

November 10th & 17th, 2024

The Widows' Faith: Scott Hahn Reflects on the Thirty-second Sunday in Ordinary Time

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First Reading: 1 Kings 17:10–16 | Psalm 146:7–10
Second Reading: Hebrews 9:24–28 | Gospel: Mark 12:41–44

We must live by the obedience of faith, a faith that shows itself in works of charity and self-giving (see Galatians 5:6). That's the lesson of the two widows in today's liturgy.

The widow in the First Reading isn't even a Jew, yet she trusts in the word of Elijah and the promise of his Lord. Facing sure starvation, she gives all that she has, her last bit of food—feeding the man of God before herself and her family.

The widow in the Gospel also gives all that she has, offering her last bit of money to support the work of God's priests in the Temple. In their self-sacrifice, these widows embody the love that Jesus last week revealed as the heart of the Law and the Gospel. They mirror the Father's love in giving His only Son, and Christ's love in sacrificing Himself on the Cross.

Again in today's Epistle, we hear Christ described as a new high priest and the suffering servant foretold by Isaiah. On the Cross, He made sacrifice once and for all to take away our sin and bring us to salvation (see Isaiah 53:12).

And again we are called to imitate His sacrifice of love in our own lives. We will be judged, not by how much we give—for the scribes and the wealthy contribute far more than the widow. Rather, we will be judged by whether our gifts reflect our livelihood, our whole beings, all our heart and soul, mind and strength.

Are we giving all that we can to the Lord—not out of a sense of forced duty, but in a spirit of generosity and love (see 2 Corinthians 9:6–7)?

Do not be afraid, the man of God tells us today. As we sing in today's Psalm, the Lord will provide for us, as He sustains the widow.

Today, let us follow the widows' example, doing what God asks, confident that our jars of flour will not grow empty, nor our jugs of oil run dry.

SAINTLY WISDOM

“To you be praise indeed, O eternal God, and endless thanksgiving for the fact that you deigned to become a human being and that for us in the world you willed to consecrate your venerable body out of material bread and lovingly bestow it on us as food for the salvation of our souls!”

- *Saint Bridget of Sweden*

MARY: A BIBLICAL WALK WITH THE BLESSED MOTHER

Please join us for a Biblical Study of our Blessed Mother Mary (An 8 session Video Series presented by Dr. Edward Sri / Ascension Press). **Fridays from 7pm-8:30 pm every two weeks**, beginning November 22nd in the parish hall. These videos will be followed by Sharing/Discussions and some Fellowship (coffee/snacks). Cost: No Fee.

In this Biblical study, you will: 1) experience an extraordinary pilgrimage through Mary's life and see why she is an essential part of our faith; 2) see the significance of Mary as we explore the biblical roots of our beliefs about her; 3) deepen your devotion to Mary as you discover our Blessed Mother in a uniquely personal way; 4) be drawn closer to Christ as Mary leads us to a more profound and personal relationship with her Son.

Mark your calendars for all eight evenings:

Nov. 22nd, Dec. 6th, Jan. 10th, Jan. 24th, Feb. 7th, Feb. 21st, Mar. 7th, Mar. 21st

To join, please register online (www.olof.ca), email emiltirona@gmail.com, or call 514-617-4021.

PRAYING FOR THE DEAD

Yellow envelopes are available on the pews for anyone who wishes to fill them in remembrance for the souls of their departed family members and friends. These envelopes will be in the Sanctuary throughout November, the month of prayers for the dead.

OUR LADY OF FATIMA ONLINE MINISTRIES

The Rosary

Emil & Irah Tirona are hosting an online interactive rosary Mondays at 7:30pm. For those interested, kindly send an email to Emil and Irah (irahtirona@gmail.com), so you may be added to the online invitation. Please call 514-617-4021 if you need any online technical assistance or have questions.

HOMILIES AND REFLECTIONS

During the current COVID restrictions, while the parish is either closed to the public or limited in the number of those who can gather for mass, from time to time Fr. Jason will post on the parish website a homily or reflection on various faith related subjects. You can find the homilies at the following link: <http://www.olof.ca/homilies/>

ADORATION

Come spend some time with Our Lord.

