass, we experience Christ as Alpha and Omega, beginning and end: we are given a foretaste of eternal life, which is truly awe-inspiring!

Gospel: Mark 12:38–44

In the Gospel reading for this Sunday, Jesus uses the contrast between the behavior of the scribes and the action of a poor widow to teach us about the spiritual life. Even though our Christian life and worship is expressed outwardly, the life of the soul is inwardly nourished by our devotion to God. God sees our hearts; our spirits please or sadden God, because sometimes our external actions can contradict what is truly in our hearts. Some scribes exhibited their wealth and status by parading in public, not only in front of their peers, but also in the presence of those who were poor and lacking the basic needs of life. They did not simply flaunt their wealth, but they did so at the expense of the poor and helpless. Scribes made a living by interpreting the Mosaic Law. Also, some acted as executors or managers of the estates of widows, and they would take part of that estate as payment. As such, Jesus says that they “devour the savings of widows.” The widow is meant to teach us about humility and trust in the Lord. Jesus extols these virtues. The widow teaches us to sacrifice like Christ, who offered his life for the salvation of sinners. As the Psalmist proclaims, “My sacrifice, O God, is a contrite spirit; a heart contrite and humbled, O God, you will not spurn” (Ps 51:19). Our most pleasing sacrifice to God is a humble heart that trusts God enough to give him everything. The simplicity and humility of the widow provides us substantial material for spiritual reflection. Let us approach this reading prayerfully and humbly, allowing it to instruct us in the way of humility. The scribes and the poor widow respectively give us models to avoid and to emulate. Our lives may be different in detail but the principles remain the same.

Reflection: A widow in Jesus's time would have been considered an outcast in society. With no man to own property, home, or earn an income, she would struggle to survive. And yet, with great humility and great courage, she still presents herself in the Temple, showing her faith in the God of mercy. She trusts in God's word, and she hopes in his promise. And she gives all that she has. Jesus notices that she gives away all that she has, even though no one else would have seen this humble action. He notices the ways in which we empty ourselves when we don't think we have anything more to give. Jesus sees the mother who rises for the sixth time in the middle of the night to comfort her crying baby. Jesus sees the father who takes up the daily grind to provide for his family, exhausted and ready for a respite. Jesus sees the child who shares his Cheerios snack with a friend. Jesus sees us. And he will give us many graces for our quiet humility and generosity. -LPi



The last catechesis for the Neocatechumenal Way will be November 8th at 7:30 in the Parish Center.

**READINGS FOR THE 32ND WEEK
IN ORDINARY TIME**

- Monday:** Wis 1:1-7/Ps 139:1b-3, 4-6, 7-8, 9-10 [24b]/Lk 17:1-6
- Tuesday:** Ez 47:1-2, 8-9, 12/Ps 46:2-3, 5-6, 8-9 [5]/1 Cor 3:9c-11, 16-17/Jn 2:13-22
The Dedication of the Lateran Basilica
- Wednesday:** Wis 6:1-11/Ps 82:3-4, 6-7 [8a]/Lk 17:11-19
St. Leo the Great, Pope and Doctor of the Church
- Thursday:** Wis 7:22b—8:1/Ps 119:89, 90, 91, 130, 135, 175 [89a]/Lk 17:20-25
St. Martin of Tours, Bishop; Veterans Day
- Friday:** Wis 13:1-9/Ps 19:2-3, 4-5ab [2a]/Lk 17:26-37
St. Josaphat, Bishop and Martyr
- Saturday:** Wis 18:14-16; 19:6-9/Ps 105:2-3, 36-37, 42-43 [5a]/Lk 18:1-8
St. Frances Xavier Cabrini, Virgin
- Sunday:** Dn 12:1-3/Ps 16:5, 8, 9-10, 11 [1]/Heb 10:11-14, 18/Mk 13:24-32

