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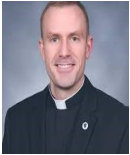


32nd SUNDAY *in ordinary time*

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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From Fr. Brendan Foley

Beautiful detail in our first reading today that might otherwise be missed...we have from the first book of Kings the story of the prophet Elijah and the Widow of Zarephath. It is a story, much like that in our Gospel today, that exhibits an expression of deep faith. Faith, as we know, is much more than just memorizing parts of a creed, or observing traditions, or having a supportive community around us. Faith takes the form of trust. As disciples, we have faith in someone, *someone who knows us, who constantly sustains us in being*. Expressions of faith are expressions of confidence and trust in God, in the goodness of God, and the power that God has to not only provide for us but also to draw us deeper into communion and relationship with Him. I know you know this!

So what is going on in our first reading? Well, the Widow "of Zarephath" reveals to us that she is a Gentile—meaning she is outside of the relationship with God's covenant people. She would have no knowledge of the God and Lord on whose behalf Elijah is an instrument. So the request of her to provide for Elijah becomes even more removed from something she would ever want to do. She states very openly that in this time of drought and famine, all she has is the very little in her possession that will provide barely enough for her and her son to eat. As a result, Elijah asking for some sustenance is also asking her to give from what she really doesn't have to give. Yet, somehow she obliges Elijah's request. Where does her faith and ability to trust come from?

Elijah simply implores her: "Do not be afraid" and assures her that the Lord, the God of Israel, would provide for her and her son. Amazingly, she trusts. When it seems like she has absolutely nothing, that she has somehow prepared for the reality of her coming death, the sadness that she and her son are in desperation and have nothing left, and who knows, probably grief that she couldn't do more for herself and her son—in the face of this heaviness and despair, she makes a bold act of faith, she chooses to trust a God she hardly knows.

What about us? What about us who have been in relationship with this same God for years or even all our life? What kinds of acts of trust and faith are we willing to make when we find ourselves feeling the weight of being destitute in one way or another. In the face of isolation or loneliness, in material poverty, in poverty of health, in crises of fear, anxiety, or doubt—can we give to the Lord from what we perceive as us not even having? Can we offer our trust that the Lord can provide? Let's ask the Lord to increase our faith, and give him freedom to surprise us. Let's also trust that what God provides is precisely what we need, and that God alone is truly the best defender of our hearts, our lives, his Church and the world, and that his divine wisdom is always worth our trust.

Mass Schedule SJB/HT

Sunday - 9:00 am

Reconciliation Thursday 4:00-5:00 pm

Office Hours SJB/HT

Monday - Thursday 9:00am-4:00pm Friday 9:00am - 2:30pm

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Altar Server: Benjamin Chouinard

Birthday Spotlight

Please join us on Sunday Nov. 24th at the 9:00am Mass as we honor our beautiful **Gloria Mastriano** as she celebrates her 101st Birthday, Nov. 25th. Cake & coffee will be served. Gloria has been a parishioner at St. John the Baptist/Holy Trinity for over 80 years. She was president of the Altar Rosary for many years, chaired the spaghetti dinners, meatball sandwiches at the festivals, organized many garage sales, was and still is an active participant in the many fundraisers here, gussed up the rectory with her decorating skills, created many of the altar cloths, helped paint the cafeteria, did the holiday flowers and was a Eucharistic Minister. Gloria and her husband, Alfred were married in 1942 and they raised two children Alfred Jr. and Diana. Diana graduated from SJBA and Gloria was very active with school activities. Gloria was also the president of the long running St. John Catholic Golden Ages who met here coordinating many amazing fun trips.



Gloria Mastriano

With all our love, Happy Birthday Gloria



Religious Education Announcements

There are no Religious Ed classes this week, Nov. 10th, classes will resume on Nov. 17th. Happy Veteran's Day. We offer classes from Pre-K (4 years old) to Confirmation II. Please pray for our Students and our Teachers, that they will have a successful and enjoyable year.

If you wish to have your child participate, please call Betty Warren at 315-420-6357.

