



ST. TERESA OF ÁVILA

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Faith & Spirit, *Alive*



Thirty-second Sunday in Ordinary Time November 11, 2018

Amen, I say to you, this poor widow put in more than all the other contributors to the treasury.

-- Mark 12:43

Rev. Frank John Latzko, Pastor

Weekend Mass Schedule

Saturday at 5 PM & 6:30 PM (En Française¹)
Sunday at 9 AM, 10:30 AM (En Español²) 12 PM, 6 PM

¹First & Second Saturdays ²First Sundays

Daily Mass Schedule

Monday — Thursday at 7:30 AM
Friday Communion Service at 7:30 AM

Eucharistic Adoration

Tuesdays 6 PM to 7:30 PM

Baptism Preparation

2nd Sunday of the Month 10 AM (Call to register)

Office Hours

Monday – Friday 9 AM to 7:00 PM
Saturday 9 AM to 12 PM



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Welcome, Babies!

As part of our parish refugee program we are working with Catholic Charities to supply items for two women who are expecting babies in November: Claudina Gato from DR Congo who is expecting a boy and Farkhunda Azizi from Afghanistan who will welcome a girl. The families are here with little or no support and we can help them by providing a few things they need. We are looking for gently used or new:

fitted crib sheets, crib blankets, wearing blankets, changing pads

We would like to purchase two new cribs and highchairs for the babies, so cash gifts are welcomed to put toward those items. Baskets are available today to receive donations. If you are contributing blankets or sheets, please bring them to church on Sundays, not during the week. Thank you for your always generous response to help families in need. Please contact Mairead Reidy (mairead.reidy@yahoo.com) or Geneva Gorgo (genevag@hotmail.com) for more information.

Bible Study

St. Teresa's fall session of Bible Study kicks off soon with a seven week study: Introduction to the Bible. Email Jackie at jackiekoesters@gmail.com if you are interested in participating.

Time of Your Life Gala

Back by Popular Demand: Instant Wine Cellar!

Donate a favorite bottle of wine (or two) and help us build an awesome auction prize: 100 bottles of wine to be auctioned on Nov 17th! You can also donate \$25 or more and we'll purchase the wine for you.

Drop off wine before or after Mass or donate online.

Get Your Tickets! Nov 17th | \$150/person

A "magical" auction evening with dinner, drinks and dancing to benefit St. Teresa. Take a chance on the Gala Getaway Raffle: \$100/ticket for the chance to win 1 of 4 great trips.

**Buy tickets at:
stap.givesmart.com**

Ministry of Care

Ministers of Care visit with those who are unable to come to church. They offer compassion, a listening presence, prayer and the Eucharist. This ministry allows people to experience the nearness of God and the Christian community through the presence of the Minister of Care and through the reception of Holy Communion.

St. Teresa currently has just one Minister of Care, and we would like to recruit two more. Trainings are being held on Saturday, November 17th and Saturday, December 8th at Holy Name. If you are interested in stepping up in this capacity, contact Rebecca at robrien@stteresaparish.org.

Everyday Stewardship

"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 regardless of our circumstance. Sharing our gifts to support the mission of our parish is a matter of our faith, just like praying and participating in parish ministries. It is not the size of our gifts of gratitude to God that matter; it is the idea that each of us makes an equal sacrifice in our efforts to share with our community.

Leadership Training

January 19 at St Teresa will be a special day for those who want to take advantage of a free seminar in leadership in the service of social justice.

Presented by The Coalition for Spiritual & Professional Leadership, an Avila in Action grant organization, this seminar will provide you with insights and tools needed to drive positive change through the power of personal leadership.

Watch out for more to come in future announcements, but put the date on your calendar now and make 2019 a good year to take action.