The Faith of Abraham

This week we read about two different widowers, outcast and struggling to provide for themselves, who have remarkable faith in God. Their trust and faith remind us of Abraham, our Father in Faith. He led his whole life believing in God's word, even though this word seemed impossible to fulfill at times. He left his home for a foreign land, and he was childless after child-bearing age, even though God promised that his descendants would be as great as the stars. And then, God asked him to sacrifice his only son, who had been given to Abraham and his wife after their childbearing years! How could God's promise of building a great nation come true if he did not have a son? But Abraham trusted God and did not need to sacrifice his son in the end. What amazing faith. Ask Abraham for his intercession as you seek to grow in faith and generosity with Our Lord. - LPi

Humility is the Key to Prayer

Through the gift and virtue of humility, we are able to recognize ourselves as we are. We don't see ourselves as being more or less than what we actually are. If we have this humility, we will immediately notice our own emptiness and our dependence upon God. This humility will gently draw us to our knees in a place of prayer. If you are finding that you are struggling to pray, ask God for the grace of humility.

A COMMUNION PRAYER



Jesus, although You have existed with the Father and the Holy Spirit from the beginning, You came among us in Your human nature and showed us the depth of divine love. With amazement, I think about how You, Almighty God, became man. Even more, with astonishment I recall Your words to Your disciples that to have eternal life, we have to eat the bread that is You. Jesus, I have now received the miracle of Your flesh and blood in this Holy Communion. May I grow in the awareness that your divine life is now within me. Please let my attitude reflect Your presence in me.

Lord Jesus, I believe that You are truly present within the consecrated bread which has been blessed and broken. Through the eyes of faith, I affirm that what I have received is Your Body and Blood.

Lord Jesus, in this celebration of faith, I have received the cup of blessing. It is the new and eternal covenant of Your love. May I proclaim, once again, this day that you are the Christ, the anointed One of God, who has come to me. Amen. —Source Unknown

A Prayer for Spiritual Communion

My Jesus, I believe that You are present in the Most Holy Sacrament.

I love You above all things and I desire to receive You into my soul.

Since I cannot, at this moment, receive You sacramentally,

Come at least spiritually into my heart.

I embrace You as if You were already there And unite myself wholly to You.

Never permit me to be separated from You. Amen.

National VOCATION AWARENESS WEEK

Many people mistake our work for our vocation. Our vocation is the love of Jesus.

-St. Teresa of Calcutta



MASS SCHEDULE

DAILY MASS TIMES

Monday—Friday

8:00 AM (English)

Tuesday

6:30 PM (Spanish)

WEEKEND MASSES

Saturday Vigil

4:00 PM (English)

Sunday

8:00 & 10:00 AM (English)

12:00 PM (Spanish)

HOLY DAYS OF OBLIGATION

Vigil 7:00 PM (Bilingual)

Holy Day

8:00 AM (English)

CONFESSIONS

Tuesdays 7:15 PM

Fridays after 8:00 AM Mass

Saturdays 3-4 PM

or any time upon request

The Pope's Intention for November:

PEOPLE WHO SUFFER FROM DEPRESSION

We pray that the people who suffer from depression or burn-out will find support and a light that opens them up to life.



Baptism

Parents, please go to the Parish Office with your child's birth certificate to pre-register your child for Baptism classes. Classes are held the first Saturday of each month at 9:00 a.m. in the Parish Center.

1. We can accept a petition only from a parent.
2. Only Catholics can be godparents.

Readers are needed for the 4:00 Saturday Vigil Mass. If you would

like to help with this Liturgical Ministry, please call the Parish Office (352-483-3500) and leave your name and telephone number for Anne Yearwood. She will get in touch with you. Thank you for helping and God Bless you.

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St. Mary of the Lakes Gifts for the Soul

OUR RELIGIOUS ARTICLES STORE

is open after all Masses, Sat. & Sun.

The Store needs to make room for Advent and Christmas, so a "Name Your Price Sale" is going on now.

Please come to the Store, and when you find something you would like, just tell us how much it is worth to you, or simply, how much you can pay for it. Then, it's yours!

Also, closer to Christmas, we will have a silent auction for two big and beautiful statues—one of Our Blessed Mother and one of the Sacred Heart of Jesus.

