



Thirty Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

November 7, 2021

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MASS SCHEDULE

St. Boniface:
Saturday - 5:00 pm

Our Lady of Perpetual Help:
Sunday: 8:00 am Adoration
8:30 am Confession
9:00 am Mass

**Tuesday & Thursday: 5:30
pm**

Mission Statement: We are a welcoming parish of Roman Catholic Christians with diverse roots deep in Appalachia and beyond. We are committed to growing in our faith and community through our worship and celebrations, with particular attention to the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass and The Holy Eucharist. We are a community gathered together by the Holy Spirit, filled with hope, to love and serve God and neighbor in the name of Jesus Christ; and through our sharing of the Good News in word and deed, we seek to live and reveal to all the grace and peace of Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the unity of the Holy Spirit.

Our Parish COMMUNITY

November 7, 2021

Thirty-second Sunday in Ordinary Time (B)

1 Kgs 17:10–16

Heb 9:24–28

Mk 12:38–44 or 12:41–44



SIRTRAVELALOT / SHUTTERSTOCK

Ouch!

That's the sound of someone giving until it hurts. Most of us probably will never be in such a situation. It's not that we don't give, but that we are seldom asked to give until it really hurts.

The women in today's readings were in desperate straits. They hurt even before they opened their hands to give. Both belonged to one of the groups of vulnerable people often identified in the Bible—namely, the resident alien, the orphan, and the widow. Since the social structure of a patriarchal society is usually built on male kinship, those with no male patron were extraordinarily vulnerable. Consequently, Jewish law made special provision for them (see Deuteronomy 24:17, 19–21; 26:12–13; 27:19). The women in these stories were disadvantaged because they were women, they were widows, and they were

poor. How these deprivations interacted with each other isn't specifically mentioned.

It's not their state of deprivation that makes them models for us to emulate. It's their generosity *despite* their deprivation. The widows featured in today's readings gave from their hearts, not from their abundance. They recognized need in another and did what they could to address that need. That is the virtue set before us today. It is, indeed, heroic!

Do we do what we can to help others in need—as little as that might be? Or do we cling to what we have, to what we say we have a right to have because we worked for it? Are we that uncaring? Ouch! That hurts!

Sr. Dianne Bergant, CSA

FOR *Reflection*

- ✧ How open are you to the needs of others?
- ✧ How generous does this make you?

Upcoming Schedule

<i>Date</i>	<i>OLPH</i>	<i>Saint Boniface</i>
<i>November 6 / 7 32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time</i>	8:30 am ~ Confession 9:00 am ~ Mass	5:00 pm ~ Mass
<i>Tuesday</i>	5:30 pm ~ Mass	
<i>Thursday</i>	5:30 pm ~ Mass	
<i>November 13 / 14 33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time</i>	8:30 am ~ Confession 9:00 am ~ Mass	5:00 pm ~ Mass

***Mass on Tuesday and Thursday at 5:30
have resumed. Would you please join us?***

	<i>OLPH Mass 9:00 am</i>		<i>ST. BONIFACE Mass 5:00 pm</i>	
Date	November 7	November 14	November 6	November 13
Lector	Mandy Hall	Matthew Davis	Jerry Nowak	Mary Jo Leygraaf
Server	Joe McNaughton	Norma Jones		

Mass Intentions	OLPH	St. Boniface
November 6 / 7	Mary Altieri	† Mary Jospine DiTomaso
November 13 / 14	† Fr. Kiran Varaparla	† Betty Morin

Our Gifts	OLPH	St. Boniface
October 31	\$380.00	\$ 630.00
Homecoming Cemetery Fund		\$3,195.00

