



Guardian Angels Parish

November 8, 2015

32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

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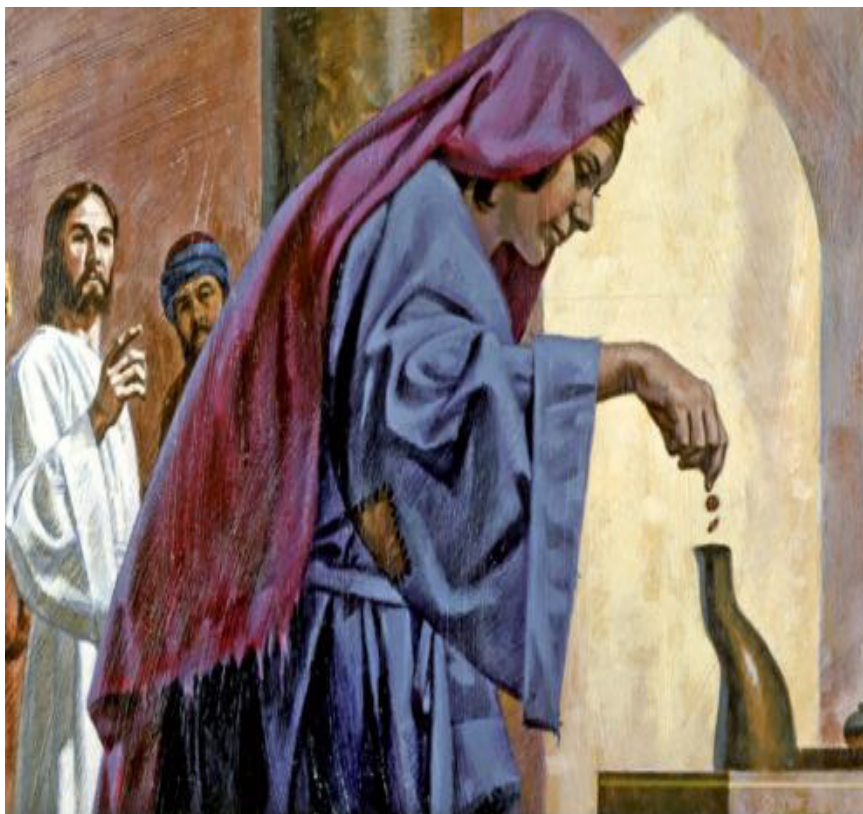
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“A poor widow came and put in two small copper coins, which are worth a penny.” Mark 12:38-44

PARISH LITURGICAL AND PRAYER SCHEDULE

Liturgical Celebrations

Saturday 4:00 pm (Anticipated Mass)
Sunday 9:00 am, 11:00am; 12:30pm

Weekday Mass Times:

Monday 7:00 pm
Tuesday – Friday 8:00 am
Saturday 9:00 am

Sacraments:

Confessions– Saturdays between 3:00—3:45 pm or by appointment.

Baptism / Marriage / Anointing of the Sick or Home Communion / Funeral - Please contact the Parish office.

Devotions / Prayers

Morning Prayers / Breviary:

Tuesday-Friday 7:40 am
Saturday & Sunday 8:30 am

Mother of Perpetual Help:

Wednesdays 7:00 pm

Infant Jesus of Prague:

Mondays 6:30 pm

Divine Mercy Chaplet:

Sundays 1:30 pm

First Fridays - Holy Hour at 6:00 pm (except during Lent)

Stations of the Cross (during Lent) - every Friday at 6:30 pm followed by Mass at 7:00 pm.

Pastor's Corner - 32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time



Are You Really Worthy?

A well-known speaker started off his seminar by holding up a \$20 bill. In the room of 200, he asked, "Who would like this \$20 bill? Hands started going up. He said, "I am going to give this \$20 to one of you but first, let me do this." He proceeded to crumple the dollar bill up. He then asked, "Who still wants it?" Still the hands were up in the air. "Well," he replied, "What if I do this?" And he dropped it on the ground and started to grind it into the floor with his shoe. He picked it up, now all crumpled and dirty. Now who still wants it?" Many more hands went up.

"My friends, you have all learned a very valuable lesson. Because it did not decrease in value. It was still worth \$20. Many times in our lives, we are dropped, crumpled, and ground into the dirt by the decisions we make and the circumstances that come our way. We feel as though we are worthless. But no matter what has happened or what will happen, you will never lose your value in God's eyes. To Him, dirty or clean, crumpled or finely creased, you are still priceless to Him.

Jesus Watches the Tiny Things in Life

As he was standing in the temple watching scribes and other people coming and going, Jesus saw what any of us would have seen: the "religious" with their long flowing robes, and the common people hurrying in to make their offerings. His comments seemed interesting, even amusing, until I realized where I would be located in this ordinary scene and what Jesus would be saying about me.

Let's face it, many of us reading this would be the folk wearing the clerical or academic robes, or other special clothes associated with class and power. We wear them to be noticed, as a mark of our station. "Beware of people like this," Jesus says. "These people who like to be treated with respect, or have the best seats at the dinner parties." Who wouldn't like these perks? Nothing wrong here at least not on the surface.