Prayer for the Faithful Departed

Good and faithful God, you have given us so many people in our lives who have given us joy and solace. We ask you to remember our dearly departed. Keep them close to you as we all wait for that day when we all will come and worship in your presence. We ask this through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen. -Anonymous



Monday, November 8
Online Week for Faith Formation grades K-5

<http://www.stmaryofthelakesparish.org/faith-formation>

Tuesday, November 9
Online Week for Pre-Confirmation Clases

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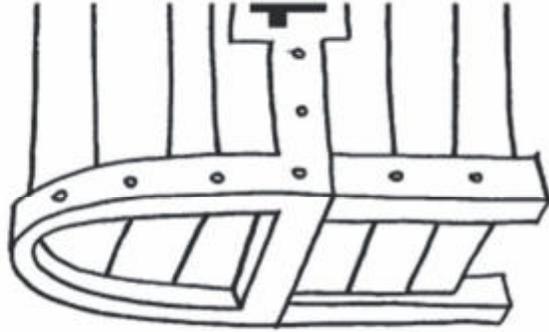


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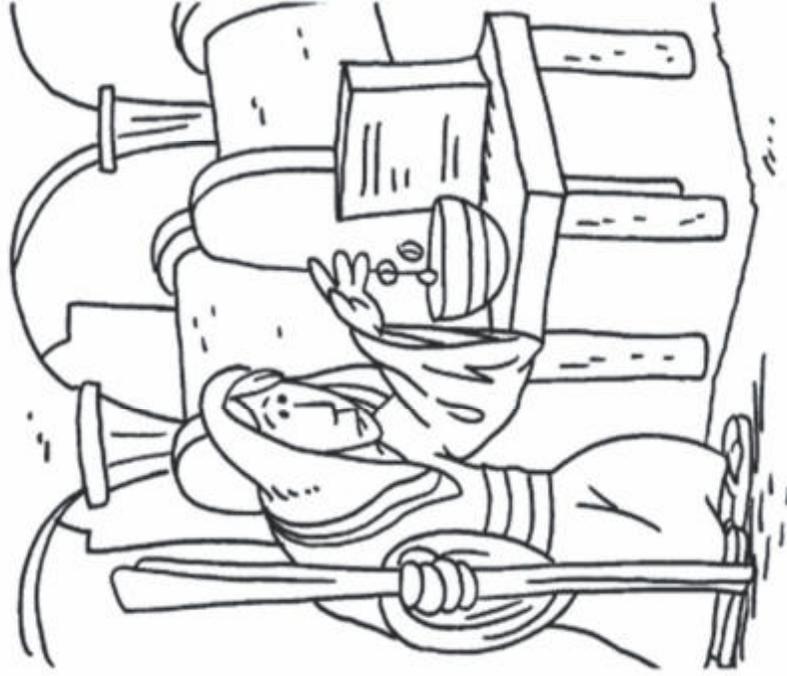
 **MISSION**

if you have a piggy bank, take money out and give it to God next Sunday. Shhhh! Remember to give it to God quietly.



COLOR

Read the Gospel of the week and color the image.



Reflexiones para el domingo 32 En tiempo ordinario

MEDITACIÓN EVANGÉLICO: ALENTAR ENTENDIMIENTO MÁS PROFUNDO DE LA ESCRITURA

En la liturgia de hoy, Jesús nos enseña lo que vale ante Dios. Sus ejemplos ayudan a clarificar lo que existe en el corazón de cada uno según su posición y estatus económico. Por un lado, Jesús condena algunas actitudes y alaba otras. Desenmascara y confronta a los escribas y maestros de la ley, y alaba la ofrenda de la viuda. Él observaba cuidadosamente para enseñar lo correcto, lo que lleva a vivir con dignidad. Había visto el sufrimiento de los pobres, de los enfermos, de los huérfanos y de las viudas. También, veía como los ricos se aprovechaban de los más pobres; no había ninguna consideración para ellos, les cobraban impuestos, les hacían cumplir leyes injustas que ni ellos mismos cumplían.

