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WEEKLY BULLETIN NOVEMBER 13, 2022

THIRTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN
ORDINARY TIME

*“Stand erect and raise your
heads
because your redemption is
at hand.”*

LK 20:27-38



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Mass Schedule

Saturday	5:00 PM
Sunday	9:00 AM
	10:30 AM (Italian)
	12:00 Noon
Mon-Fri	8:00 AM
	12:05 PM

Confessions

Saturdays 4:15 - 4:45 PM
and upon request

SAINT STEPHEN CHURCH

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Mass Schedule

Saturday	4:00 PM
Sunday	11:00 AM
Thurs-Fri	7:30 AM

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Fri - Sat 1:00 pm - 7:30 pm

Sunday 10:00 am - 6:00 pm

SAINT LEONARD CHURCH

SCHEDULE OF DEVOTIONS

Mon - Fri 11:30 AM Rosary

8:00 AM Mass

12:05 PM Mass

Monday 12:30 PM Divine Mercy Chaplet

Tuesday 12:30 PM St Anthony Novena

Wednesday 12:30 PM Litany of St Joseph

1st Wed of every month

Queen of Peace Prayer Group

6:30 PM Rosary, 7PM Mass

Thursday Pure in Heart Young Adults

6:30 PM Rosary, 7PM Mass

Friday 12:30-3:00 PM Adoration

3:00 PM Divine Mercy Chaplet



SAINT LEONARD CHURCH

Mass Intentions November 13 - November 19

NOVEMBER 13 - SUNDAY

9:00 am - Deceased members DePasquale & Varano families; Ricky Costa; Deceased members of the Cataldo & Merola families; Giovanna & Alberico DeCenso; Robert "Bobby" Federico

10:30 am - Domenico & Rosa DiCenso; Vincenzo Insogna

12:00 pm - Michael Ralph

NOVEMBER 14 - MONDAY

8:00 am - Bonnie Hilliard Bowling

12:05 pm - Maria Roldan

NOVEMBER 15 - TUESDAY

8:00 am - Souls of Purgatory

12:05 pm - Joseph and Josephine Trodella

NOVEMBER 16 - WEDNESDAY

8:00 am - Monica Alty

12:05 pm - Healing of Charlie Falla

NOVEMBER 17 - THURSDAY

8:15 am - Antonio Garcia

12:05 pm - Nicholas Palmorozzo

NOVEMBER 18 - FRIDAY

8:15 am - For the homeless people around the world

12:05 pm - Therese Anne DiPasquale Soule

NOVEMBER 19 - SATURDAY

5:00 pm - Olivia A Waishek; John, Patrick & Anthony Bobnis



READY OR NOT

Homily, Luke 20:27-38 by John O'Connor O.P.

Thirty-third Sunday of the Year. Fr John O'Connor preaches on being prepared to be unprepared.

Jesus understood that sometimes careful planning is needed. To see this one need only remember how carefully he planned the arrangements for his Last Supper with his disciples.

But for all that, Jesus knew some of the pitfalls of planning. Famously, he pointed out how careful planning, if driven by undue anxiety, can prevent us from living truly, from appreciating the good within the present moment:

Consider the lilies of the field, how they grow; they neither toil nor spin; yet I tell you, even Solomon in all his glory was not arrayed like one of these... Therefore do not be anxious, saying, 'What shall we eat?' or 'What shall we drink?' or 'What shall we wear?' (Mt 6:28b-29, 31).

This Sunday's Gospel reading sheds further light on the positives and negatives of planning. Let me explain.

There are some people who are speaking about how the Temple in Jerusalem was adorned. Jesus then declares what must have been terribly shocking:



As for these things which you see, the days will come when there shall not be left here one stone upon another that will not be thrown down.

In the year 20BC King Herod the Great – who sought to kill the infant Jesus – started a project to rebuild, extend, and embellish the Temple. The Temple had first been built in the reign of King Solomon. It was then destroyed by the Babylonians and rebuilt. And although much progress in extending and improving the Temple took place during Herod the Great's life, work would continue for many decades afterwards. It was a mighty work of planning.

