

November 10, 2024

32nd Sunday  
in Ordinary Time



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### Mass Schedule

**Saturday** 7:30am • 8:30am • 4pm Vigil • 5:30pm Vigil

**Sunday** 7:30am • 9am • 10:30am • 12pm • 5:30pm  
12pm Vietnamese (Parish Hall)

**Weekday** 7:30am • 8:30am • 12pm

**Confession** - Reconciliation Room

Saturday 3-4pm • Monday, Wednesday, Friday 11:30am

**Eucharistic Adoration** - Carosella Chapel

Tuesday-Thursday 9am-12pm

**Rosary** - Rosary prayed after 7:30am Mass

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## From Our Pastor, Father George

November 10, 2024 is the 32<sup>nd</sup> Sunday in Ordinary time

### Sunday Sermon Deacon Vern Smith:

Offering time is actually blessing time from time immemorial. The 3 pillars of every religion are: Prayer, Fasting and Offering, (Is 58). But it is not good to use this reality to exploit people. It is also not good for people to think they can use this fact to deceive God or woo his blessings by force through their offering.

It is good to remind ourselves that God does not actually need our gifts. Even the church does not need it, strictly speaking. But we cannot be fulfilled Christians without the spirit of giving, (2 Cor 9:9) – God loves a cheerful giver.

As recorded in the scriptures, there are more than 5 different kinds of offerings done in the Church for the sake of the kingdom: (a) Tithe offering, (Mal 3:11) is offering made for the promotion of Church projects. It could be weekly, monthly or annual. It could be a tenth of one's resource or even more as in the case of the widow's mite of today's gospel. (b) Thanksgiving offering, (Lk 17: 11-19) is offering made to thank God for favors received. The mass is a thanksgiving, so all mass offertories belong to this class of offering. (c) Sin offering, (Lk 5: 14) is offering made to the priest as a sign of atonement for sin committed. Every mass also shares in the merit of Christ's atonement sacrifice on Calvary but our special intentions for each man can help sharpen the focus (d) Almsgiving offering, (Matt 6 :2) is offering made to the needy for the sake of the kingdom, (Matt 25 :31-46).(e) Seed offering, (Matt 10 :40-42) is offering made to a priest, prophet, preacher or any man of God as a token of faith in God's reward like the widow of Zarephath did for Elijah in today's 1st reading. And so, she never lacked in accordance with the Word of God.

There are also about 3 kinds of givers in the church: (i) Grudge givers – They hate to give. (ii) Duty givers – They give just because it is a duty and people are watching them. (iii) Cheerful givers – They give because they love to give.

The style of Offering adopted in every Church, to some extent is determined by the kind of givers in that Church and vice versa. If the majority are grudge givers and duty givers, for example, then the freewill donation method may never work because people will only prefer to pay stipulated levies than give generously on their own. If offerings are not announced for example, majority may not do anything reasonable if they are not cheerful givers or thanksgivers.

Take note of this fact that to be generous, one needs not be rich. True generosity comes from the heart. It manifests more during scarcity.

In today's gospel, we are told that Jesus did not so much appreciate the offerings of the rich who came to church that day, especially that of the



**We have Book of the Living in front of the Altar** - In our church, displayed there for the month of November which is to remind us to pray for our Deceased. The prayer we usually say: Eternal rest grant on to them o Lord and let perpetual light shine upon them. May they rest in peace! Amen.

**Virginia Bray, the Parish Music Director, retires** - After having served

40 years as Music Director in St. Martha parish, Gini will retire at the end of this year. A New Music Director will be needed in our parish in New Year! We are looking now for a candidate to become a new Music Director in St. Martha's Parish.

**Next Sunday, November 17, 2024**, is the 33<sup>rd</sup> Sunday in Ordinary time.

With prayers for God's blessing to you and your family,  
Father George

## Pope Francis

Prayer Intention for November 2024  
**For Anyone Who Has Lost A Child**

*We pray that all parents who mourn the loss of a son or daughter find support in their community and receive peace and consolation from the Holy Spirit.*

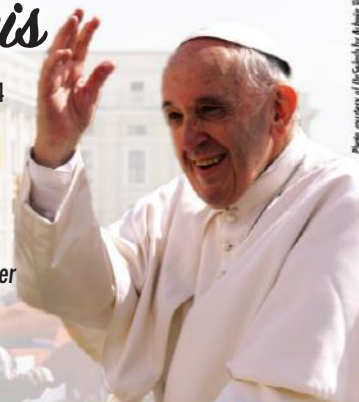


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← continued from previous column Sunday Sermon from Deacon Vern Smith

Scribes and Pharisees who exploited the poor widows (from Monday to Saturday) only to come and do showmanship on Sunday during offering time or during bazaar time in the churches.

Why did Christ so much appreciate the offering of the poor widow? What the 2 widows in today's readings have in common is the willingness under critical circumstances to give all that they have without counting the cost or consequence. They are those who are always in need of the grace of God. Those widows needed the grace of God more than anything. Like David they said, 'I will not offer the Lord a sacrifice that costs me nothing', (1 Chron 21:24). The generosity of the rich is so much needed in our Churches today in order to alleviate the burden being placed on the poor in our various parishes.

Don't joke with offering time. It is actually blessing time. But most importantly, ask yourself what kind of giver you are? Grudge giver? Stingy giver? Duty giver? Exploitative giver? Ostentatious giver? Cheerful or generous giver?