Interested in volunteering? Contact Rebecca at robrien@stteresaparish.org or (773) 528-6650

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Financial Collections

St. Teresa of Avila Parish Fiscal Year 2018-2019	Actual FY 2018-19	% Auto	Budget 2018-19	Actual vs. Budget	Actual Prev Yr	% Auto	Actual vs. Prev Yr	% Prev Yr
Collections Offertory	14,201	28%	15,975	(1,774)	13,568	25%	633	4.7%
Give Central (7/1-7/31)	37,174	72%	41,080	(3,906)	39,949	75%	(2,775)	-6.9%
Total 5 Weeks-July 2018	51,375	100%	57,055	(5,680)	53,517	100%	(2,142)	-4.0%
Collections Offertory	14,635	30%	12,780	1,855	10,952	23%	3,683	33.6%
Give Central (8/1-8/31)	34,165	70%	32,864	1,301	36,895	77%	(2,730)	-7.4%
Total 4 Weeks-August 2018	48,800	100%	45,644	3,156	47,847	100%	953	2.0%
Collections Offertory	14,962	32%	15,975	(1,013)	11,615	25%	3,347	28.8%
Give Central (9/1-9/31)	32,042	68%	41,080	(9,038)	35,305	75%	(3,263)	-9.2%
Total 5 Weeks-Sept. 2018	47,004	100%	57,055	(10,051)	46,920	100%	84	0.2%
Total 4 Weeks-Sept. 2017								
Collections Offertory	15,443	28%	12,780	2,663	16,297	31%	(854)	-5.2%
Give Central (10/1-10/31)	38,857	72%	32,864	5,993	36,169	69%	2,688	7.4%
Total 4 Weeks-Oct. 2018	54,300	100%	45,644	8,656	52,466	100%	1,834	3.5%
Total 5 Weeks-Oct. 2017								
Collections Offertory	59,241	29%	57,510	1,731	52,432	26%	6,809	13.0%
Give Central (7/1-10/31/18)	142,238	71%	147,888	(5,650)	148,318	74%	(6,080)	-4.1%
Total 18 Weeks YTD	201,479	100%	205,398	(3,919)	200,750	100%	729	0.4%
Foundation Special Extra Gift	10,000							
Grand Total (7/1-10/31/18)	211,479		205,398	6,081	200,750		10,729	5.3%

Stewardship of Prayer and Worship

Sunday: 11-4-18

Saturday, 5:00pm Mass Attendance	52
Sunday, 9:00am Mass Attendance	250
Sunday, 12:00pm Mass Attendance	110
Sunday, 6:00pm Mass Attendance	120
Total Weekend Mass Attendance	532
Average Weekday Mass Attendance	10
Average Friday Communion Service Attendance	5
Confessions this Week	0
Anointing/Sick Calls/Hospital Visits this Week	0
Funerals since January 2018	5
Weddings since January 2018	5
Baptisms since January 2018	43

There are 351 parishes in the Archdiocese of Chicago; only 55 parishes have weekend attendance that exceeds 2,000. St. Teresa's October Count averaged for 2016, 550; for 2017, 628 people at weekend Masses.

The 2017/2018 monthly averages are: January 489/644; February, 570/566; March, 640/637; April, 705/810; May, 573/583; June, 541/523; July, 463/511; August, 510/509; September, 566/563; October, 628/652; November 622.

In the Archdiocese there is 1 priest for every 1525 parishioners; in the USA the ratio is 1:1653 Catholics; 27 percent of US parishes do not have a resident priest. In comparison, South America has a ration of 1:7094 Catholics.

Parish Calendars

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Celebrant/Minister Schedule

Date	Time	Celebrant	Sacristan/Lector	Eucharistic Host	Eucharistic Cup
Saturday 11-17-18	5:00 PM	Fr. Richard Benson, CM	Sacristan: Lisa Marquez Lector: Mary Brennan	Lisa Hanzelka	Leigh Hartley Carol Coffey
Saturday 11-18-18	6:30 PM	French Mass			
Sunday 11-18-18	9:00 AM	Fr. Frank	Sacristan: Frank Swiderski Lector: Barb Schell	<i>MINISTER NEEDED</i> Elizabeth Smith Nancy Gerstad	Christina Brodell Jamie Lutkus Geneva Gorgo <i>MINISTER NEEDED</i>
Sunday 11-18-18	10:30 PM	Rev. Jose Rubio, CM	Our Lady of Providence Spanish Mass		
Sunday 11-18-18	12:00 PM	Fr. Frank	Sacristan: Franciso Perez Lector: Daniel Kang	Aimee Jaszczor Hannah Toohey Kevin Ludden	Laura Moran Alejandro Lopez Maria Montes Colleen Sulewski
Sunday 11-18-18	6:00 PM	Rev. Tony Dosen, CM	Sacristan: Roberto Martinez Lector: Andrew De Leonardis	Mark Vans Grinsven Christine Saddy Cara Gannon	Nancy Van Grinsven Anne De Leonardis Veronique Caffrey Sharon Lindstrom