Herod the Great and his successors were presumably working on the assumption that the Temple would last hundreds, even thousands, of years. But, as we know, the extended and embellished Temple was destroyed by the Romans in 70AD. The only part of the Temple now left standing is the outer Western Wall, commonly called 'the Wailing Wall'. It is a place where Jewish people come to pray and to lament the destruction of the Temple. We can thus understand Jesus's words – 'there shall not be left here one stone upon another' – as a chilling prophetic utterance of what was soon to come.

Jesus also indicates further challenges that the people would face:

Nation will rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom; there will be great earthquakes, and in various places famines and pestilences.



These things did, alas, take place. One of the results of the Jewish uprising that led to the destruction of the Temple was the burning of crops by the Romans and the killing of many in the workforce, after which a famine ensued. The nation of Israel was in effect destroyed, leading to the diaspora, or spreading out, of many Jewish people across the globe.

There were also, as Jesus predicted, many persecutions. The People of Israel were persecuted by the Romans in the aftermath of the Jewish rebellion. The early Christians were also persecuted, both before and after the destruction of Jerusalem. And, as we know, such persecutions continue to this day.

One could interpret what Jesus is saying in today's Gospel as Jesus helping the people to plan for future events that he foresaw but they did not: the impending catastrophe about to descend on the Jewish People and the persecution of the early Church. But Jesus also has a perennial message, a simple but important message: we can plan as much as we like – it can be good to plan – but we also need to be prepared for whatever life might throw at us in the future, including what is wholly unexpected and unplanned.

In other words, it's not only a matter of planning in the sense of putting in place things that are external to ourselves for what might happen, in as much as we can estimate. We also need to carry out that sort of planning that concerns what is within ourselves. 'Prepare ourselves for the future' is a better way of putting it than 'plan for the future'. Herod the Great presumably planned for the coming of the Messiah – a

mighty Temple to receive him! – but Herod the Great was clearly totally unprepared to welcome the Messiah when he actually came.

We receive from Jesus an illustration of the distinction between mere planning and preparing ourselves when he says these words:

This will be a time for you to bear testimony. Settle it therefore in your minds, not to meditate beforehand how to answer; for I will give you a mouth and wisdom, which none of your adversaries will be able to withstand or contradict.

In the way I am using the terms, we could say that the planner will seek to have all the words in place in advance, but he or she might not be truly prepared. The one who is truly prepared will have the inner readiness, receptivity, and state of being to respond as they ought. They will be prepared to be open to the Holy Spirit to guide them.

It is so easy to work hard at general planning and yet to overlook the sort of planning that is needed in order to be truly prepared. Being prepared in this way is not simply in case certain events might descend upon us. It involves being a certain type of person. It involves a state of being that seeks to cultivate the virtues and friendship with the Lord. It involves a state of being that recognizes that human effort only goes so far, and that we need to open our hearts and minds to the grace of God. It is to be anchored in Christ, the New Temple that is eternal; anchored in a reality that is much greater than whatever might happen, whether planned or unplanned. It is about being truly prepared.

ADVENT CALENDAR

SECOND WEEK OF ADVENT, DEC 4 - DEC 10, 2022

December 7- 5:00pm Advent with Mary Mass, Rosary, and meeting with Ivan



IMMACULATE CONCEPTION

December 8- 8:15 am Mass

December 8- 12:05 pm Mass

December 8- 7:00 pm Mass

Following the 7 pm Mass – Blessing of the Manger Scene in the Peace Garden. Refreshments to follow in the garden.

***December 10 - 7:30 pm** Christmas Concert at Sacred Heart Church

Concerto di Natale an Italian American Christmas Concert. Conductor: Dr. Dan Drzymalski

NOTE: Tickets at the door \$15.00 online \$20.00

THIRD WEEK OF ADVENT, DEC 11- DEC 17, 2022

December 14- 5:00pm Advent with Mary: Mass, Rosary, and meeting with Ivan

December 17 6:30pm – 10:00pm – Christmas Concert – St. Joseph’s Home for Artisans

December 18- 4:00pm – 9:00pm – Christmas Concert – Juan Mesa (details to follow)