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Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

As the Thanksgiving Holiday approaches, all are no doubt grateful for the blessings the Lord has bestowed. At the same time, we are cognizant that, for many, challenges and difficulties are faced in the aftermath of Hurricanes Helene and Milton, and for them. Thanksgiving may look quite different this year.

Throughout the Diocese of Venice, the devastation caused by these Hurricanes is visible. Families in coastal areas were impacted by flooding, while others inland also suffered wind damage or were struck by tornadoes. Homes have been damaged, some severely, and lives have been disrupted. Parishes have also had facilities damaged by the storms. Catholic Charities, among others, has been working to provide assistance at designated sites, distributing water, food, tarps, cleaning supplies, and other basic necessities.

In response to these recent hurricanes, Parishes in the Diocese of Venice will take up a special collection on the weekend of November 16 and 17, 2024. This collection will help provide for continuing needs, as well as the efforts of Catholic Charities in providing both immediate and long-term assistance to the impacted. It is asked that those who are able, consider donating to help our brothers and sisters in their time of need. The Catholic Campaign for Human Development (CCHD) Collection, which had been scheduled for that weekend, will be replaced with the Hurricane Relief Collection.

Thank you for your kindness and profound generosity towards all those affected. Your compassion towards those in need fulfills the Lord's command to "love your neighbor as yourself." Please know of my prayers for all throughout the Diocese as hurricane recovery continues.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

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- Mon, Nov 11** • *Veteran's Day* • *Saint Martin*
- Tue, Nov 12** • 10:30am Emmaus Bible Study - *Conference Room*  
• *Saint Josaphat*
- Wed, Nov 13** • 9:30-11:30am Walking with Purpose - *Parish Hall*  
• *Saint Frances Cabrini*
- Thu, Nov 14** • 10am Lectio Divina - *Geenen Hall*
- Fri, Nov 15** • *Saint Albert the Great*
- Sat, Nov 16** • *Saint Maragaret*

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## Weekly Mass Intentions

**Sun, Nov 10** ..... 1 Kgs 17:10-16; Heb 9:24-28; Mk 12:38-44  
 7:30am..... [GR]..... Marguerite Romaine by Gail and Fr. Robert Romaine  
 9:00am..... [GS]..... Geri Lorkowski by St Martha's Volunteers  
 9:00am..... [FS] ..... (Hall) Elena Navarro by Felly Cruz  
 10:30am.... [GR]..... For All Parishioners  
 12:00pm.... [FS] ..... (L) Fiorella Duarte by Mom and Dad  
 12:00pm.... []..... (Hall/Vietnamese) Special Intentions  
 5:30pm..... [GR]..... L & D Mbrs of the Plouffe Family by Joe & Betty Plouffe

**Mon, Nov 11** ..... Ti 1:1-9; Lk 17:1-6  
 7:30am..... [GS]..... Marguerite Romaine by Gail Romaine  
 8:30am..... [GR]..... Howard and Elizabeth Stroebel by Dave and Kate Shaver  
 12pm..... [GS]..... Souls in Purgatory by Nicole

**Tue, Nov 12** ..... Ti 2:1-8, 11-14; Lk 17:7-10  
 7:30am..... [GS]..... William Motter by the Motter Family  
 8:30am..... [GR]..... Alessandro Ross by the Sweet Sixteen  
 12:00pm..... [GS]..... (L) Louise and Joanie by Friend

**Wed, Nov 13**..... Ti 3:1-7; Lk 17:11-19  
 7:30am..... [GR]..... (L) Ginger Evans by David and Paula Shigley  
 8:30am..... [GS] ..... Frank Marano by the Marano Family  
 12:00pm.... [FS] ..... (L) Raul Carrascal by Daughter

**Thu, Nov 14**..... Phlm 7-20; Lk 17:20-25  
 7:30am..... [GR]..... Poor Souls in Purgatory by Stephanie & John Iacopelli  
 8:30am..... [GR]..... Guy LoCicero by Paula and Cedric Dendy  
 12:00pm.... [FS] ..... Holy Souls in Purgatory by John J. DeStefano

**Fri, Nov 15** ..... 2 Jn 4-9; Lk 17:26-37  
 7:30am..... [GS]..... Paddy Lynch by the Gately Family  
 8:30am..... [FS] ..... Robert and Ann Corey by John Corey  
 12:00pm.... [GR]..... Claire Anchinsko by Marianne Richards

**Sat, Nov 16** ..... 3 Jn 5-8; Lk 18:1-8  
 7:30am..... [GR]..... (L) Alex Dunn by Rita Dunn  
 8:30am..... [GS]..... Thanksgiving by Joe and Nora Stephan  
 4:00pm..... [FS] ..... The Carrono Family by the Family  
 5:30pm..... [GS]..... (L) Debbie Loper by Friend

**Sun, Nov 17** ..... Dn 12:1-3; Heb 10:11-14, 18; Mk 13:24-32  
 7:30am..... [GR]..... D. Manguikian by Jean Berkey  
 9:00am..... [FS] ..... Angelina and John Lerario by Mimi and Jim  
 9:00am..... [GS]..... (Hall) (L) Peg Mansfield by Daughters  
 10:30am.... [GS]..... For All Parishioners  
 12:00pm.... [FS] ..... Frances Naglieri by Ida Naglieri  
 12:00pm.... []..... (Hall/Vietnamese) Special Intentions  
 5:30pm..... [GR]..... L & D Mbrs of the Burch Family by Joe & Betty Plouffe

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