Week's Activities

Sunday, November 11
10:00 am, PC, Sunday Hospitality

Monday, November 12
No Activities Planned

Tuesday, November 13
6:00 am, PC, Men's Spirituality
6:00 pm, PC, Spred
6:00 pm, REC, 1st Comm/Reconcil. Prep
6:00 pm, Church, Eucharistic Adoration
6:00 pm, PC2, Time of Your Life

Wednesday, November 14
5:00 pm, PC/Kitchen, Night Ministry
6:00 pm, PC/Rec, 1st Communion Prep/Kick-off

Thursday, November 15
9:00 am, PC, Food Pantry Delivery/Sorting

Friday, November 16
3:00 pm, PC, Loaves & Fishes
7:00 pm, PC, Spanish Prayer Group

Saturday, November 17
9:00 am, GS-PC, Food Pantry
6:30 pm, Church, French Mass

Saints & Special Observances

Sunday: Thirty-second Sunday in Ordinary Time;
Veteran's Day

Monday: St. Josaphat

Tuesday: St. Frances Xavier Cabrini

Thursday: St. Albert the Great

Friday: St. Margaret of Scotland;
St. Gertrude

Saturday: St. Elizabeth of Hungary

Domingo: Trigésimo Segundo Domingo del Tiempo Ordinario; Día de los Veteranos

Lunes: San Josafat

Martes: Santa Francisca Xavier Cabrini

Jueves: San Alberto Magno

Viernes: Santa Margarita de Escocia; Santa Gertrudis

Sábado: Santa Isabel de Hungría

Upcoming Food Pantry Dates

Saturday, November 17
9:00 am to 10:00 am Set Up
10:00 am to 12:00 pm Distribution

Saturday, November 24
9:00 am to 10:00 am Set Up
10:00 am to 12:00 pm Distribution

Saturday, December 1
9:00 am to 10:00 am Set Up
10:00 am to 12:00 pm Distribution

Saturday, December 8
9:00 am to 10:00 am Set Up
10:00 am to 12:00 pm Distribution

Saturday, December 15
9:00 am to 10:00 am Set Up
10:00 am to 12:00 pm Distribution

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Mass Intentions

Saturday, November 10

5:00 pm Deceased Parishioners of St. Teresa of Avila Parish

Sunday, November 11

9:00 am Deceased Parishioners of St. Teresa of Avila Parish

12:00 pm Mary and Joyce Jaszczor

6:00 pm Deceased Parishioners of St. Teresa of Avila Parish

Let Us Pray

Please pray for the deceased ...

Jeffrey Bergen, Nancy Hadler, Chuck Jabaley, Joyce Jaszczor, Marie Koesters-Ranley, Frank Kolman, Thomas Latoski, Sage Mesen, Bob Semmer, Pat Stanley, and the Victims of War & Domestic Violence

November Baptisms

***Bryn Anne Hughes (11-11-18), Blair Margaret Hughes (11-11-18)
Theodore Joseph Rausch (11-23-18), Mariana Ly Antiporta (11-25-18)***

Please pray for all those who are ill, especially for ...