Tuesdays 6pm to 7pm (*mass at 7pm*)

Thursdays 8am to 9am (*mass at 9am*)

Fridays 9:30am to 10:30am (*mass at 9am*)

First Saturday of the Month 10:30am to 11:30am (*mass at 10am*)

Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord,
and let perpetual light shine upon them.
May their souls and the souls of all the faithful departed
through the mercy of God rest in peace.

ANNOUNCED MASSES
November 9th - 24th, 2024

Saturday 4:30 p.m..	Nov. 9th	Sunday Vigil Deceased Members of the de Souza & Pereira families – RIP – by the family
Sunday 9:00 a.m. 11:00 a.m.	Nov. 10th	32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year B) <i>Pro Populo</i> Josefina Ilagan – Thanksgiving
Monday	Nov. 11th	NO MASS
Tuesday 7:00 p.m.	Nov. 12th	Saint Josaphat Dennis & Claudette Piper - Special Intention – by Kevin & Linda Piper
Wednesday 9:00 a.m.	Nov. 13th	Weekday Irah Tirona – Thanksgiving – by Emil Tirona
Thursday 9:00 a.m.	Nov. 14th	Weekday Fructuoso & Zenona Lanzaderas – RIP – by the family
Friday 9:00 a.m.	Nov. 15th	Weekday Stephen Farrell – RIP – by Regina Farrell
Saturday 4:30 p.m.	Nov. 16th	Sunday Vigil Alban de Souza – RIP – by the family
Sunday 9:00 a.m. 11:00 a.m.	Nov. 17th	33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year B) Jeon Matthew Ching – RIP – by the family <i>Pro Populo</i>
Monday	Nov. 18th	NO MASS
Tuesday 7:00 p.m.	Nov. 19th	Weekday Judith James – RIP – by Anton Tisseverasinghe & family
Wednesday 9:00 a.m.	Nov. 20th	Weekday Felix Manzanal – RIP – by Ofelia Roy
Thursday 9:00 a.m.	Nov. 21st	The Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary Annasamipillai Aloysius – RIP – by Julia
Friday 9:00 a.m.	Nov. 22nd	Saint Cecilia Teresa Rico – Thanksgiving and Blessings
Saturday 4:30 p.m..	Nov. 23rd	Sunday Vigil Cecilia Romea -Thanksgiving
Sunday 9:00 a.m. 11:00 a.m.	Nov. 24th	Christ the King (Year B) <i>Pro Populo</i> Lance Gabriel – Thanksgiving

THE FIVE PRAYERS OF FATIMA

The Fatima Prayer/Decade Prayer

(Mary told the children that people should add this prayer to the end of each decade of the Rosary.)

“O my Jesus, forgive us our sins, save us from the fires of hell, lead all souls to Heaven, especially those most in need of Thy mercy. Amen.”

The Sacrifice Prayer

(Mary gave the children this prayer, as well as the Fatima Prayer/Decade Prayer, on June 13th, 1917. The prayer is meant to be recited when you are offering up suffering to God.)

“O Jesus, it is for the love of Thee, in reparation for the offenses committed against the Immaculate Heart of Mary, and for the conversion of poor sinners [that I do this].”

The Pardon Prayer

(This prayer was given to the children by the angel that visited them in 1916, the year before Mary appeared to them.)

“My God, I believe, I adore, I hope and I love Thee! I beg pardon for all those that do not believe, do not adore, do not hope and do not love Thee.”

The Angel's Prayer

(This is another prayer given to the children by the angel. There was a Eucharistic host and chalice suspended in the air, and the angel led them in kneeling before it and praying this prayer.)

“O Most Holy Trinity, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, I adore Thee profoundly. I offer Thee the most precious Body, Blood, Soul and Divinity of Jesus Christ present in all the tabernacles of the world, in reparation for the outrages, sacrileges and indifferences by which He is offended. By the infinite merits of the Sacred Heart of Jesus and the Immaculate Heart of Mary I beg the conversion of poor sinners.”

The Eucharistic Prayer

(When Mary appeared to the children for the first time on May 13, 1917, she said, “You will have much to suffer, but the grace of God will be your comfort.” According to Lucia, a bright light shone all around them, and without thinking about it, they all started reciting this prayer.)

“Most Holy Trinity, I adore Thee! My God, my God, I love Thee in the Most Blessed Sacrament.”