

Thirty Second Sunday in Ordinary Time November 8, 2015

La Historia y Usted: XXXII Domingo de Tiempo Ordinario

En un tiempo de mi vida, fue un gran placer para mí llevar a cinco hermosas niñas a misa cada domingo. Eran mejores amigas, y todas afirmaban que querían aprender más acerca de Jesús. Hoy me avergüenzo de pensar en que tan ignorante de la cultura fui al pensar que Zeenat, quien venía de una familia musulmana religiosa, y Jeanette, quien tenía padres vietnamenses y Budistas, realmente querían venir a misa para poder aprender del catolicismo.

Ellas iban porque querían ayudarlo a su amiga, a quien sus padres no querían llevar a la iglesia, para poder hacer su Primera Comuni3n en la primavera. Se deleitaban en todo el amor que recibían los domingos por la mañana. También era un descanso bendito de toda la desolaci3n de las viviendas de gobierno donde vivían. Después de misa, jugábamos en el patio de juegos de la iglesia, y a todas las cinco les encantaba venir a mi oficina en la Arquidi3cesis, donde jugaban en frente de las estatuas y hacían hermosos dibujos en el pizarr3n. Cuando llegó el gran día, mis sobrinas de bautismo me hicieron un cartel3n lleno de colores para la mesa. Zeenat decoró el pastel y el pasillo. La parroquia le hizo a Tamara una fiesta inolvidable, y mi hermano-fot3grafo tomó fotos impresionantes que espero aun cuelguen de su pared.

Juntas, le ofrecimos lo mejor que nos permitió nuestra pobreza. Yo no tenía mucho, pero tenía un auto y tenía el tiempo. La parroquia no tenía mucho, pero tenía un párroco generoso y feligreses nobles quienes las llenaron de amor y amistad verdadera. Las niñas también tenían muy poco, pero se presentaron cada domingo, y dieron lo mejor de ellas mismas.

Varias distintas tradiciones de fe dieron, de muy poquito, para ofrecerle a Tamara una gran celebraci3n.

¿Alguna vez has sido testigo de la gran riqueza de aquellos que son pobres?

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The Story and You: Thirty-second Sunday in Ordinary Time

It was once my singular pleasure to take five beautiful little girls to Mass every Sunday. They

were best friends, and all claimed that they wanted to learn more about Jesus. I cringe today when I think of how culturally tone-deaf I was to think that Zeenat, coming from a religious Muslim family, and Jeanette, whose Vietnamese parents were Buddhists, actually wanted to come to Mass so that they could learn about Catholicism.

They were there because they wanted to help their friend, whose parents weren't willing to take her to church, make her First Communion in the spring. They reveled in all the love they received on Sunday morning. It was also a blessed break from the bleakness of the housing projects where they lived. Afterwards, we played on the church playground, and all five girls loved coming with me to my office at the Archdiocese, where they played in front of the statues and drew beautiful pictures on the chalk board.

When the big day came, my Baptist nieces made a colorful banner for the table. Zeenat decorated the cake and the hall. The parish gave Tamara an unforgettable party, and my photographer-brother took stunning pictures of the day that I hope are still on her wall.

Together, we all offered a widow's mite. I didn't have much, but I had a car and I had the time. The parish didn't have much, but the gracious pastor and warm parishioners embraced them with love and real friendship. The girls themselves had so little, but they showed up every Sunday and gave their very best.

Several different faith traditions gave, from very little, to give Tamara a great feast.

Have you ever witnessed the great wealth of those who are poor?

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Please Pray for the Sick of our Parish—

Tillie Estrada, Cassandra Romero, Don Milner, Roger Esquebel, Barbara Vigil, Phyllis Ortega, Alicia Aguilar, Melissa Pimentel, Lucia Pimentel,

Community Ministry Food Bank—would like us to collect **Dry Beans & Rice** for the month of November. Please leave your donations in the church vestibule.

Just a note—When physician-assisted suicide is made legal, it is just another form of treatment, and because so, it becomes the cheapest option. In a cost-conscious healthcare environment, this becomes troublesome. One citizen of Oregon was denied coverage for her cancer treatment, but received a letter from the Oregon Health Plan that stated the plan would cover assisted suicide. Another Oregon citizen received an identical letter telling him that the Oregon Health Plan would cover the cost of his assisted suicide, but would not pay for medical treatment of his prostate cancer.

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Readings for the week of November 8, 2015

Sunday: 1 Kgs 17: 10-16//Heb 9: 24-28//Mk 12: 38-44

Monday: Ez 47: 1-2, 8-9, 12//1 Cor 3: 9c-11, 16-17//Jn 2: 13-22

Tuesday: Wis 2: 23—3: 9//Lk:17: 7-10

Wednesday: Wis 6: 1-11//Lk 17: 11-19

Thursday: Wis 7: 22b—8:1//Lk 17: 20-25

Friday: Wis 13: 1-9//Lk 17: 26-37

Saturday: Wis 18: 14-16; 19: 6-9//Lk 18:1-8

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"Yes, I'd love another craft beer!"

You can say exactly those words at the Happy Hour hosted by Chain Reaction Brewery on **THIS Thursday, November 12**. For every beer sold, the school will get \$1. Woo Hoo! Where will the money go? To repair the roof over the rooms for 3rd, 4th, and 5th grades. The time will be 4pm to 8pm. Chain Reaction Brewery is right down the street at 902 S Lipan. You **MUST** be 21 to attend and you could win Broncos or Nuggets tickets! Get outta town! No, we really mean it!

Christmas Toy Drive++++

The Knights of Columbus and the parish community will be conducting the Annual Christmas Toy Drive. It was a big success last year with the new format and we look forward to another successful year.

Nominations for families/children in need of a Christmas Toy will be accepted until November 15. Nominations can be given to Father Jerry or Steve Martinez, Grand Knight of Saint Rose of Lima Council. The timeline is as follows:

=Nomination Forms due—Nov 15

=Giving Tree in Foyer—Nov 15 to Dec 7

=Gathering of unwrapped gifts delivered to Foyer with Ornament (has code for recipient)—Dec 14 to Dec 18

=Gift wrapping party in Community Room—Dec 18

=Santa here to help get toys to kids & families—Dec 19

National Bible Week !

Next week is the kick-off of National Bible Week. Do you have a Bible at home? When was the last time you gathered the family together to read just a little bit from it? If you don't have a Bible at home, why not get one! --Bring your Bible from home to Church next weekend and we will bless it. After the blessing, take your Bible home and give a place of honor and reverence.

We will changing the Church Environment from Autumn to Advent right after the 11:30am Mass on Sunday, November 22. Join us for this fun event. We will have hot chocolate and cookies while we are setting up.