*Alicia Anderson
Dorothy Barns
Berta Billalvazo
Michelle Brandt
Carol Coffey
Susan Conway
Patricia Chuck
Elizabeth Ryan Dean
Michael De Blasis
Alex DeNoma
Kim Duffy
Isabelle Eiffert
Helen Fasano
Jackson Fineske & Family
Pat Folland
Alice Flynn
Eloisa Gallegos
Michael Gibbons
Angela Goldberg*

*Kaylee Gommel
Bolivar Gonzales, Jr.
Les Gordon
Mrs. Grabarczyk
George Halloran
Kellar Harris
Peg Hausen
David Ivanac
Ronald Jakubec
Krista Kutz
Betty LaCour
Carmen D. Lorenzana
Gabriel Lozada
Madeline Mancini
George Maroquin
Jose Maroquin
Lisa Marquez
Margaret Sue Meadors
Daniel Meyer*

*Tracy Mirabella
Bill Mobley
John Monier
Elda Myers
John Paul Nelson
Angel Nieves
Juan Nigo
Msgr. Kevin O'Neill
Frank O'Toole
Clayton Poe
Carol Poyner
Hector J. Rivera
Luis Rivera
Pedro Rodriguez
Ray Romero
Jeffrey Roscoe
Denise Rosen
Sr. Camilla Mary Marney, OCD
Sr. Jean Ryan, OCD*

*Jack Schank
Will Sullivan
Mima Tome
JoAnn Jahnke Trainer
Elizabeth Ann True
Marianne Usiak
Sara Vega
Susan Violapiano
Jack Williams
Valerie Williams
Mae Witry
David Zeunert
For the intentions on our prayer
cards; for survivors and
perpetrators
of sexual abuse*

#prayforpeace

We pray for those who lost their lives to violence in the City of Chicago last week -- **John Pena-Alvarez; Darryl Johnson; Maira Coronel; Josue Roque; Julian Daggett; Ahmir Rosario; Antoine Jones; Patrick Smith; and Dulaney Aurthur.**

If you would like to have a Mass said for someone alive or deceased, contact Deacon Dean at the parish office at (773) 528-6650 or dvaeth@stteresaparis.org. In order to be added to our prayer list, a member of the immediate family should request that a person's name be added. We leave the names of the deceased parishioners and friends on the list for about twelve months.

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Women's Center Seeking Donations

We are in immediate need of:

- 6 infant car seat/carriers
- 5 large car seats for 20 to 40 lb (by law all car seats must be less than 7 years old)
- Toddler beds
- Exersaucers
- Baby carriers –(front and back).
- Baby food (in date)
- Enfamil formula
- Baby shampoo
- Baby lotion
- Baby wipes
- Diapers in size 5 and 6 only
- Pull-up diapers in all sizes
- Women's hygiene products
- Need maternity clothes in XL only
- Girl's clothes in size 2T to 5
- Boys clothes size 7 and 8
- Children's winter coats and jackets in all sizes

These items can only be picked up when accompanied by baby furniture. For our address where you can deliver them to us or if a pick-up by a volunteer is needed, please call 773-794-1313.

St. Michael's Mission

“Coming into a New Season of Blessings!”

Advent Mission at St. Michael's Redemptorist
Church, Old Town
December 3, 4, & 5

Monday:

Salvation History, It would have been enough

Tuesday:

LOVE, Renewing Our Gift from God

Wednesday:

God Became Human, Let's Become Divine!

Reverend Patrick A. Keyes, C.Ss.R., D.Min.

Friday Morning Playgroup

Join us on Friday Mornings
at the
St. Teresa of Avila
baby-toddler playgroup

10:00 to 11:30 am

in the
Religious Education Center

(Enter at 1950 N. Kenmore)



St. Vincent de Paul Soup Kitchen

HELP NEEDED!!

Your help is needed to volunteer at the soup kitchen at St. Vincent de Paul Church (1010 W Webster). Each day, Monday through Saturday, the kitchen serves about 100 hot meals to our guests. Volunteers are needed to serve from 7:45AM until 10:15AM. We will especially need help when DePaul goes on their winter break from mid-November until January. To volunteer or receive more information, please contact Irene at outreach@stvdep.org

Food Pantry Shopping List

There are five items the Food Pantry could really use:

Pasta & rice (all kinds)

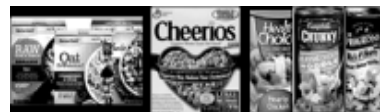
Oatmeal

Boxed cereal

Hearty canned soups

Regular- and family-size deodorant & shampoo; toothbrushes & toothpaste

If you are interested in volunteering at the Food Pantry, contact Lisa Hanzelka at lhanzelka@sbcglobal.net.



