

NOVEMBER 7, 2021

• THIRTY- SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday Vigil Mass: 5:00 p.m.

Sunday Mass: 10:30 a.m.

Text to Give: (833) 938-2034

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Saturday: 4:00 p.m. or by appointment.

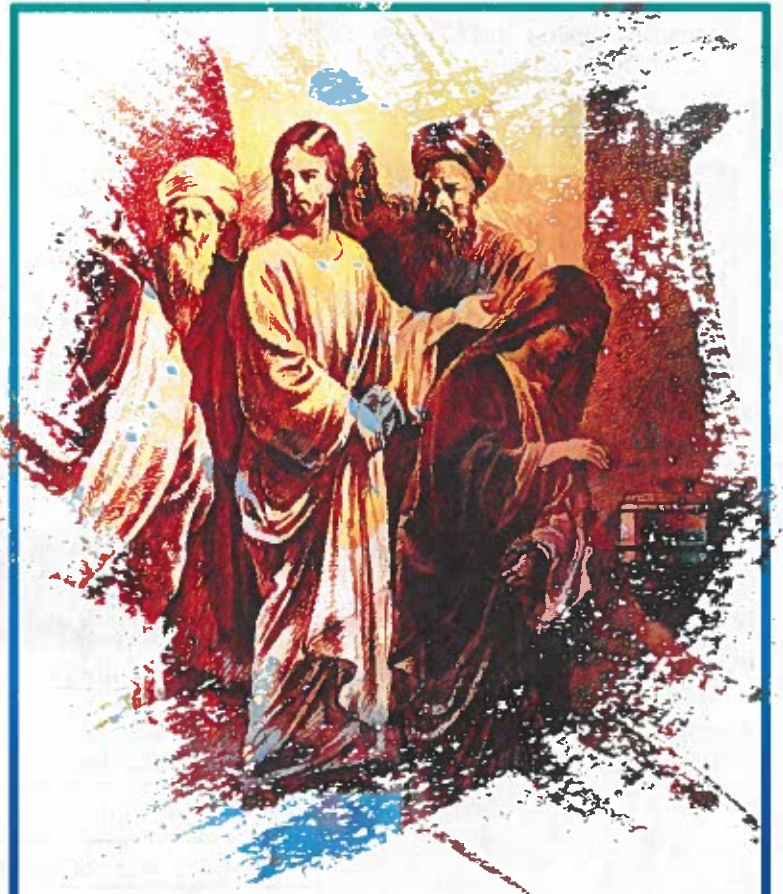
PARISH STAFF

Pastor: Fr. Rob Adams

Deacon: Dcn. Joe Jacobs

Administrative Assistant: Becky Griffith

Custodian: Lisa Scalf



"AMEN, I SAY TO YOU, THIS POOR WIDOW PUT IN MORE
THAN ALL THE OTHER CONTRIBUTORS TO THE TREASURY."
- MK 12:43

32ND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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From the Pastor's Desk....

Sunday Offertory

10-31-2021.....	\$2,345
Weekly Budget.....	\$2,700
Surplus/ <u>Deficit</u>	\$355
YTD Offertory.....	\$45,664
Budget.....	\$48,600
Surplus/ <u>Deficit</u>	\$2,936
10-31-2021 Building Fund.....	\$45

BUILDING FUND UPDATE: We currently owe **\$64,640** on the new church building. Thank you for your continued support of the Church Building Fund.



1 Kings 17:10-16
 Hebrews 9:24-28
 Mark 12:38-44

The Lord provides for Elijah's needs as the widow of Zarephath shares with him from her want. Her generosity is mirrored in the widow in the temple who gives from her poverty and not from power, privilege, or excess. In Jesus, God became poor for us, offering himself to take away our sins.

Readings may be found in the Saint Augustine Hymnal Number 1073

Hi everyone!

I want to remind everyone that we will begin our Bible study on Mary Wednesday, November 17. We will meet from 7:00 pm - 8:15 pm in the school building. You can order your materials and online access from the link in our St. Francis Pikeville app or copy and paste the link on the website, stfrancispikeville.org. Please email the office if you'd like to participate by virtually.

Fr. Rob

OUR MISSION STATEMENT

St. Francis of Assisi Catholic Church is a Eucharistic family of Catholic Christians. Nourished by the sacraments and guided by the Holy Spirit, we proclaim Jesus Christ and the Good News of salvation. Following the spirit of the Gospel, St. Francis parish provides continous religious education and spiritual growth for all parishioners, varied opportunities for social enrichment, and support for the needs of families in Pike County, our nation and the world.

