



This poor widow contributed all she had

November 11, 2018 • Thirty-second Sunday in Ordinary Time

In First Kings, Elijah meets a widow and immediately makes a request that she promptly fulfills; then he makes another that she resists. His response is not to chastise her lack of charity but instead he says, as Jesus will say repeatedly say in the Gospels, "Do not be afraid." He recognizes that it is not lack of charity that prevents her from giving him a little food, it is fear, fear that she will not have enough for her son and herself given their dire straits. Elijah looks beyond the obvious. He asks something of her and then gives back to her, from God's abundance, something even greater. The same is true in Hebrews. Christ offers himself, not as the priest does with a life not his own, but as the genuine Son of God. Again in the Gospel, the substantive generosity of the impoverished widow is contrasted with the apparent generosity of the wealthy. The wealthy are found lacking.

because it displays a lack of fear about what will happen if she leaves her life entirely in God's hands. The widow, who lacks material goods, still fears for her welfare and that of her family but both widows, in Mark and in Kings, overcome that fear to place their reliance on God. The wealthy, as we have seen before in the Gospels, have a lot more to give away before they would need to put their reliance entirely on God. Many cannot find the strength and courage to do so. They give big gifts to the temple thinking this will bring them favor, as it does in the world. But God asks more of us than the world does. God asks that we live our lives as if they depended entirely on God and not our own accomplishments. Because they do.

Today's Readings: 1 Kgs 17:10-16; Ps 146:7, 8-9, 9-10; Heb 9:24-28; Mk 12:38-44 [41-44]

BE NOT AFRAID

It is clear that God prefers the widow's generosity

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Mass Times:

Saturday Vigil 5:00 p.m.
Sunday 8:00 a.m. & 10:00 a.m.
Monday, Tuesday & Fridays 8:00 a.m.,
Thursdays 6pm (Chapel)

Confession:

Saturday 4:15 p.m. or by appointment

Baptism:

First Sunday of the Month. Baptismal seminar is required for first time Parents and Godparents.

Marriage:

Contact Pastor at least eight (8) months before making arrangements.

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in Ordinary Time
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Mass Intentions

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 12

8:00 AM Frances Hunter, Allen & Irene Horn Family

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 13

8:00 AM Thelma Rodriguez

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 14

No Mass

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 15

5:30 PM Rosary (Chapel)

6:00 PM Evelyn & Norris Boudreaux

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 16

8:00 AM Judy Guhman (Living)

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 17

5:00 PM People of St. John

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 18

8:00 AM

Bobby A. Hogan, Lillian Bergeron, Beuvans Savoie, Jaime, Dalmain, Teddy & Jeanine Price, Hazel, Rudolph & David Melancon, Roy Estay, Kent J. Matherne, Special Intentions

10:00 AM

Evelyn & Norris Boudreaux, Hector E. Hock, Sr., Becky Flanagan, P. J. Hock, Patricia Hock, Catherine Hock, Roland, Madeline & Elic Gros, Murphy Candies, Jr., Murphy & Mittie Cortez, Roy Landry, Judy Guhman (Living), Special Intentions

Sanctuary Lamp

Week of: Nov. 11th—Nov. 17th

In memory of:

Earl & Mirley Lirette



Pray for the Sick



Ian Alexander, Beverly Boudreaux, Carol Bourgeois, Judy Guhman, Chris Kirkpatrick, Ella Lirette, Garrett Lirette, Gerner Matherne, Merrill Matherne, Albert Melancon, Brenda Naquin, Lisa Richoux, Brenda Savoie, Nicole Veillon, Janet Weber, Grant White

PRAYER DURING HURRICANE SEASON

Through the intercession of Our Lady of Prompt Succor, may we be spared from the loss of life and property during this hurricane season.

Weekly Offerings

November 4, 2018:..... \$2,579.00

All Saints: \$357.00

All Souls: \$67.00

**Thirty-second Sunday in Ordinary Time
A Lot of Nerve**

I always thought it took a lot of nerve for Elijah to beg that poor woman for a meal. . It would be easier to understand if we heard the verse before this reading begins: God tells the prophet that he has "commanded a widow. . .to feed you." (1Kgs 17:9)

Now the widow was not aware of this command. But she does as Elijah asked. That took even more faith than Elijah showed. She shows us that we are obeying God's commands when we trust him. Most of those commands come not from a vision, but from someone's cry for help.