World Day of the Poor

To St. Teresa of Avila Parishioners,

The Church will celebrate World Day of the Poor during the weekend of November 17th-18th. This is a great opportunity for all parishioners to support our outreach ministries to the poor, the homeless and the refugee. As you bring an item to Mass, please bring it up and place it around our Altar of the Dead during the Presentation of the Gifts. In this way, we are “offering” to God a gift to help His Poor. In helping the Poor, we help Christ. In Spanish, the Altar of the Dead is frequently called the “ofrenda,” which means “offering.”

When we love as Christ loves, our very lives become an “offering” to Him, transforming the world in which we live. Sacrifice leads to new life. How can we “offer” this Advent to Christ as a parish community?

The collections and attendance are up, thanks to your dedication and love of our Parish. The greatest “treasure” we have as a Parish is the Poor we reach out to through food distribution, hot meals, Night Ministry, and La Posada Mission to refugees and immigrants. In doing so, the Poor are serving us by helping us to tap into our spiritual poverty, just as much as we are serving them in these outreach ministries. In one way or another, we are all poor and vulnerable human beings, illness and death being the great equalizers. I truly believe we are growing as a Parish because we know how much the Poor serve us and draw us closer to each other. We are ONE Human Family on various journeys, at different places, but all moving in the same direction. The month of November reminds us that death is a doorway into a beautiful new life that never ends. How we live, love and reach out in THIS life determines how we walk past and through that door.

Peace,
Fr. Frank

St. Teresa's 3rd Annual Turkey Trot

Calling all walkers, joggers, runners, canines and turkeys!



Please join us for our 3rd, free, non-competitive, 1 to 6 mile, Turkey Trot. Runners, joggers, and walkers of all abilities are welcome, including children and canines!

No racing, no timing, no awards, no entry fee*, no t-shirts, and no \$60 bananas! Just lots of fun and smiles!
Come dressed to trot!

Thursday, November 22nd, Thanksgiving Day

**7:45am: Check-in at the Parish Center
at 1950 N. Kenmore Ave.**

8:00am: Trot

**Back in plenty of time to attend the 9:00am Mass!
Light breakfast provided.**



* In lieu of an entry fee, please donate a non-perishable food item for the St. Teresa Food Pantry.

**RSVP by November 20th
mark.buciak@rcn.com**

Men's Spirituality

Are you interested in deepening your faith life through discussion with fellow male parishioners?



The St. Teresa Men's Spirituality Group invites you every second and fourth Tuesday beginning at 6:30am for prayer and conversation.

**The Next Men's Spirituality Meeting
is Tuesday, November 13th**

For more details, contact Craig Dean
at cdean@aegpartners.com.

Readings/Lecturas

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Readings for the Week

Monday: Ti 1:1-9; Ps 24:1b-4ab, 5-6; Lk 17:1-6
Tuesday: Ti 2:1-8, 11-14; Ps 37:3-4, 18, 23, 27, 29; Lk 17:7-10
Wednesday: Ti 3:1-7; Ps 23:1b-6; Lk 17:11-19
Thursday: Phlm 7-20; Ps 146:7-10; Lk 17:20-25
Friday: 2 Jn 4-9; Ps 119:1-2, 10-11, 17-18; Lk 17:26-37
Saturday: 3 Jn 5-8; Ps 112:1-6; Lk 18:1-8
Sunday: Dn 12:1-3; Ps 16:5, 8-11; Heb 10:11-14, 18; Mk 13:24-32

Lecturas de la Semana

Lunes: Tit 1:1-9; Sal 24 (23):1b-4ab, 5-6; Lc 17:1-6
Martes: Tit 2:1-8, 11-14; Sal 37 (36):3-4, 18, 23, 27, 29; Lc 17:7-10
Miércoles: Tit 3:1-7; Sal 23 (22):1b-6; Lc 17:11-19
Jueves: Flm 7-20; Sal 146 (145):7-10; Lc 17:20-25
Viernes: 2 Jn 4-9; Sal 119 (118):1-2, 10-11, 17-18; Lc 17:26-37
Sábado: 3 Jn 5-8; Sal 112 (111):1-6; Lc 18:1-8
Domingo: Dn 12:1-3; Sal 16 (15):5, 8-11; Heb 10:11-14, 18; Mc 13:24-32