*May God bless you for your generous contributions
to our Church.*

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

Matthew & Jamie Davis

November 10

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Mason Jones

November 10

Thirty-second Sunday in Ordinary Time

Reading I

1 Kgs 17:10-16

In those days, Elijah the prophet went to Zarephath.
As he arrived at the entrance of the city,
a widow was gathering sticks there; he called out to her,
"Please bring me a small cupful of water to drink."
She left to get it, and he called out after her,
"Please bring along a bit of bread."
She answered, "As the LORD, your God, lives,
I have nothing baked; there is only a handful of flour in my jar
and a little oil in my jug.
Just now I was collecting a couple of sticks,
to go in and prepare something for myself and my son;
when we have eaten it, we shall die."
Elijah said to her, "Do not be afraid.
Go and do as you propose.
But first make me a little cake and bring it to me.
Then you can prepare something for yourself and your son.
For the LORD, the God of Israel, says,
'The jar of flour shall not go empty,
nor the jug of oil run dry,

until the day when the LORD sends rain upon the earth."
She left and did as Elijah had said.
She was able to eat for a year, and he and her son as well;
the jar of flour did not go empty,
nor the jug of oil run dry,
as the LORD had foretold through Elijah.

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 146:7, 8-9, 9-10

Praise the Lord, my soul!

The LORD keeps faith forever,
secures justice for the oppressed,
gives food to the hungry.
The LORD sets captives free.

Praise the Lord, my soul!

The LORD gives sight to the blind.
The LORD raises up those who were bowed down;
the LORD loves the just.
The LORD protects strangers.

Praise the Lord, my soul!

The fatherless and the widow he sustains,
but the way of the wicked he thwarts.
The LORD shall reign forever;
your God, O Zion, through all generations. Alleluia.

Praise the Lord, my soul!

Reading II

Heb 9:24-28

Christ did not enter into a sanctuary made by hands,
a copy of the true one, but heaven itself,

that he might now appear before God on our behalf.
Not that he might offer himself repeatedly,
as the high priest enters each year into the sanctuary
with blood that is not his own;
if that were so, he would have had to suffer repeatedly
from the foundation of the world.
But now once for all he has appeared at the end of the ages
to take away sin by his sacrifice.
Just as it is appointed that human beings die once,
and after this the judgment, so also Christ,
offered once to take away the sins of many,
will appear a second time, not to take away sin
but to bring salvation to those who eagerly await him.

Alleluia

Mt 5:3

Alleluia, alleluia.

Blessed are the poor in spirit,
for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

Alleluia, alleluia.

Gospel

Mk 12:38-44

In the course of his teaching Jesus said to the crowds,
"Beware of the scribes, who like to go around in long robes
and accept greetings in the marketplaces,
seats of honor in synagogues,
and places of honor at banquets.
They devour the houses of widows and, as a pretext
recite lengthy prayers.
They will receive a very severe condemnation."

He sat down opposite the treasury
and observed how the crowd put money into the treasury.
Many rich people put in large sums.

A poor widow also came and put in two small coins worth a few cents. 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. For they have all contributed from their surplus wealth, but she, from her poverty, has contributed all she had, her whole livelihood."

REFLECTION

This Gospel begins with Jesus warning the people about the scribes. He tells the crowd to "Beware of the scribes who dress in long robes, who love the greetings they receive in the marketplaces and the seats of honor they have at banquets and in the synagogue." Jesus then accuses the scribes of "devouring" the homes of widows as they recite lengthy prayers. Jesus is blunt when he says that the scribes will receive a severe condemnation. Clearly, Jesus was neither a friend nor an admirer of the scribes.

Jesus then sat down opposite the treasury. He took notice of the individuals who were putting money into the treasury. Many wealthy individuals put in large sums of money. However, a poor widow came and put in two small coins that amounted to just a few cents. Jesus took notice of this woman and her small gift.

Jesus then called his disciples and said to them: "Amen, I say to you, this poor widow put more into the treasury than all the other contributors that were giving to the treasury. Most people gave from their wealth while this widow gave from her poverty." The woman contributed to the treasury much of her small income. What a generous and loving gift!

Clearly Jesus was rebuking the wealthy who often took from the poor for their own gain. Jesus then lifts up and praises the poor widow who freely gave to God from the little that she had. Today may we ask ourselves: Do I give from my abundance or from my want? How do I share my time, my talents and my treasure? Or do I have a tendency to hoard my time, talents, and treasure?

