

A WORD FROM OUR PASTOR

Dear St. Joseph Parish Family,

We're now using a new program to schedule lay liturgical ministers! Our parish secretary has a real knack for figuring out the program, which I'm very grateful for! We'll use the program to schedule the readers, servers, extraordinary ministers, and ushers for all the Sunday Masses. Many people have told me how excited they are about the new system, which will make everything easier.

We're also going to have training sessions this Winter, and I'm hoping that many new people will sign up to take a more active role in the liturgies here. Fr. Pier Giorgio has been going around on Sundays with sign-up sheets, so track him down to sign up, or call the parish office and ask to be included. I'll announce the training sessions when they come up.

We are now entering one of the busiest times of the year, and this week's Gospel is helpful for keeping sane during the holiday season– it reminds us what is truly important. The Gospel (Mark 12:38-44) shows the paradoxical nature of Christ's teaching– those who seem powerful and important to the world are neither in God's eyes. The world sees things outside-in, seeing only appearances and mistaking appearances for the true inner reality. The Scribes were religious experts of their day, the leaders of the people, esteemed and important. They took places of honor and wore distinctive clothing pointing to their prominence. And yet they were not good in God's eyes– they used their authority to serve themselves, not God. They were hollow men, their prayers only for show. And then Jesus mentions the poor widow giving a miniscule sum of money as an offering. She was nothing to the society of her day. She was unremarkable and unimportant. And yet in God's eyes she was the great person, not the Scribes, because she sought to serve God, not herself. She sought not human recognition, but to love God. She was not hollow, but full, despite appearances. C.S. Lewis once remarked that the greatest people alive today are those who we would never guess are great– because greatness is not worldly fame or honors, but charity and virtue. The greatest people alive today are often unremarkable in the world's eyes– the poor but holy widows the world still overlooks.

It is always good to ask ourselves what motivates us–are we more like the widow or the Scribes? Do we serve God or ourselves? Are we motivated by charity or selfishness? If we're honest with ourselves, the answer is probably mixed. We struggle to serve God, and fight the temptation to be self-serving, trying not to rationalize that inner pull toward selfishness. St. Paul writes that "I do not understand my own actions. For I do not do what I want, but I do the very thing I hate." (Rm 7:14) We struggle against our fallen nature, striving to be like Christ. That is why Christians still here on earth were once called the 'church militant,' because we fight to be the people God calls us to be.

How do we win that fight? We cannot on our own. Only by God's grace can we be transformed into true adopted children of God. The key is to strive for the ideal, knowing that we will need the grace of God to reach it, and to help us when we fall short. The sacraments give us the grace to continue the race, and faith and hope give us the resources to keep moving forward when the finish line seems so far away.

As we enter the frenzy of this holiday season, make sure to keep up your prayers. Stay close to Christ, stay close to His sacraments. With the confessional almost ready, resolve to use it. God gives much strength in that sacrament. Also, the Eucharist and daily prayer will give us the strength to find holiness amidst all the hustle and bustle of the season. If we stay close to Christ and His sacraments, we'll find ourselves becoming less like the Scribes and more like the widow– becoming not hollow appearances but full of charity and the grace of God.

God Bless,

Fr. Boniface Endorf, O.P.

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Weekly Collection

October 27th & 28th, 2018

Masses Total-----	\$5,539
WeShare -----	\$320
Faith Street -----	\$437
Second Collection -----	\$4,073
All Saints Day -----	\$788
Grand Total-----	\$11,157

FAITHSTREET

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WESHARE

To create online giving account, please visit stjosephgv.churchgiving.com and click "Give Online".

PRAYER REQUESTS



Please pray for:

Eileen Fleming
Anne Darrow
Paul Gallagher
Zoila Vallo



If you would like to include someone on our prayer list, please call the church office to submit their names.

Names on the prayer list will be on for four (4) weeks. If you wish to leave them on longer, please call the church office, Weekdays 9AM - 5PM.

Mass Intentions

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 10

Saint Leo the Great, Pope and Doctor of the Church

12:10 pm

5:30 pm Adrienne James

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 11

9:00 am People of the Parish

11:30 am Graciela Derrough

6:00 pm Maryanne Sinscalchi

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 12

Saint Josaphat, Bishop and Martyr

12:10 am

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 13

Saint Frances Xavier Cabrini, Virgin

12:10 pm

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 14

12:10 pm

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 15

Saint Albert the Great Bishop and Doctor of the Church

12:10 pm

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 16

Saint Margaret of Scotland; Saint Gertrude, Virgin

12:10 pm

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UPDATE PARISHIONER INFORMATION

If you have not updated your parishioner information in the last two years, please log onto our website and update your information. Please be sure to include your sacraments and family information as well. We have a number of registered parishioners with outdated or no important information. If you are not sure you have registered as a parishioner, please call the office or email secretary@stjosephgv.nyc to check your status.