FOURTH WEEK OF ADVENT, DEC 18 - DEC 24, 2022

December 21- 5:00pm Advent with Mary: Mass, Rosary, and meeting with Ivan

CHRISTMAS AND NEW YEAR MASS SCHEDULE

CHRISTMAS EVE FRIDAY, DECEMBER 24, 2022

4:00 Confession

5:00pm- Mass

December 24, 2022 Midnight Mass

CHRISTMAS DAY SATURDAY, DECEMBER 25, 2022

December 25, 2022 MASS

9:00am

10:30am Italian

12:00pm

NEW YEAR’S EVE DECEMBER 31, 2022

12:05pm – Mass

5:00pm - Mass

December 31,2022 New Year’s Eve

For further information on any of these events, please go to our St Leonard website <https://saintleonardchurchboston.org/>



ANNOUNCEMENTS & EVENTS

All masses are transmitted on our Facebook page "St Leonard's Parish, North End, Boston"



Adoration on Fridays will be held during first Fridays from 12:30pm until 3:00pm ending with the benediction

Each day the friars of St. Christopher Friary pray for the intentions entrusted to them. If you would like your intention included in our prayers, please call the friary prayer request line: 617-742-4190 ext. 100. We are happy to keep you in our prayers.



All intentions and holy cards found near the Saints will be offered up once a month at the Sunday mass

**St Leonard Church will be closed for cleaning on Mondays 9:00 AM - 11:00AM & Thursdays 9:00 AM - 11:00AM
Schedule subject to change**

ST LEONARD PARISH NOVEMBER OFFERTORY

Week 1: \$ 2,408

November Monthly Budget: \$ 6,927

ONLINE DONATIONS

For the convenience of our parishioners online donations are encouraged.

Use the following QR code for our website donations



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Also Venmo is available for online donations

Need a meal, or a place to donate clothes?

St. Leonard will be partnering with **Haley House**, a soup kitchen and donation center in South Boston. Currently, they are most in need of men's clothing. Please check the link haleyhouse.org/goods for list of accepted items.

Donations can be brought to our parish office.



HALEY HOUSE



Volunteers Needed

Volunteers will be needed to help set up our manger scene in the Peace Garden **Saturday November 26, 2022 at 10:30am**

We will have refreshments and pastry

We will also need volunteers to help decorate St. Leonard Church for Christmas on **Friday December 23, 2022 at 1:30pm**

We will have cookies, coffee, tea and hot chocolate

Please contact our Parish Office at 617-523-2110



St Leonard's Catholic Catechism

St Leonard's Church Catholic Catechism Instruction (Kindergarten through high school) will begin in person on October 16 and conclude in May, culminating in our first communion and confirmation celebrations. Classes will take place on Sunday morning at 10:30am.

If you would like your kid to participate this year please fill out the registration form on our website or contact Melissa or Cindy ASAP at CCD@sleonard.org

Late registrations will be accepted until December 1st for students in sacrament years. (2nd Grade and Confirmation students) Make up sessions will be required for late registrations.

Late registrations for all other grades may be accepted at the discretion of the Pastor.

GRAND ANNUAL COLLECTION

Our Grand Annual collection is under way. As of October 21st, we have raised \$10,242 toward our goal of \$56,462, that will help reduce our deficit. We thank all the families who have contributed.

We invite you to prayerfully consider contributing to this year's Grand Annual.

Please mail the grand annual to the Parish Office, 320 Hanover Street, Boston, MA 02113.

Thank for you contribution

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SUGGESTION BOX

We have a suggestion box in the back of the church for all parishioners and visitors



Night Fever

Saturday, November 19, 2022

7:30 PM to 9:30 PM

St. Leonard's Church

Join us for adoration as we invite people off the streets into encounter with Jesus!



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DECEMBER 10, 2022 at 3:00PM

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CHRISTMAS DECORATION

we will need volunteers to help decorate St. Leonard Church for Christmas

Friday December 23, 2022 at 1:30pm

★ WE WILL HAVE COOKIES, COFFEE, TEA AND HOT CHOCOLATE ★

PLEASE CONTACT OUR PARISH OFFICE AT 617-523-2110



Pilgrimage to Medjugorje July 24- August 1, 2023

The date for Youth Festival Medjugorje 2023 are July 31 - August 8 and Fr Michael Della Penna will be leading a Pilgrimage for St Leonard's Parish. All the information is posted on the website [www.pilgrimages.com/medj July 31- August 8, 2023](http://www.pilgrimages.com/medj_July_31-August_8,2023).