Jesus has blessed all of us with many gifts. However, most of our gifts are not monetary. How do we share our gifts of joy, love, time and talents? Do we share these gifts freely? Or do we hoard them? Today may we share our abundance throughout our day. The gifts we give may be simple and yet they may be extremely valuable to the person who receives your gift. Trust that God, the giver of all good gifts, will use you and your gifts today. Give thanks for the gifts you have to share with others, and give thanks for the gifts that others share with you!

PRAYER REQUESTS

Pray to end Abortion, Russell Brooks, Cassie & Clifton Centers, Maere Tekanene, Bill Moses, Jerry Roberts, Donna Blevins, Norma Wilson, Dennis Parks & Family, Erica Davis, Chris & Amanda Decker, Marian Colette, Debbie Moses Haggins, Rose Grant, Sandy Hurts, Dominic Cureton, Todd Morris, Alex Woods, Christopher Braden, Bonnie (Warfield) Bishop, Sister Alice, Curt and LeeAnn Hall, Jay Baird, Gary Hackler, Gail Willis, Mr. & Mrs. Bill Bisceglia, loved ones who are ill, Brody Beavers and family, Shawn Lee Day, all those of our families who are affected by Covid-19, Jessica Davis, Harold Couch, Deana Vanover Monhollen, Judy Delisle, Dal Macon and Judy Patrick.

UPCOMING SAINTS AND FEASTS

The Dedication of the Lateran Basilica ~ Feast

November 9

Saint Leo the Great, Pope and Doctor of the Church ~ Memorial

November 10

Saint Martin of Tours, Bishop ~ Memorial

November 11

Saint Josaphat, Bishop and Martyr ~ Memorial

November 12

Saint Frances Xavier Cabrini, Virgin ~ Memorial

November 13

Saint Frances Xavier Cabrini



Saint Frances Xavier Cabrini, Virgin

1850-1917

November 13—USA Memorial

Liturgical Color: White

**Patron Saint of immigrants and
hospital administrators**

***Indomitable and charismatic, she moved mountains for
the Lord***

The hurricane of apostolic activity that was Mother Cabrini motored powerfully over the Atlantic Ocean, gathered force as it swept into the American heartland, and then rested there, perpetually oscillating, for almost three decades. A serene eye, though, hovered at the center of this low roar of activity. Mother Cabrini accomplished so much, so well, and so

quickly, precisely because her soul rotated calmly around a fixed point, the immovable Christ. A peaceful focus on God in the morning rained down a storm of good works in the afternoon and evening.

Frances Cabrini was the tenth child born into a rural but well-to-do family in Northern Italy. Her uncle, a priest, had a deep influence on her, as did the Daughters of the Sacred Heart, whose school she attended as a teen. After graduation, she petitioned for entrance into the Daughters and, later, the Conossian Sisters. But Frances' tiny frame had never quite conquered the frailty resulting from her premature birth. These Orders needed robust women capable of caring for children and the infirm. Nuns did not take vows so they could take care of other nuns. So even an application from an otherwise stellar candidate like Frances was reluctantly rejected due to her ill health. Frances eventually obtained a position as the lay director of an orphanage. Her innate charisma pulled people toward her like a magnet, and soon a small community of women grew up around her to share a common religious life.

As proof of her apostolic zeal, Frances added "Xavier" to her baptismal name in honor of the great missionary Saint Francis Xavier. She then founded a modest house, along with six other women, dedicated to serving in the Church's foreign missions. Frances was clearly the leader and wrote the new Institute's Rule. Eventually the small Order received Church approval as the ***Missionary Sisters of the Sacred Heart of Jesus***. The sisters' excellent work became well known, and in 1887 Mother Cabrini, the Superior, met with Pope Leo XIII in Rome to inquire about her sisters evangelizing in China. The Pope listened to her in silence and then concluded simply: Her mission was "not to the East, but to the West." The plug had been pulled on entire regions of Italy and their populations drained away to the United States. They needed the Church's attention.

In 1889 Mother Cabrini left for the United States with six sisters. Disembarking from the ship in New York Harbor, they were met by not even a single person. No one expected them, and no one welcomed them. The Archbishop was cold and told Mother Cabrini that he wanted Italian priests, not sisters, and that her ship was still docked in the harbor if she wanted to return to Italy. She replied "I have letters from the Pope" and stayed and persevered amidst the most extreme hardships.