FLOCKNOTES

Get important updates from our church in a timely and convenient way! This tool we're using lets you choose what info you'd like to receive – via email or text message – from the various ministries and groups in our church. You can unsubscribe any time. There are two easy ways to connect:

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PARISH OFFICE CLOSING

Please note that the parish office will be closed
Monday, November 12th for Veteran's Day.

SECOND COLLECTION

November 17th & 18th, 2018
Catholic Charities Campaign for Charity and Justice

Next week, our second collection will be for the Catholic Charities Campaign for Charity and Justice. Countless families in the Archdiocese live in poverty. Last year this collection helped parish/community-based efforts to help the poor all across the Archdiocese. By supporting this collection you give people a helping hand. Learn more about the collection at www.catholiccharitiesny.org.

SECOND ANNUAL LESSONS & CAROLS

Sunday, December 2, 2018 at 3 pm



Please join us as we celebrate the start of the Advent season. The choirs of St. Joseph's Church will lead the celebration at our
Second Annual Lessons and Carols.

Please invite your family and friends to this wonderful celebration!

FAITH STREET - TEXT TO GIVE

Make it even easier to give with text giving! After a one-time setup, text donations are processed immediately!

1. Save your St. Joseph's Church's giving number to your contacts - **646-832-4848**
2. Text the amount you'd like to give, e.g. "25", to your giving number
3. Click on the link you receive, input your church's quickcode, **stjoseph**, and fill out and submit the setup form
4. The next time you text an amount to the giving number, the gift will be processed immediately.

LECTIO DIVINA & CONTEMPLATIVE PRAYER

Wednesdays, at 7-8:30 pm
Music Room of Parish House

Lectio Divina is a reflective reading of the Word of God. It is a traditional method of prayer that leads us into the deeper meaning of the Scripture and growing in relationship with Christ, making possible the transformation of our lives. Contemplative Prayer is the final phase of Lectio Divina, it is opening ourselves in silence to God's Presence and Action.

**THIRTY-SECOND SUNDAY
IN ORDINARY TIME
SUNDAY READINGS**

First Reading: 1 Kings 17:10-16

Elijah asked a widow for a cup of water and a piece of bread. She told him she was almost out of flour, and that she and her son would soon starve. Elijah told her not to be afraid, as God had told him the jar of flour would not go empty. So she did as he had asked and prepared bread from the last of her flour. As God had said, her jar did not go empty, and she and her son had plenty to eat.

Second Reading: Hebrews 9:24-28

The high priests entered the sanctuary each year and offered a sacrifice, but not a sacrifice of their own blood. Just as people die once and are judged, Christ was offered up once for the sins of many.

Gospel: Mark 12:38-44

Jesus expressed disgust over the hypocrisy of some of the scribes for wanting special treatment from the people. He watched the wealthy put large contributions into the collection box, but explained that what they gave was surplus wealth, and not a real sacrifice. He told them the biggest donation was a small amount from a widow, because she had given up the only money that she had to live on.

**THIRTY-SECOND SUNDAY
IN ORDINARY TIME
DAILY READINGS**

Sunday

1 Kgs 17:10-16; Heb 9:24-28; Mk 12:38-44
or 12:41-44

Monday

Ti 1:1-9; Lk 17:1-6

Tuesday

Ti 2:1-8, 11-14; Lk 17:7-10

Wednesday

Ti 3:1-7; Lk 17:11-19

Thursday

Phlm 7-20; Lk 17:20-25

Friday

2 Jn 4-9; Lk 17:26-37

Saturday

3 Jn 5-8; Lk 18:1-8

A FRESH PERSPECTIVE ON THE SUNDAY READINGS



HIS WORD TODAY

by Rev. William J. Reilly

**Thirty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time
November 11, 2018**

“Jesus 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 contributions to the treasury. For they have contributed from their surplus wealth, but she, from her poverty, has contributed all she had, her whole livelihood.’”

The scriptures feature widows and their gifts. A few drops of oil and a little flour, or two cents. What could these simple elements teach us? Don't be too quick to judge. Consider the state of life, without husbands, with their own felt needs. Yet these simple gifts represented them, their life, perhaps their family too. But the Lord recognized their willingness to give of themselves.

How often when we are asked to support our church do we calculate, complain, and even feel insulted that we are asked to give? Whose church is it? It is mine and the Lord's. What do I have that was not a gift for me? Nothing. Many times when a parent is carrying his shoeless baby when leaving church I ask another person if they have a dollar. Readily they reach to answer my request. We then joke that the people did have shoes. They respond as we should, like today's widows.

