



Building Faith@HOME

November 10, 2024

Thirty-second Sunday in Ordinary Time

[1st Reading - 1Kings:17:10-16](#)

[Responsorial Psalm - Ps 146:7-10](#)

[Second Reading - Hebrews 9:24-28](#)

[Gospel - Mk 12:38-44](#)

32d Sunday in Ordinary Time -

Today's gospel reading includes two stories dealing wealth issues in ways that are still challenging today, First are those who think they are more important than everyone else, they go around showing off their good fortune and putting on airs. In this scripture, Jesus is pointing to the scribes as examples of those who thrive on privileges and seek out honor. Mark's tone give us reason to imagine them as arrogant, self-serving...the VIPs of the day. Jesus has harsh words for their failure to serve and care for widows who many were subject to financial abuse at the time. Jesus is then described to be sitting "opposite the treasury". The treasury is the area where the receptacles to receive alms for the upkeep of the temple are located.. As coins are dropped, the sound reverberates loudly to trumpet the generosity of the donor. The widow drops two small coins... the least valuable of Roman coins. Jesus holds her up as an example opposite of the scribes, giving to God "all she had, her whole livelihood." The importance of this reading is to remind us of the motivation of our offerings, pointing out the difference between offering one's surplus of wealth versus making a sacrificial gift. May our offerings be of love and not of self- serving status.

My Offertory - Small Change, Big Gift

An activity for younger children....



Create a Giving Bank



bit.ly/Giving-Bank-Project

As a family, talk about your family's financial contributions to your parish and to other Church activities and why it is important for us to share our resources. Talk about what Jesus observes about the generosity of the poor widow and ways in which your family might also make a sacrificial gift to support your parish or other charitable organization. Children can make these cute offering banks.

Family Table Talk

Why is it important to contribute to the needs of the Church by sharing our time, talent and treasure?

What part of your own possessions are you called on to share?

When do you know that you have given away enough?

Stewardship for older kiddos...

Practice ways to have good stewardship of your money. Using either cans, boxes, or jars. Decorate and label three cans, boxes or jars as "Offerings, Save, and Spend. As you receive allowances or gifts, divvy up the funds in the three "accounts." Be creative! Design your own three-way stewardship banks!



Nov. 13 - Memorial of Saint Frances Xavier Cabrini

This saint, the first United States citizen to be canonized

"Jesus... may I never think of myself, but always and solely for your glory."

-Mother



Penny Chin Game

The game can be a fun way to start a talk about tithing or sharing what we have. Just as we try to balance the penny, we must balance our lives by giving to others. It teaches that small acts of giving can make a big difference.



bit.ly/Penny-Chin-Game

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Two Widows



bit.ly/Catholic-Kids-Media-32B



More Faith Builders!

At what point during Mass do we make contributions to the church? What do we contribute? Look here for the answer: bit.ly/My-Offerings



The Mass - Offertory video (6 minutes)

"Coffee with the Collars"



bit.ly/The-Offertory

coffee WITH THE collars

Prayer Focus for this Week Listen closely to the "Prayer of the Faithful." This prayer, at the end of the Liturgy of the Word, ties into the themes of sacrifice and giving. This prayer encourages each of us to think about the needs of others and to offer their intentions, reflecting the spirit of sacrifice and generosity.



Listen for these words:



Priest: Pray, brethren (brothers and sisters), that my sacrifice and yours may be acceptable to God, the almighty Father.

The Liturgy of the Eucharist begins with the preparation of the gifts and the altar. As the ministers prepare the altar, representatives of the people bring forward the bread and wine that will become the Body and Blood of Christ. The celebrant blesses and praises God for these gifts and places them on the altar, the place of the Eucharistic sacrifice. In addition to the bread and wine, monetary gifts for the support of the Church and the care of the poor may be brought forward. The Prayer over the Offerings concludes this preparation and disposes all for the Eucharistic Prayer. Our response to this prayer is:

All: May the Lord accept the sacrifice at your hands, for the praise and glory of his name, for our good, and the good of all his holy Church.

Faith in Action Challenge

Meditate and pray with the words "Pray that my sacrifice and yours be acceptable to God, the almighty Father. May my sacrifice this week be for the praise and glory of God and the good of all his holy Church." What sacrifice will I give to God and his Church?

Pumpkin Muffins

In honor of the two widows in the readings this week, the first who had only a small amount of flour and oil to make bread and the second who contributed her last two coins, make this simple seasonal two-ingredient recipe.

1 spice cake mix

1 can pure pumpkin (not the pumpkin pie filling)

Mix ingredients well. Preheat oven to 350 F. Put cupcake holders in muffin tin or spray muffin tin to prevent sticking. Fill each muffin well $\frac{1}{2}$ to $\frac{2}{3}$ full. Bake for 20 to 30 minutes, or until toothpick comes out clear.

Let cool and enjoy! Share with others, too!

32nd Sunday Year B (1st Reading - 1 Kings:17:10-16 ; Mk 12:38-44)



World Kindness Day is celebrated every year on November 13. Let's be kind as Jesus calls us to be everyday! World Kindness Day can be a faith-filled day because it is a great time to show love and care for others, just like Jesus taught us. When we are kind, we are following His example and spreading His love. Act with Kindness - do random act of kindness as Jesus call us to do.