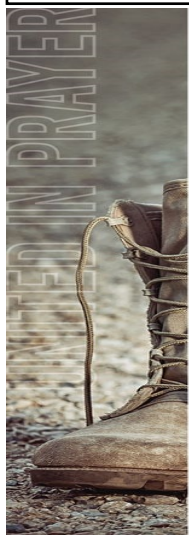
A Family Perspective Family Life Education

The window in today's Gospel gave only a little, but it counted for a lot. In our homes, there are many LIT-TLE MOMENTS, which can have great significance and glue the family together. Seize the moments.



Searching For And Maintaining Peace By Fr. Jacques Philippe

Fr. Foley will lead a simple series all are invited to participate. Book Study & Eucharistic Adoration. 5 straight Tuesdays at 6:00pm: Nov. 19th, 26th, Dec. 3rd, 10th and 17th. Sign up now if you would like to receive a copy of this powerful book! You won't regret it. Books are \$10.00 sign up with the SJB/HT parish office 315-478-0916. Please sign up by Nov. 17th. Location will be at OLP/SP (depending on how many registrations we will announce whether we will be in the convent or the main church).



**UNITED IN PRAYER
THIS VETERAN'S DAY
WE PRAY IN GRATITUDE
FOR ALL OF THOSE WHO
HAVE DEFENDED PEACE,
VIRTUE, AND JUSTICE
WITH HONOR.
WE PRAY ESPECIALLY
FOR THOSE WHO HAVE
SUFFERED IN MIND
AND BODY FROM THE
RAVAGES OF WAR.
GOD'S BLESSINGS AND
HEALINGS UPON OUR
VETERANS TODAY
AND ALWAYS.**



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Parking Lot Happenings

The Court Street side roof of the church has been repaired and now the St. Joseph side altar ceiling will be repaired and painted. Also, the drainage grate located in back by the side hill is having work done to it. Date TBD. That area will be taped off for all parking till it is finished. No parking on the side hill please, it is a fire lane anyway. Thank you for your patience and understanding.



(Practicing) Catholic - Recognize God In Your Ordinary Moments By Colleen Jurkiewicz Dorman 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. ©LPI

Reflect: Readings and Gospel 32nd Sunday In Ordinary Time



First Reading: We hear how the Lord spared the widow and her son from starvation and death in the days of the prophet Elijah. How do you think society can best help those on the margins who are really struggling?

Second Reading: Hebrews teaches us that Jesus's death took away the sins of many and that at his Second Coming, Jesus will bring eternal salvation to all believers. When do you imagine Jesus will return?

Gospel: Jesus praises the widow who gives to the poor despite her own poverty. Do you have family or friends who likewise selflessly give to others? ©LPI



SUNDAYS

ARE BETTER IN COMMUNITY

9:00am Mass Intentions for SJB/HT

Sunday November 10, 2025

9:00am SJB/HT - Tom Brimfield - Mom
 Bill Judge - Maureen Carfaro
 Bob Brimfield - Fran Brimfield
 Rita Carroll - Annette & Mark Hartman

Sunday November 17, 2024

9:00am SJB/HT - Brian Mott - The Family
 Rita Carroll - Twin Cousins
 David McLaughlin - Mother
 Tommasina Carfagno - Twin Brothers

Lector - Sunday Nov. 17

9:00am SJB/HT: Lisa Johnson



Eucharistic Ministry

We have returned to using Eucharistic Ministers to help distribute the Eucharist at Mass on Sundays. If you would like to help with this, please contact Betty Warren at 315-420-6357 or email at warrenbeliz@yahoo.com.

Below is the list of ministers for October.

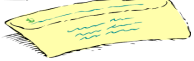
Center

Nov. 10 Larry Argiro
 Nov. 17 Joan LaVergne
 Nov. 24 Betty Warren

Mary's Side

Cathy Horton
 Karen Fekete
 Mary Beth Cusano

Offering Envelopes



Sacrificial Giving

Week November 3rd
 SJB/HT Collection: \$4,509.00

All Faith Food Pantry

Once again we will remember the many food pantry clients who visit All Faith Food Pantry from Thanksgiving through Christmas by collecting personal hygiene items, household cleaning items, first aid products and paper products. These items are not covered by food stamps and are costly to families in need. A food wagon will be set up at the floor of the Blessed Virgin Mary's Altar from November 24th through December 29th. Thank you for your thoughtful generosity to the pantry clients.