Treasures From Tradition

Veterans Day began with the signing of a symbolic treaty between the Allies and Germany ending World War I (then called the “Great War”) on the eleventh hour of the eleventh day of the eleventh month. The auspicious date was actually a well-established religious holiday, the feast of Saint Martin of Tours, a beloved soldier saint of the army of Rome. After World War II, Armistice Day was changed to Veterans Day in the United States and Remembrance Day in Britain, but of course the feast of Saint Martin endures.

Martin was named after Mars, the god of war, and against the advice of his parents he went on his own to church. He became a catechumen at the age of ten. By fifteen he was enlisted in the cavalry in France. Coming across a poor man, Martin had an impulse to divide his bright red soldier’s cape and clothe him. He later had the insight that he had served Christ, and the other half of his cape became a lifelong sign to him of his duty to serve the poor. Housed in a tiny church capella or “chapel,” the cape became a great object of pilgrimage on the way to Compostella, and a favored place for the prayers of soldiers. Martin was not so eager to serve as bishop as he had been as a soldier, and legend says that he hid in a barn filled with geese to avoid episcopal election. To this day, the customary meal for November 11 is goose! Traditionally, this is the last feast day before winter closes in, and begins a period of fasting once known as “Saint Martin’s Lent” or “Martinmas,” that later developed into the season of Advent.

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Tradiciones de Nuestra Fe

Antes de regresar a la derecha del Padre, Jesús prometió estar con sus discípulos siempre. Esta es una promesa que él ha mantenido de diversas maneras, estando con nosotros por su Espíritu, por su palabra, en nuestro corazón. Pero Jesús también desea estar con sus siervos de una manera física y real, es por eso que en su Última Cena tomó pan y vino consagrándolos como su cuerpo y sangre.

La Eucaristía que Jesús inauguró el Jueves Santo continúa consagrándose día tras día en las manos de sacerdotes santos y ni tan santos. No es la dignidad del cura que importa sino, la generosidad de Cristo que desea estar con sus fieles. Uno de estos fieles, el joven uruguayo Walter Elías Chango Rondeau, (1921-1939) en sus pocos años de vida encontró consuelo en el hecho de que Dios se entrega a sí mismo en la comunión.

Según testigos, Walter animaba a sus compañeros a la reconciliación y la Eucaristía. Hablaba tan elocuentemente del Santísimo Sacramento, que parecía sacerdote. Siendo laico, él supo ejercer su sacerdocio bautismal.

—Fray Gilberto Cavazos-Glez, OFM, Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co., Inc.



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The Call to Discipleship

The core vocation in the Gospel of Mark is the vocation, or call, to discipleship. Today's Gospel passage provides us with one last example of what the vocation to discipleship means, and one example of what it doesn't mean. A destitute widow shows us that discipleship means following Jesus' way of service, even if it requires giving one's livelihood (or life). The scribes show us by their bad example that discipleship should entail a vocation to extend God's care to those who are most in need.

In our reading from the book of Kings another widow and her son are close to death. They too give what little they have, but they are rewarded by Elijah with food enough for a year. And the reading from the Letter to the Hebrews reminds us that Jesus sacrificed his life "to bring salvation to those who eagerly await him" (Hebrews 9:28).

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Llamados a Ser Discípulos

La vocación central en el Evangelio según san Marcos es la vocación, o el llamado de ser discípulos. El pasaje del Evangelio de hoy nos brinda por lo menos un ejemplo de qué significa la vocación de ser discípulo y un ejemplo de lo que no significa. Una viuda pobre nos muestra que ser un buen discípulo significa seguir el camino de servicio de Jesús, incluso si implica entregar todo lo que tenemos para vivir (o incluso nuestra vida). Los letrados nos muestran con su mal ejemplo que ser un buen discípulo implica la vocación de hacer llegar el cuidado de Dios a los más necesitados.