I wonder how many good people have passed up a chance to do God's will because they didn't hear directly from God what to do. When you hear that a tornado destroyed a nearby neighborhood, do you hear God asking you to help? Do you hear God's voice when you read in the bulletin that the food pantry is running low?

And if you do hear God calling in these examples, how do you respond? Do you have the faith of the woman whose few cents were all that she had. It takes a lot of courage to trust God completely. Do you have what it takes?

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Remember Our Dead

Please pray: That all the faithful departed whom we remember this month may rejoice in the presence of God, we pray to the Lord.

Memorial of the Dead

In remembrance of your loved ones during the month of November, please enter the names of your loved ones into the binder of the Memorial of the Dead.

Scripture Readings

Summary for November 17th & 18th

First Reading

DN 12:1-3

Daniel promises resurrection and an eternal afterlife where the wise "shall shine brightly", while others will know "everlasting horror and disgrace".

Second Reading

HEB 10:11-14, 18

The author contrasts the daily sacrifices offered in the Temple with the one efficacious and eternal sacrifice of Christ the high priest.

Gospel

MK 13:24-32

Jesus offers his own prediction of the end times. The warning signs will include the darkening of the sun, the moon and the stars. But having claimed "son of man" as his preferred title in the Gospel of Mark, Jesus hints at his own return as the eschatological judge.

With humble hearts, St. John the Baptist joyfully proclaims the mercy of God.

November 12th

Veterans Memorial Service

A Veterans Memorial Service will be held on Monday, November 12th by the St. Gertrude Veterans Memorial at 10:00 a.m. with the HHS ROTC. This year's service will include the explanation of the folding of the flag. All are invited to attend this service to honor our veterans.



November 18th Baptismal Seminar St. John the Baptist

A baptismal seminar will be held on Sunday, November 18th following the 10:00 a.m. mass in the Parish Hall. This seminar is for first time parents and godparents.

November 21st Second Harvest Food Bank

The St. John's Ministry of Care in connection with Second Harvest will be distributing food for the needy at the St. John the Baptist Church on Hwy. 90 in Paradis on Wednesday, November 21st at 8:00 a.m. on a first come first serve basis. You must be preapproved. For those who have not signed up, you may register at the St. John the Baptist Church on Hwy. 90 in Paradis on November 21st at 8:00 a.m.

Ministry of Care Lunch/Bingo

We will not hold the Fellowship Luncheon/Bingo for the months of November and December due to the holidays.

Thanksgiving Baskets



A list of non-perishable items needed for the Thanksgiving Baskets will be available on the table at the entrance of the church. These items will be distributed to the needy in our community. These items will be collected through November 18th. Your donations can be placed in the box in church or brought by the children to the Monday night religion classes. If you prefer, you may also make a monetary donation. For more information, please contact Karen Boyer at 758-2284 or Betty Meacham at 758-3285.

November 17th & 18th Second Collection

Next week, our second collection will be for the Catholic Campaign for Human Development. Over 43 million people in the United States live in poverty. This collection supports programs to empower people to identify and address the obstacles they face as they work to bring permanent and positive change to their communities. By supporting this collection you give people a hand up, not a hand out. Learn more about the Catholic Campaign for Human Development at www.usccb.org/cchd/collection.

Music Practice

Music Practice will Mark Savoie will be held every Monday at 6:00 p.m. to prepare for the Christmas Vigil Mass. All are invited to attend.

School of Religion

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Class Times

Elementary—5:15 p.m. to 6:15 p.m.
High School—6:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.

CCD Schedule

November 12th—Class
November 19th—No Class
Thanksgiving Holiday
November 26th—Class
Reconciliation for students

Blanket Drive

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Saturday, November 24th at 3pm-7pm and Sunday, November 25th at 8am-1pm.

This Blanket Drive benefit is for Covenant House, a shelter for homeless youths and children. Covenant House services about 160-180 homeless youths per night.

Ministry Schedule—November 17th & 18th, 2018

	Lectors	Eucharistic Ministers	Ushers	Altar Servers
Saturday 5:00 PM	Brad Landeche	Betty Meacham, Patsy Doucet	Eric Matherne Volunteer	Lysin Gourgues
Sunday 10:00 AM	Nicky Bourgeois	JANICE DUFRENE , Mary Picou, Volunteer	Luke Richard Trent Balafantz	Macy Oertling Avery Oertling

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