All parishioners are invited to sign to the pilgrimage. It is currently listed as Waiting List. It will be open next week and spots will then be first come first served.

Click on Waiting List and register under the pilgrimage. You will be confirmed as soon as you sign up.



If you want to help setting up our manger scene in the Peace Garden

Join us on Saturday
November 26, 2022
10:30am

We will have refreshments and pastry

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150th NEWS

Keep the Photos and Memories Coming

We love to hear your stories and see your photos. We appreciate all the photos and stories that have been shared with us; please keep them coming! We are looking for photos of the Church from years ago, pre-renovation; photos of weddings and First Communions at St. Leonards. Do you have any to share with us? Send photos or reminiscences to:

celebrating150years@sleonard.org

Calling All Alumni

We are looking for alumni of St. Anthony's School or Christopher Columbus High School. We are looking for photos and yearbooks, also looking for an alumni organization or for those who attended either or both of these schools. We want to hear your stories for the 150th. Please contact us at celebrating150years@sleonard.org

Join Us at our First Event:

Do you want to know who St. Leonard was? Where did he come from? What was important to him? How is he relevant to us today? Why is our Church named for him?

Please join us to find out the answers to these questions and really get to know our Church's namesake. Dr. Jessica Dello Russo and Father Michael will be leading this informative and timely program

Please join us at St. Leonard's on Wednesday, November 30th at 6:30pm

Next Meeting

Please join us for our next meeting on Tuesday, November 29th at 6:30pm. We would love to hear your ideas and share with you the upcoming plans. This will be the last meeting before the Kick-off event, so please plan to attend. We need your ideas and assistance.

Please Save the Date

We will launch our Sesquicentennial (150) Anniversary year on January 8, 2023 at noon. Cardinal Sean will preside at this special celebratory Mass. Please mark your calendars.

Creche Figures Have Arrived from Italy

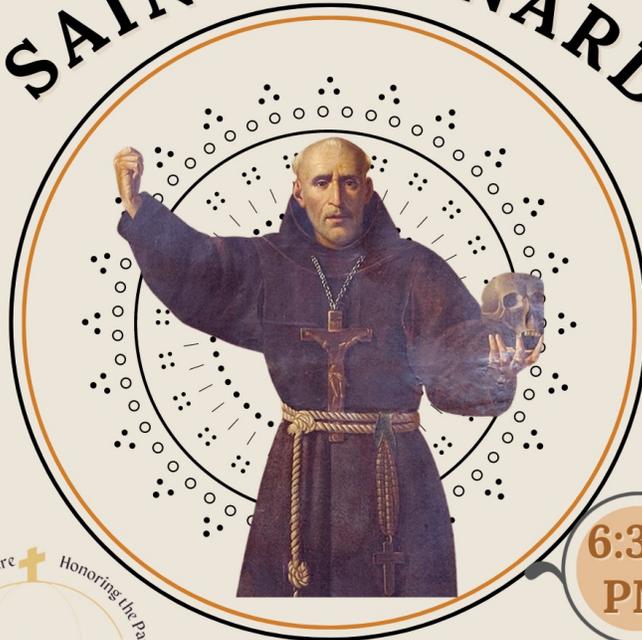
The Creche figures have arrived, and they are beautiful! It was so much fun unwrapping them. Thank you to all who are sponsoring them. We are excited to create an incredibly special manger scene this Christmas season. The Creche will be blessed on the Feast of the Immaculate Conception, December 8, following the 7pm Mass. Please join us.



150 YEARS AGO THE ITALIAN IMMIGRANTS WHO BUILT SAINT LEONARD'S CHURCH CHOSE TO NAME THE CHURCH AFTER THIS RECENTLY CANONIZED FRANCISCAN

WHO IS HE? • WHERE DID HE COME FROM? • WHY IS HE IMPORTANT? WHAT DOES HE HAVE TO SAY TO US TODAY?

