

# PARISH CALENDAR

Thirty-second Sunday  
In Ordinary Time

November 11, 2018

The Lord shall reign forever!

Saturday, November 10	..... 5:00 p.m.	Mass
Sunday, November 11	..... 7:00 a.m.	Mass
	..... 9:00 a.m.	Mass
	..... <b>10:45 a. m.</b>	<b>Religious Education</b>
	..... 5:00 p.m.	Mass
Monday, November 12	..... 7:45 a.m.	Morning Prayer
	..... 8:00 a. m.	Mass
	..... 9:00-11:00 a.m.	Food Pantry Closed
Tuesday, November 13	..... 7:45 a.m.	Morning Prayer
	..... 8:00 a. m.	Mass
	..... <b>7:00 p. m.</b>	<b>Liturgy Meeting - Kamiano Trailer</b>
Wednesday, November 14	..... 7:45 a.m.	Morning Prayer
	..... 8:00 a. m.	Mass
	..... 9:00-11:00 a.m.	Food Pantry Open
Thursday, November 15	..... 7:45 a.m.	Morning Prayer
	..... 8:00 a. m.	Mass
	..... 7:30 p.m.	Prayer Meeting - Church
Friday, November 16	..... 7:45 a.m.	Morning Prayer
	..... 8:00 a. m.	Mass
	..... 9:00-11:00 a.m.	Food Pantry Open
Saturday, November 17	..... 4:00-4:45 p. m.	Confession
	..... 5:00 p.m.	Mass

**VETERAN DAY - HOLIDAY - PARISH OFFICE CLOSE**

LORD  
Bless those who have  
served our country

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## NEXT SUNDAY READINGS:

***Dn::12:1-3: The wise and the just shall one day shine***

***Heb:10:11-14, 18: He took his seat forever at the right hand of God***

***Mk:13:24-32: We know not the day or hour***

*The generosity of the poor is illustrated by the unselfish widows in the first reading and the Gospel reading today. During a time of famine, we learn in 1 Kings, Elijah encountered a pagan widow. He had been told by God that there would be a great drought, but there would be a widowed woman to help him. When Elijah saw the woman, he asked for a drink of water. His request was not unusual in the terribly hot climate, but he pressed his luck another step. He didn't even wait for her response before he asked her for some bread to go with the water. She had so little to give him. She had nothing baked and only a small amount of flour and oil in her home. She explained to Elijah that she was about to prepare a fire to bake the last of her provisions. Elijah promised her that if she gave what she had, she and her family would not go hungry during the drought.*

*The widow didn't ask Elijah for proof, assurance, or credentials. Instead she trusted. Because of her trust, her supplies for baking did not run low during the scarce times.*

*It was a widow again in the Gospel account who gave generously from her meager resources. Jesus noticed her as he explained to the others what discipleship meant. There were many officials of Jesus' day who reveled in their power. They wore long, flowing robes, and liked to strut around flaunting their authority and power. They were greeted reverently by others in the markets. These officials reveled in the glory of the people's homage. They prayed loudly and conspicuously so that others would recognize their piety, but Jesus was not duped by their performance. He told the disciples that these hypocrites would receive "a very severe condemnation."*

*In contrast to these officials, Jesus pointed out to the disciples a poor widow who put into the treasury two small coins. In comparison to what others gave, her financial contribution was quite small. The significance of her gift, however, was that the coins came from her substance and not from her surplus. Her gift did not serve her or any member of her family, either. Her gift would assist a stranger. Copyright © 2002, World Library Publications. All rights reserved*



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# ANNOUNCEMENTS

**NOVEMBER MONTH OF ALL SOULS:** The month of November is set aside to reflect and remember those who have gone before us. During November, all Masses said at St. Rita will be said for the deceased members of our parish families and friends. **NO OTHER MASS INTENTIONS WILL BE ACCEPTED:** Beginning, **Friday, November 2<sup>nd</sup>** the book of remembrances will be placed in the church where you may place your loved ones' names who have died and the parish will pray for them.

**OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD:** The Religious Education Department will be having their annual Operations Christmas Child **Packing Party, Sunday, November 18<sup>th</sup> beginning at 9 am.** Come and pack a Shoe-box.

**CATHOLIC CAMPAIGN FOR HUMAN DEVELOPMENT:** 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. Learn more about the Catholic Campaign for Human Development at [www.usccb.org/cchd/collection](http://www.usccb.org/cchd/collection)

**WORD OF LIFE:** "Through the Church's teaching, God invites us to a fuller, richer, deeper way of life and love." - "USCCB Secretariat of Pro-Life Activities "Another Look at Contraception," [www.usccb.org/contraception](http://www.usccb.org/contraception)

## WEEKLY READINGS

**Nov 11 Sun: 32<sup>nd</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time**  
1 Kgs:17:10-16; Ps:146; Heb: 9:24-28; Mk:12: 38-44  
**Nov 12 Mon: Saint Josaphat, Bishop and Martyr**  
Tit:1:1-9; Ps:24:1b-2, 3-4ab, 5-6; Lk:17:1-6  
**Nov 13 Tue: Saint Frances Xavier Cabrini, Virgin**  
Ti:2:1-8, 11-14; Ps:37:3-4, 18 & 23, 27 & 29; Lk:17:7-10  
**Nov 14 Wed: Ordinary Weekday**  
Ti:3:1-7; Ps:23:1b-3a, 3bc-4, 5, 6; Lk:17:11-19  
**Nov 15 Thu: Ordinary Weekday**  
Phlm:7-20; Ps: 146: 7, 8-9a, 9bc-10; Lk:17:20-25  
**Nov 16 Fri: Ordinary Weekday**  
2 Jn:4-9; Ps 119:1, 2, 10, 11, 17, 18; Lk:17:26-37  
**Nov 17 Sat: Saint Elizabeth of Hungary, Religious**  
3 Jn:5-8; Ps:112:1-2, 3-4, 5-6; Lk 18:1-8

## Generosity of the Poor

Our parish sponsored a food drive one holiday season. We took a large basket of food and gifts to the home of a woman with eight children. Her husband was out of work, and by anyone's standards, they were about to have a meager Christmas. She looked at all that was brought to her and her eyes gleamed. She trembled with excitement and said, "Oh, you must help me get all this to my sister's house. Her husband has just been laid off and they really need help!"

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Lord, teach us the true spirit of generosity

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## STEWARDSHIP PRAYER

Jesus points out to his disciples the poor widow who has just dropped two simple copper coins into the temple treasury. He then delivers a teaching on stewardship. Despite her poverty, the poor widow in today's Gospel does not refuse God her generosity. Out of her desperately impoverished life she contributes to an earthly institution to give God glory and praise. It is not the monetary value of the gift that was important, but the love, trust and gratitude expressed through the gift. The Gospel asks us similarly compelling stewardship questions: What do we value? In what or whom do we place our trust? How do our own contributions to our community of faith reflect our generosity toward God? (**International Catholic Stewardship Council~e-bulletin**)

## Reflection

Both of the widows in today's readings put their health and very lives in jeopardy because they trusted God. When Elijah told the widow that her jar and jug would not be empty, it was probably hard for her to fathom. She knew how much she had and it was only enough for one more cake. Even so, she trusted. The second widow had very little money and what she did have, she gave to the ministry of her synagogue. She trusted that the money would be used for God's purposes. Jesus knew that she would go without something in her own life in order to offer this gift. In the end, her gift, as it would be counted in the treasury, was quite small; but in the realm of God's kingdom, she gave the most.

It was not so important what these widows gave as it was how they gave it. They gave without selfishness for the good of others. They put themselves in jeopardy in order to serve another person. On the brink of starvation, they risked their own health and even their lives in order to give to others. There is a significant similarity between their gift and the gift Jesus gave each of us. The widows offered their lives for God. Jesus offered his life for us.

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SON &  
HOLY  
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