Mass Schedule & Intentions

Saturday, November 6	5:00 pm Vigil Mass	CES Donor
Sunday, November 7	10:30 am Mass	For the People
Monday, November 8	No Mass	
Tuesday, November 9	Noon Mass	+Drew and Lexi Dreggors
Wednesday, November 10	Noon Mass	CES Donor
Thursday, November 11	Noon Mass	+John Altman
Friday, November 12	Noon Mass @ St. George Church	
Saturday, November 13	5:00 pm Vigil Mass	+Drew and Lexi Dreggors
Sunday, November 14	10:30 am Mass	For the People

Parish Calendar & Announcements

WUV THANKSGIVING EVENT: Would you be interested in sharing your cooking talents by sharing a dish with the University of Pikeville's "What's Up Wednesday" event on November 17? This is going to be the Holiday Dinner (Thanksgiving/Christmas Dinner) for all students before they go home on Thanksgiving break. Any side dish, meat, salad or dessert would be appreciated. If you have any questions, please contact Mary Ann Sisco at 606-262-0448 or maryannsisco@upike.edu. Thanks so much!!!

GOSPEL MEDITATION - ENCOURAGE DEEPER UNDERSTANDING OF SCRIPTURE

On December 10, 1979, a very petite holy woman known as Mother Teresa of Calcutta spoke these words in her Nobel Peace Prize Acceptance Speech. "But I am sure in the families and many of our homes, maybe we are not hungry for a piece of bread, but maybe there is somebody there in the family who is unwanted, unloved, uncared, forgotten, there isn't love. Love begins at home. And love to be true has to hurt. I never forget a little child who taught me a very beautiful lesson. They heard in Calcutta, the children, that Mother Teresa had no sugar for her children, and this little one, Hindu boy four years old, he went home and he told his parents: I will not eat sugar for three days. I will give my sugar to Mother Teresa. How much a little child can give. After three days they brought into our house, and there was this little one who could scarcely pronounce my name, he loved with great love, he loved until it hurt. And this is what I bring before you, to love one another until it hurts, but don't forget that there are many children, many children, many men and women who haven't got what you have. And remember to love them until it hurts."

Living authentically and walking with holiness always involves sacrifice. It has to hurt. Only actions springing from true and deep sacrifice demonstrate true integrity. Without sacrifice, even what is apparently a generous gesture can be nothing. It is no wonder that the widow who contributed from her poverty received great admiration from Jesus and the young child in our story above the interest of Mother Teresa. It is easy to make the houses of our lives look like they are in perfect order when in fact they are in shambles within. Religion can sometimes make this hypocritical masquerade easy to accomplish. We can find ourselves in all the right holy places, reciting all of the

correct prayers, participating in community collections, and reciting the proper doctrines only to find ourselves empty, shallow, self-focused, and overly anxious about personal concerns.

The one who learns to discover their inner poverty, their spiritual poverty, is the only one who can truly place him or herself at the mercy of God. It is only when we allow ourselves to be empty that we realize Who we actually need to fill us. This is the real meaning of trust. Many of us are afraid to take the plunge. We allow ourselves to detach from only so much, always keeping a watchful eye on the protection of our securities. We understand the value of poverty, but we do not want to become too poor. As long as we are able to recognize this tension, our reluctance to let go and our struggle, we can continue our journey of humbly learning how to love so deeply that it hurts. God understands and waits. ©LPi

VOCATION OR CALLING

Question:

Can you explain what we mean by a vocation or calling? I have heard this term used in many different contexts and am not sure what it means. Does it apply to religious life?

Answer:

A vocation or calling refers to a spiritual experience whereby a person senses within oneself the closeness of God and what he is asking in one's life. It is a realization of what one's part in God's plan could be. Vocation comes in all kinds of ways. Some are as dramatic as St. Paul's, being knocked off his horse, blinded, and hearing God's voice. Others are less dramatic, often occurring over time through little events and personal interests. Others happen in a hurry, accompanied by great spiritual insight or conversion. We often think that this applies to religious vocation, but in fact, every Christian has a vocation, a calling to serve others in and through the church. Whether married or single, religious or lay, we are all called to live out our baptismal commitment to preach and teach the Gospel message. Each of us has our role to play in God's plan, and we become coworkers with God in the work of redemption. With a little confidence, a willing spirit and God's grace, we can and will respond to his unique call.