Ahora, ¿cómo hacemos para compartir lo que tenemos? ¿Damos de lo que nos sobra, como los ricos de los tiempos de Jesús o somos como la viuda de Sarepta y la del Evangelio que generosamente dieron lo que tenían desde su pobreza? Actualmente, es digno de resaltar la grandeza de los pobres, de los inmigrantes que son ricos en bendiciones porque su confianza está puesta en Dios. Recordemos, siempre, que Dios ve los corazones y no las apariencias. Lo que da valor es el amor con que se hacen las cosas. “Yo les aseguro que esta viuda pobre ha dado más que todos los otros” (Marcos 12:43). En resumen, el mundo necesita generosidad y confianza al máximo. Oremos con el Salmo 145: “Da el Señor protección al forastero, y reanima al huérfano y a la viuda, mas desvía el camino de los malvados, El Señor reina para siempre, tu Dios, Sion, de generación en generación”.

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VIVIR LA LITURGIA - INSPIRACIÓN DE LA SEMANA

Realmente todo se reduce a una cuestión del corazón, y las acciones hablan más que las palabras. No podemos escondernos de la verdad. Un problema con la religión es que es posible que alguien haga que todo parezca correcto cuando en realidad no lo es. Podemos decir todas las oraciones correctas, realizar todos los rituales prescritos, afirmar que nos adherimos a las doctrinas ortodoxas y aún llevamos una vida distorsionada, vacía y, a veces, lamentable. Solo las acciones que surgen de un sacrificio verdadero y profundo demuestran verdadera integridad. Sin sacrificio, incluso las acciones de aspecto más noble pueden significar nada. No es de extrañar, entonces, que la viuda que contribuyó con su pobreza recibió gran admiración de Jesús. Aunque no siempre parezca ser el caso, Dios tiene especial cuidado y consideración por aquellos que dependen de él en tiempos de angustia y necesidad. Solo la persona que es verdaderamente pobre es la única que puede ver esto. Por falta de confianza, el que tiene mucho tiene miedo de arriesgarse y ve solo lo que posee como su única seguridad.

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CATHOLIC TRIVIA – JUST FOR FUN

Question: According to the Code of Canon Law, what is the minimum age requirement for baptismal sponsors?



Lecturas de la Semana

XXXII Domingo de Tiempo Ordinario

Lunes: Sab 1, 1-7/Sal 138, 1-3. 4-6. 7-8. 9-10 [24]/Lc 17, 1-6

Martes: Ez 47, 1-2. 8-9. 12/Sal 45, 2-3. 5-6. 8-9 [5]/1 Cor 3, 9-11. 16-17/Jn 2, 13-22

Miércoles: Sab 6, 1-11/Sal 81, 3-4. 6-7 [8]/Lc 17, 11-19

Jueves: Sab 7, 22—8, 1/Sal 118, 89. 90. 91. 130. 135. 175 [89]/Lc 17, 20-25

Viernes: Sab 13, 1-9/Sal 18, 2-3. 4-5 [2]/Lc 17, 26-37

Sábado: Sab 18, 14-16; 19, 6-9/Sal 104, 2-3. 36-37. 42-43 [5]/Lc 18, 1-8

Domingo siguiente: Dn 12, 1-3/Sal 15, 5. 8. 9-10. 11 [1]/Heb 10, 11-14. 18/Mc 13, 24-32

Las conmemoraciones de la semana:

Martes: La Dedicación a la Basílica de Letrán

Miércoles: San León Magno, papa y doctor de la Iglesia

Jueves: San Martín de Tours, obispo; Día de los Veteranos (EEUU)

Viernes: San Josafat, obispo y mártir

Sábado: Santa Francisca Javiera Cabrini, virgen

Domingo siguiente: 33er Domingo del Tiempo Ordinario



Si desea bautizar a su hijo(a) favor llamar a la oficina parroquial 352-483-3500.

La próxima clase es el 3 de diciembre 2021.

9 a.m. Muchas gracias.



Colectas de la Semana Pasada

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QUESTIONS OF THE WEEK

First Reading: In the story of the initial encounter between Elijah and the widow, we see the widow rewarded for her courage and faith. When has your faith resulted in a positive outcome?

Second Reading: The reading from Hebrews focuses on Jesus' sacrificial death on earth, his intercession for us from heaven, and his eventual return at the end of time. Who do you know needs to hear this succinct summary of our faith in Christ?