2025 Mass Book and Special Requests

The 2025 Mass Book is open for your intentions for the 9:00am Sunday Mass. ****Note: we will only be booking Masses and requests from January-April at this time.** Please call 315-478-0916 or stop by the rectory during office hours for your intentions. Masses are **\$15.00**. As well, you may request to have the **Sanctuary Lamp \$10.00 or Bread and Wine \$25.00** in memory of your loved one(s) for the week.

Mass Schedule OLP/SP 315-422-7163

Saturday Vigil - 4:00pm Vietnamese Mass 6:00pm
 Sunday - 7:30am, 11:30am
 9:30am Vietnamese
 Monday - Thursday 9:00am in the Chapel
 Reconciliation Wednesday 4:00-5:00pm

Call the Rectory to arrange for marriages, arrangements made six months prior to date. Contact our organist directly. Information will be provided. Call the rectory for baptisms and hospital/home visits.

Rectories Closed

SJB/HT & OLP/SP offices will be closed on Monday Nov. 11th, in observance of Veteran's Day. Please check with OLP/SP if there is a 9:00am Mass that day.



Thanksgiving Schedule

Thanksgiving Mass will be celebrated at SJB/HT on Thursday November 28th 9:00am with a bilingual Mass at OLP/SP at 10:00am.

The offices will be closed on Thursday Nov. 28th and Friday Nov. 29th.

HOPE Appeal 2024

Thank you for your support of the 2024 HOPE Appeal. We have raised \$13,368.33 towards our goal of \$16,968.00. If you have not yet made your gift, we ask you to join us in strengthening our church and serving people throughout our diocese. You may bring your completer pledge card to Mass next week, drop it by the parish office or use the return envelope with your letter. You can also make a gift online at www.syradio.org.



Catholic Campaign for Human Development

Next week our special collection will support the Catholic Campaign for Human Development. Nearly 38 million people in the United States live in poverty. This collection supports programs that empower people to identify and address the obstacles they face in bringing permanent and positive change to their communities. Learn more about the Catholic Campaign for Human Development at www.usccb.org/cchd.

Breakfast With Santa and Basket Raffle

Sunday December 8th

Mark your calendars for our next gathering, Breakfast with Santa and Basket Raffle. If you would like to donate a basket for the raffle table, of your choice, we would very much appreciate your generosity. You can bring the baskets to the parish office any time during office hours or up to the date of the breakfast, but by 8:00am.



Remember: Mike Affleck, Shawn Babcock, Nancy Bailey, B.J. Bubniak Family, Arlene Bukowski, Ashley Caiello, Robert Capria, Catherine Cushman, Linda Deapo, Theresa Domathowski, Hank Donohue, Ginny & Erin Donovan, Jenny Emmi, Jon English, Tenley Farrow, Marilyn Ferretti, Ellen Gangemi, Gladys Graham, Robert Greenwood, Joseph Guinto, Jeanne Hammond, Mary Isgar, Carla Johnson, Tony Lauretti, Shirley Kerr, Emma Lane, Kay Ledermann, Jackie Limeri, Thomas Quinn Love, Luciano & Maria Luisi, Judy & Skip Marioritti, Michael & Darlene Morga, Diane Moro, Peggy Palerino, The Pavia Children, Antoinette Perotta, Faith Setzer, Marion Sherwood, Esther Sindoni, John Sobon, Patricia Soule, Timothy K. Suppes, Patrick St. Thomas IV, Barbara Traino, Gerry Vaccaro, Shelly Visco, Matthew Watkins, Fred Wheeler and Maureen White. **We also remember in our prayers our Service Men and Women & our Health Care Workers. Due to HIPAA laws, hospitals are not allowed to give names of patients. Please notify the parish office if you have a loved one in the hospital, a nursing home or is homebound and would like a visit.**