Starting from absolute zero, Mother Cabrini miraculously began her work among Italian immigrants. She would work almost exclusively with, and for, Italians the rest of her life. She begged, pleaded, and cajoled. She pulled every lever of charm and persuasion she could reach. It worked. Her deep spirituality and constant state of motion soon put her in contact with Italian benefactors eager to help their own. Mother Cabrini was then seemingly everywhere, doing everything. She founded hospitals, orphanages, schools, workshops, and convents in New York, Denver, Cincinnati, Pittsburg, St. Louis, San Francisco, and Chicago. She trekked to Nicaragua, Argentina, and Brazil. She sailed back to Italy nine times. She became an American citizen but remained fully Italian in her identity and a source of pride for America's many "Little Italies." Mother Cabrini's relentless energy, remarkable administrative skills, shrewdness, humility, and charisma quickly built an empire of charity. When she died in Chicago, she left behind sixty-seven institutions and a robust Order of dedicated nuns. ***On July 7, 1946, she became the first United States citizen to be canonized a saint.***

Mother Cabrini, you were indefatigable in your work for Christ and the Church. You knew no rest, no stranger, and no obstacle that could not be overcome. Inspire all evangelizers and teachers to be so brave and tireless in their service.



Dear Padre,

My mother divorced, then remarried a non-Catholic. Her first marriage was never annulled. She says if she can't take Communion, there's no difference between watching Mass on TV and attending Mass in a church. I think there's a difference, and she should go to Mass in a church with other Catholics. Your thoughts?

It's a good sign that your mother is watching Mass on television instead of skipping Mass altogether, but you're right.

Television Masses are a viable option for Catholics who are physically unable to attend Mass, but if your mother is physically able, it's a different matter. When it comes to worship, there's nothing like being there, and by attending the liturgy with other Catholics every week and on holy days, she'll fulfill her obligation by virtue of baptism in "fully conscious and active participation" (Constitution on the Sacred Liturgy [*Sacrosanctum Concilium*], 14).

Keep encouraging your mom to attend weekly Mass in person and encourage her to contact her priest about starting annulment proceedings. If the annulment is granted and her current marriage is invalidated, she'll be able to receive the Eucharist.

Receiving Communion may be the privileged encounter with God, but Mass is primarily for worshiping and giving thanks to God. By returning to Mass with other Catholics now and eventually taking Communion, your mom's faith life clearly will be enriched.

Fr. Bob Lindsey, CSsR / Sundaybulletin@Liguori.org

Do you have a question for the Padre?

Go to DearPadre.org to send your question and to learn more about Dear Padre.



JOEHEAD / SHUTTERSTOCK

A WORD FROM *Pope Francis*

Familiarity with the Lord, of Christians, is always in community. Yes, it is intimate, it is personal, but within the community. A familiarity without community, a familiarity without bread, a familiarity without the Church, without the people, without the sacraments, is dangerous.

HOMILY, APRIL 17, 2020

Calendar

Monday

NOVEMBER 8

Weekday

Wis 1:1–7

Lk 17:1–6

Tuesday

NOVEMBER 9

Dedication of the
Lateran Basilica

Ez 47:1–2, 8–9, 12

1 Cor 3:9c–11, 16–17

Jn 2:13–22

Wednesday

NOVEMBER 10

St. Leo the Great, Pope
and Doctor of the
Church

Wis 6:1–11

Lk 17:11–19

Thursday

NOVEMBER 11

St. Martin of Tours,
Bishop

Wis 7:22b—8:1

Lk 17:20–25

Friday

NOVEMBER 12

St. Josaphat,
Bishop and Martyr

Wis 13:1–9

Lk 17:26–37

Saturday

NOVEMBER 13

St. Frances Xavier
Cabrini, Virgin

Wis 18:14–16; 19:6–9

Lk 18:1–8

Sunday

NOVEMBER 14

Thirty-third Sunday in
Ordinary Time

Dn 12:1–3

Heb 10:11–14, 18

Mk 13:24–32