COME & MEET
SAINT LEONARD



**6:30
PM**



Presented by
Dr. Jessica Dello Russo &
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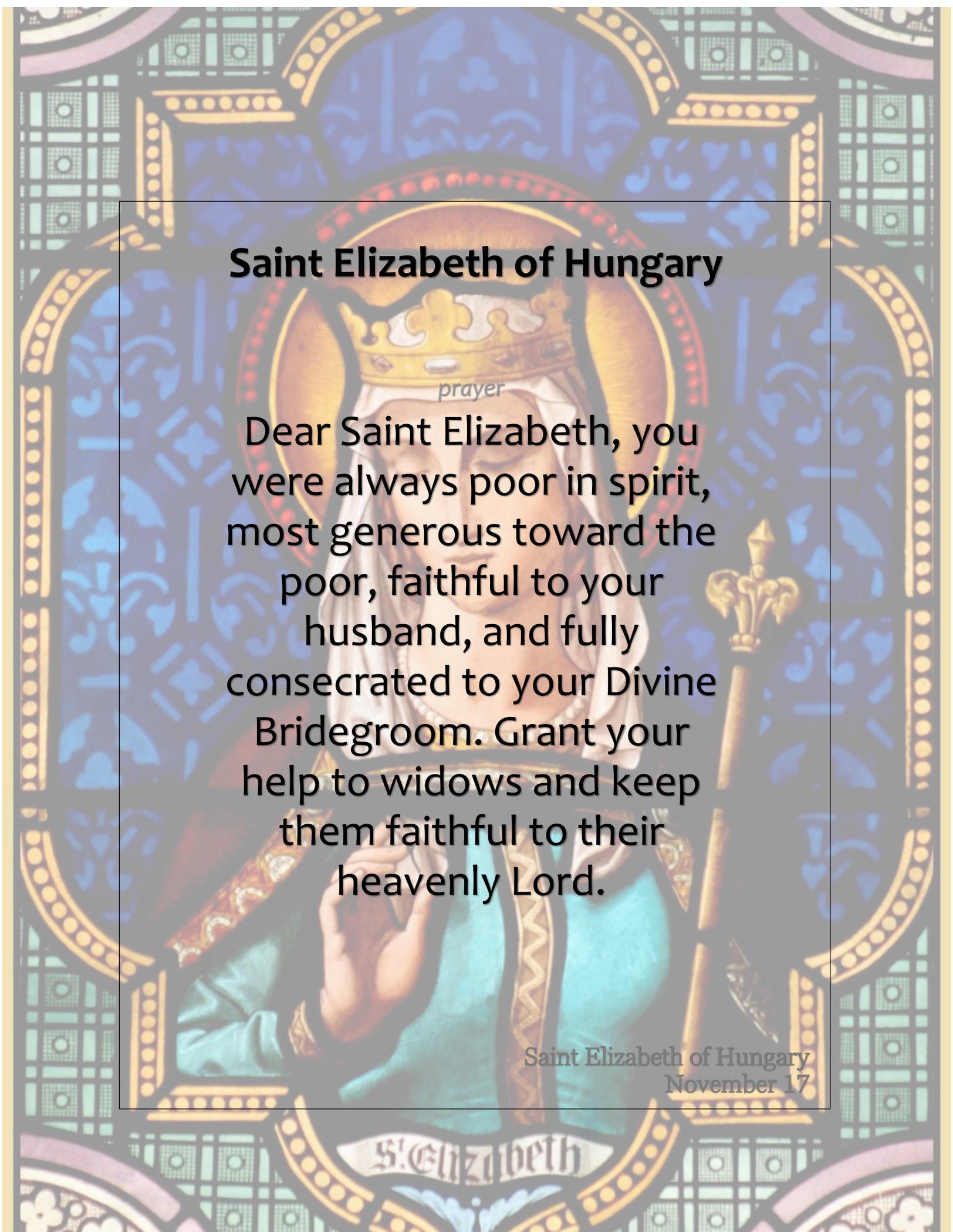
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Saint Elizabeth of Hungary

prayer

Dear Saint Elizabeth, you were always poor in spirit, most generous toward the poor, faithful to your husband, and fully consecrated to your Divine Bridegroom. Grant your help to widows and keep them faithful to their heavenly Lord.

Saint Elizabeth of Hungary
November 17