En nuestra lectura del libro de los Reyes otra viuda y su hijo corren peligro de morir. Ellos también entregan lo poco que tienen, pero son recompensados por Elías con comida suficiente para un año. Y la lectura de la carta a los hebreos nos recuerda que Jesús sacrificó su vida "para salvación de aquellos que lo aguardan" (Hebreos 9:28).

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Today's Readings

First Reading — The widow of Zarephath had only a handful of flour and a little oil, but made a little cake for Elijah (1 Kings 17:10-16).

Psalm — Praise the Lord, my soul! (Psalm 146).

Second Reading — Christ will appear a second time to bring salvation to those who eagerly await him (Hebrews 9:24-28).

Gospel — This poor widow put in more than all the other contributors (Mark 12:38-44 [41-44]).



Lecturas de Hoy

Primera lectura — El profeta Elías pide a una viuda pobre que le dé algo de beber y un poco de pan. (1 Reyes 17:10-16).

Salmo — Alaba, alma mía, al Señor (Psalm 146 [145]).

Segunda lectura — Cristo se sacrificó una sola vez para borrar todos los pecados de los humanos.

(Hebreos 9:24-28).

Evangelio — El óbolo de la viuda de unos cuantos centavos es mucho más grande que todas las otras donaciones porque en su pobreza (Marcos 12:38-44 [41-44]).

The Extraordinary in the Ordinary

It was a warm afternoon in the Holy Land when I experienced the extraordinariness of Jesus' teaching. Walking around Capernaum, our guide called our attention to a large, weed-like plant, which he identified as a mustard tree. Seeing this plant literally overgrown and present everywhere, I could imagine the kingdom of God as Jesus describes it — a tiny mustard seed that spreads and overtakes all in its path. We walked further and came across an ancient, heavy concrete object. Our guide identified this object as a millstone — used in Jesus' time to grind wheat. As I gazed at this millstone, I could hear Jesus' voice warning me not to let any children stumble, or it would be better to have a large millstone placed around my neck and be thrown into the sea. The mustard seed and the millstone meant something to the disciples then, and having seen them, they meant something more to me now.

The extraordinariness of Jesus' teaching was that he used ordinary things and ordinary situations to teach his people then, and he uses ordinary things and ordinary situations to teach his people today.

Which brings us to today's Gospel. Mark begins by telling us that Jesus is standing in the Temple area, which we know was a place of great activity. Imagine what it must have been like that day: Jesus, standing in a group of disciples, people bustling about. In the midst of this activity, Jesus spots a group of religious leaders, perhaps walking quickly — as important people are always walking quickly — sporting their fancy robes and warmly greeting each other, but too busy or too important to greet the common people. Jesus, aware of the teachable moment right in front of them, turns his gaze back to his disciples and warns them not to be like those leaders, who looked so good on the outside, but whose hearts were cold on the inside, cold enough, in fact, to "devour the houses of widows." Then, Mark's Gospel tells us Jesus sits directly across from the treasury receptacles into which worshippers placed their offerings. As Jesus sits there and watches the people make

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their offering in the treasury, he notices a group of rich people putting in large amounts of money. Can you hear the "cha-ching, cha-ching" as the many coins of the rich people rush down the metal receptacles? Can you feel their sense of pride at the sound those coins make, indicating the size of their great offering? And then Jesus sees a poor widow approach and place her two small coins into the treasury. No fanfare. No cha-ching but a simple, dull "clink-clink."

It seems worth noting that, unlike today's first reading, there is no reward for this poor widow. Jesus does not heal her or reverse her poverty. He does not even speak to her. Rather, Jesus uses this everyday occurrence, with which his disciples would have been quite familiar, as an opportunity to teach. He simply, but profoundly, points out the difference between the poor widow and all the others, noting the greater value of her offering in which she has given her whole livelihood. Indeed, she has surrendered all she has.

And I wonder... when the risen Christ walks around with me today, in the ordinariness of my life, gazing at my calendar, my checkbook, my credit card statements, the people with whom I spend my time, my attitudes and choices, where would Christ find my heart? Does he see in me a religious leader who values prestige and power? Does he see in me a rich person who values money? Or does he see in me a surrendered person who values Christ, and all that Christ loves, more than prestige, power, money?

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