Jesus Watches from a different Angle

But Jesus looks beneath the surface of things. He sees things from an entirely different perspective. And he sees that there are costs associated with the distribution of power and wealth that we take for granted. He notes these costs by saying these people "devour widows' houses." What can he mean by this?

Religion and Hypocrisy

Apparently one of the scandals of Jesus' time was the insidious way that the religious establishment served the needs of the wealthy and, in clear violation of the Torah, violated the poor, especially those outside the social structures - the widows. The reference to "widows' houses" could refer to the scribes' tendency to abuse their role as trustee for the estates of widows, or it could refer more generally to the way upkeep of the temple (a house of prayer) "devoured" the resources of the poor. Either way, the practice of praying had become a cover for injustice. What is worse, then as now many involved with the temple were unaware of the way the structures worked against needy people, for the needy were almost invisible. They didn't walk and sit among the scribes and religious leaders.

Widow's Mite

Again, Jesus sees things differently. Jesus pays special attention to the poor widow whose clothes were unspectacular and who probably was overlooked by almost everyone. Oh yes, many rich people put in huge sums. That would be impressive, and it was meant to be! But Jesus commended the woman who put in a penny. Why? Because the others did it for show out of abundance; she did it for God with "all she had to live on."

The question about both clothes and offerings is the same: What is acceptable worship? What is to be done to be "noticed" and who do we want to notice us? Jesus gives us a clue. The scribes gave in order to make a human impression; the widow gave all she had, revealing that she was completely dependent on God. The scribes located - socially and religiously where I am located - became a negative example of trust, while the poor woman, contrary to cultural expectation, provided a positive example of trust. Here, then, is a vivid instance, so common in the Gospels, of the fulfillment of Mary's song: God has "brought down the powerful from their thrones, and lifted up the lowly."

Mighty Works

Most commentators on this Gospel passage tend to speak of it as praise for the widow. She gave all the money she had, and so was a remarkable example of generosity. Similarly the widow in the first reading shared all she possessed with the prophet, and also demonstrated extraordinary generosity. Both widows can be seen as images of Our Lord Jesus Christ who gave all for us, even his very life. In this sense the readings show us how radical the Gospel message is.

As followers of Christ we are called upon, not just to lead what might be called a respectable life, but to give everything to God. We are to be, not half-hearted disciples, who make all sorts of compromises with the world, but people who find their fulfillment, not in what they have, but in what they are. Instead of hoarding our time and our money, we are called to live generously, putting our trust in God and our faith in eternal life. This is a common interpretation of these passages and it tells us something very important about what it means to be a Christian. There is also, however, another and even more radical lesson here.

Practical Conclusion

One of the great Christian virtues is liberality, that is, an attitude of generosity in the way we use our time, our talent resource and our treasure. It is from the Latin word "liber", meaning "free". The idea is that if we are free with what we have, we will experience a great personal freedom ourselves. At the same time we must never give other people the impression that God does not want them to have enough to meet their genuine human needs. If we did that, we would be insulting the generosity of God. God bless you.

Fr. Rudy, OCD

"Weakness is assumed by strength, lowliness by majesty, mortality by immortality, in order that one and the same Mediator between God and humanity might die in the one and rise in the other." -

Saint Leo the Great



Monday: November 9

1 Cor. 3:9-11, 16-17; Psalm 46
John 2:13-22

Tuesday: November 10

Wisdom 2:23-3:9; Psalm 34;
Luke 17:7-10

Wednesday: November 11

Wisdom 6:1-11; Psalm 82;
Luke 17:11-19

Thursday: November 12

Wisdom 7:22-8:1; Psalm 119;
Luke 17:20-25

Friday: November 13

Wisdom 13:1-9; Psalm 19;
Luke 17:26-37

Saturday: November 14

Wisdom 18:14-16; 19:6-9;
Psalm 105; Luke 18:1-8

Mass Offerings

Nov. 9-15, 2015

Monday 7:00 pm-

+Roberto Mancía +

By: Yolanda Navela

Tuesday 8:00 am-

+Int. of Gary Sholer +

By: Yolanda Navela

Wednesday 8:00 am-

+Margaret Coombs +

By: Jo Ringdahl & family

Thursday 8:00 am -

+ Peter Tan +

By: Family

Friday 8:00 am -

+Rosemarie, Ignatius & Francis

By: Theresa Dagenais

Saturday —

9:00 am:

Special Int. of Elaine Yim

4:00 pm: -

+ Lorenzo Faulmino +

By: Cynthia & Argel Faulmino

Sunday—

9:00 am -

+Rosemarie & Ignatius

Mascarenhas + By: T. Dagenais

11:00 am-

Special Int of Elaine Yim

12:30 pm—

**For special intentions of
Guardian Angels Parish**

PARISH ANNOUNCEMENT

UPDATING OUR PARISH DATA BASE

It is this time of year when we need to update parishioners' information in our database in preparation for the year end processing of donation receipts and Sunday offering envelopes. Are you moving soon or before the year ends? Has your family information changed and have not updated yet (additional member of the family, change of last name, change of status, change of address)? Do you need a set of Sunday Offering Envelopes? You may update your family or individual information either one of the following:

1- **fill-out the form available in the Church foyer "Update / Change of Parishioner Information" then drop the form in the Sunday Collection basket;**

2- **E-mail your information to parish.ga@rcav.org**

Have you just moved in but have not registered yet? Please fill-out the Registration Form found in the Church foyer.