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Barbara Kiser

Tim Deskins, cancer

Tina Dawahare Fields, cousin of Frank Dawahare, cancer

Sandy Lowe, cancer

Jerry and Ann Bilicek

Gloria Wagner (Mother of Linda Justice and Susan Chafin)

Ron Saros

Cindy and Christy Hedinger

Rita Scheuer

Kenny Blackburn

Alpha Carroll, Signature Health Care

Dr. Harry and Helen Altman

Carol Rashella

Margarita Gomez

Fran Sykes



VOTIVE CANDLES:

Suggested donation: Large votives \$3.00 and small votives \$0.50

POPE FRANCIS' PRAYER INTENTIONS FOR NOVEMBER - People Who Suffer from Depression - We pray that people who suffer from depression or burn-out will find support and a light that opens them up to life.



Our Parish COMMUNITY

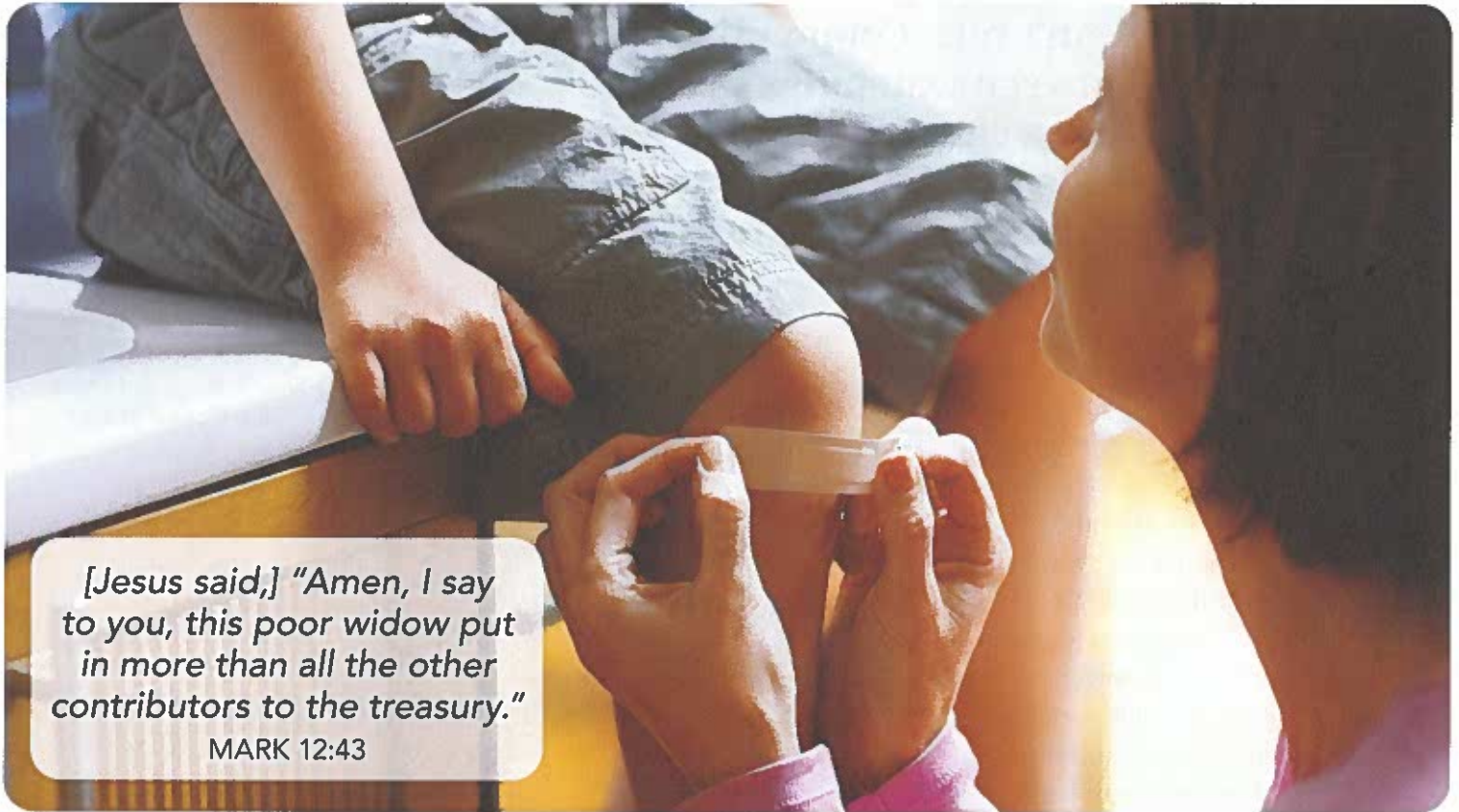
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Thirty-second Sunday in Ordinary Time (B)

1 Kgs 17:10–16

Heb 9:24–28

Mk 12:38–44 or 12:41–44



[Jesus said,] "Amen, I say to you, this poor widow put in more than all the other contributors to the treasury."

MARK 12:43

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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?

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 convalidated, 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