Gospel: In the Gospel reading we hear Jesus criticize the scribes for their hypocrisy and praise the widow for her generosity. How do you ensure your actions and faith are authentic?

PREGUNTAS DE LA SEMANA

Primera Lectura: En la historia del encuentro inicial entre Elías y la viuda, vemos a la viuda recompensada por su fe y valentía. ¿Cuándo ha tenido tu fe un resultado positivo?

Segunda Lectura: La lectura de Hebreos se centra en la muerte sacrificial de Jesús en la tierra, su intercesión por nosotros desde el cielo y su eventual regreso al final de los tiempos. ¿A quién conoces que necesite escuchar este resumen preciso de nuestra fe en Cristo?

Evangelio: En la lectura del Evangelio escuchamos a Jesús criticar a los escribas por su hipocresía y alabar a la viuda por su generosidad. ¿Cómo te aseguras de que tus acciones y tu fe sean auténticas

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Bereavement	- Donna Michels	352-483-3500
	- Gloria Wright	352-483-3500
Bible Study/Faith Sharing	- Paula Shafer	352-483-3500
Carismáticos	- Alejandra Salgado	352-483-3500
Juan XXIII	- Víctor Rivas	352-483-3500
Knights of Columbus	- Frank Nordmeyer	352-483-3500
Ministry to the Sick	- Tim & Donna Simpson	352-483-3500
Museum (After Weekend Masses)	- Joyce Welch	352-483-3500
Prayer Blankets	- Connie Prudhomme	352-483-3500
Pro-Life	- Gerri Hickey	352-483-3500
Radio Station Ambassador	- Sue Hooper	352-483-3500
RCIA Facilitators	- Moriah Morgan	352-483-3500
	- Mary Lyons	352-483-3500
Religious Articles Store	- Mapi Gonzalez	352-589-8141
Small Christian Communities	- Sidney Wright	352-483-3500
St. Vincent de Paul Society (Tues. and Thurs. 10 AM—1:00 PM)	- Jill Stephenson	352-589-2603
St. Luke's Medical & Dental Clinic (Mon. & Thurs. 10 AM - 4 PM)		352-602-4640
Thrift Store (Wed. & Thurs. 9 AM - 1 PM) (Also 1st Sat. of each month 9-1)	-Judith Kellogg-Furey	352-357-2146
Youth and Young Adults	- Monica Vega	352-483-3500

Mass Intentions for the Week

MONDAY, 8:00 AM	November 08 †Arturo and Rosa Pellizzon Spec. Int. for Gloria Wright
TUESDAY, 8:00 AM	November 09 †Anthony Stedrak
6:30 PM	†Justina and Ramon Gutierrez
WEDNESDAY, 8:00 AM	November 10 †Joan Gougeon
THURSDAY, 8:00 AM	November 11 †Anthony Stedrak †William Loyd
FRIDAY, 8:00 AM	November 12 †Poor Souls In Purgatory
SATURDAY, 4:00 PM	November 13 †Olivia Galván †Amparo Negron †Frederick Catalano Spec. Int. for Stienna Steson
SUNDAY, 8:00 AM	November 14 †Robert Mills †Jack Preston †Ruth and Phil Amato and sons Joe and Phil
10:00 AM	†Catherine Clemente †Donna Polverari Spec. Int. for Steson Stephen & Fam.
12:00 PM	Our Parishioners

All parishes are asked to remember our deceased priests who were incarnated for the Orlando Diocese, or who are buried at the San Pedro Center. For November they are:

Nov. 03, 2013—Msgr. John Caulfield
Nov. 09, 1994—Rev. Charles Anderson
Nov. 15, 1995—Rev. James Fahey
Nov. 17, 2004—Rev. Thomas Bergin
Nov. 20, 2000—Rev. George Moreau
Nov. 30, 1994—Rev. William Killion



We pray for the repose of the soul of **Edelmira Rosado, Pauline Darling, and Peter John Fippinger**. May God welcome them home, fill them with peace, and bless those who will miss them.

The beautiful flowers in the sanctuary this weekend are in memory of **Mary & Leo MacDonald**, requested by Bernadette MacDonald.