Archdiocesan News

*Free Urn Burial offer from Catholic Cemeteries

Catholic Cemeteries is offering to lay to rest any urns containing final remains of loved ones during the month of November, the month of Holy Souls. Urns containing loved ones' cremated remains will be placed in a communal grave at Gardens of Gethsemane's Crypt of the Holy Angels Nov. 28. There is no charge. More information at www.rccav.org or 604-531-2141.

*Mother & Daughter Retreat: Led by Sr. Miriam James Heidland, S.O.L.T.

Longing for a deeper healing in your relationship with your mother or daughter? Would you like to explore together the beautiful meaning of what it means to be a woman, made in the image and likeness of God? Focus on the healing power of beauty, reconciliation, mercy and the redemption Jesus Christ brings to us as beloved women of God. Recommended for mother and daughters 14+ years of age. Friday, Nov. 20, at 6pm (check in from 4pm – 6pm) to Sunday, Nov. 22, ending after lunch, Rosemary Heights Retreat Centre, Surrey. Pre-Registration required by Nov. 13. Limited rooms available. Commuting also possible. To register and for cost details, visit www.rosemaryheights.com/events/ or by phone 604-576-8802.

*Healing the Wounded Heart: The Synod, a Prescription for the Family in Crisis

Two important events in the life of the Catholic Church took place this fall: the World Meeting of Families (WMOF) in Philadelphia and the Synod on the Family in Rome. Join Archbishop Miller for an encore of his talk on The School of the Heart: Parents as Primary Catechists presented at the WMOF. There will also be an opportunity to hear sound bytes from the keynote speakers of WMOF, such as Bishop Baron and Cardinal Tagle. If you have questions about the Synod, please email them to olmf@rcav.org before the event and we will present answers. Thursday, Nov. 26 at 7pm at John Paul II Pastoral Centre. No cost but pre-registration is required. More details soon! rcav.org/healing-the-wounded-heart

Archbishop Miller speaks at Catholic After Hours (TM) this Fall

Catholic After Hours (TM) host these pub events for Catholics (25-45 years of age). Have dinner and enjoy networking opportunities at the beautiful Art Gallery Cafe, Vancouver. Pope Francis is one of the most extraordinary communicators in the contemporary world. Although he is lauded everywhere, there are also times when the Pope's very popularity is troubling to some. Join us on Monday, Nov. 9, from 6:30-8:30pm, as Archbishop Miller guides us on what the Holy Father is doing in his mission of evangelization, and how we as faith-filled Catholics can embrace and join in that mission. To register, visit rcav.org/cah

Mass for deceased bishops, clergy and consecrated men and women of the Archdiocese of Vancouver

The annual Mass for deceased bishops, clergy and consecrated men and women will be held at Holy Rosary Cathedral on Thursday, Nov. 12, at 12:10pm. All parishioners are welcome to attend this special liturgy celebrated by the priests of the Archdiocese. Kindly remember in your prayers during the month of November those who have laboured for the Church in Vancouver and pray that the Lord will send more dedicated men and women to continue their ministry.

*Project Advance Vanspec!

Vanspec, directed by the Daughters of St. Mary of Providence, is an organization that provides religious education to persons with developmental disabilities. Thanks to Project Advance, their annual Summer Camp has been well funded, providing 25 young people of various levels of disability an opportunity to relax and enjoy a fun and educational time away from home. Thank you for donating to Project Advance: rcav.org/project-advance

Stewardship Reflection



November 8, 2015

"I say to you, this poor widow put in more than all the other contributors to the treasury. For they all contributed out of their abundance; but she out of her poverty has put in everything she had, her whole living." (Mark 12:43-44)

Jesus gets right to the point – we are all called to give money to support the mission of the Church, regardless of our circumstance. No gift is too small or insignificant! Giving money to support the mission of our local parish is a matter of our faith, just like praying and participating in parish ministries. When you make a financial offering, is it from your "first fruits" or from what is "left over"?

Stewardship Office, The Archdiocese of St. Louis
<http://www.archstl.org/stewardship/page/bulletin>



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*Let us pray for those
in our long-term prayer list*

Anthony Petrina, Gian Buglioni, Geoffrey & Doreen DeSousa, Joyce Kisoondath, Pat Williamson, Masooma Noorzai, Marie Crowe, Ronald Bainbridge, Andre Costa, Hassiran Hakim, Elizabeth Walton, Barry McDermott, Eddie Bilek, Lucille Johnston, Ralph Milburn, Milta Rapalo, Ida Brown, Sonja Lawrence, Colleen Mason, Jara Asterova, Zenaida Nicolas, Doreen Millburn, Helena Glavot, Zeenith Garay, Florence Nichols, Joanne Borrys
and all the sick / shut-ins of our Parish whom we may not know by name.

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