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**SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 10, 2024**

# 32<sup>ND</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



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 contributors to the treasury." - Mk 12:42-43



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**Saturday Vigil**

**5:00 p.m.**

**Sunday**

**Mass on the Grass**

**Outdoors**

**8:30 a.m.**

**Indoor Mass**

**10:30 a.m.**

**12:30 p.m.**

**Daily Mass (M-W)**

**8:00 a.m.**

## **Reconciliation**

**Saturdays**

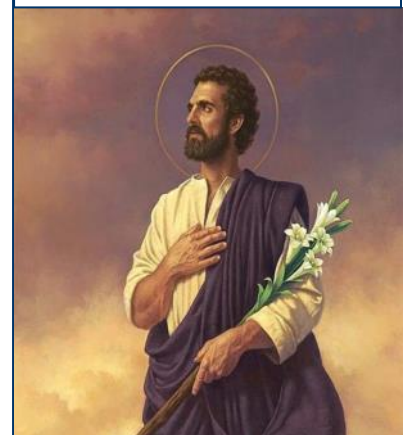
**3:45-4:30 p.m.**

**Inside Church**

## **Adoration**

**First Fridays**

**8:00-9:00 a.m.**





## Letter From Our Pastor

Dear Parish Family:

Welcome to the 32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time! This weekend we meet two daring, faithful and trusting women. In ancient biblical times, widows were at the bottom of the socio-economic ladder. Upon a husband's death, a widow had little opportunity for protection or promise. Widows were poor, marginalized, and vulnerable. We'll meet these two amazing women who teach us how not to put our trust in what we can see, but to put our trust in the God we do not see!!

The Election is over! Some of you are jubilant and some of you are sad. Take a deep breath and remember that we trust in the Lord, and not in ourselves. We surrender all our newly elected officials to the grace and power of Christ so that they may lead according to God's will!

For the past year, you've heard us talk about the "Welcome, Christ Renews his Parish" Retreat weekends. Over 150 of our parishioners have attended these retreats and as you've heard, they've been life-changing experiences. The weekends have provided them the opportunity to grow in their relationship with Christ, their families, and their spiritual family of Saint Joseph's. On this Sunday morning, registration is now open for our spring retreats. The women's retreat will be held March 1-2, 2025 and the Men's retreat will be held March 15-16, 2025. Go to [stjosephlb.org](http://stjosephlb.org) and in the upper right of the homepage, click the menu, then click ministries. There's also a brief video and testimonials from parishioners, who have experienced the Welcome Retreat in the past. "Welcome" is what we do as a parish so thanks for signing up!

Just a reminder that we hope you'll begin your Thanksgiving Day on Thursday, November 28 by praying with your parish family. Our Thanksgiving Mass will be at 9:00 AM and please bring any bread or wine that will grace your home table for a blessing.

Fall Blessings,  
Msgr. Kevin

# Weekly Prayer

## Sunday's Readings

### First Reading:

Elijah said to her, "Do not be afraid.  
Go and do as you propose.  
But first make me a little cake and bring it to me." (1 Kgs 17:13)

### Psalm:

Praise the Lord, my soul! (Ps 146)  
Or: Alleluia.

### Second Reading:

But now once for all he has appeared at the end of the ages  
to take away sin by his sacrifice. (Heb 9:26)

### Gospel:

"Amen, I say to you, this poor widow put in more  
than all the other contributors to the treasury." (Mk 12:43)

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## Live The Liturgy Inspiration of the Week

Jesus praises the widow's bravery in offering  
all she has. He is calling us to be brave,  
challenging us to give even — especially —  
when it hurts. Then, our gifts become more  
than just good deeds. They become acts of  
radical trust in God.

## Observances for the week of November 10, 2024

- Sunday:** 32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time  
**Monday:** St. Martin of Tours, Bishop; Veterans Day  
**Tuesday:** St. Josaphat, Bishop and Martyr  
**Wednesday:** St. Frances Xavier Cabrini, Virgin  
**Friday:** St. Albert the Great, Bishop and  
Doctor of the Church  
**Saturday:** St. Margaret of Scotland; St. Gertrude, Virgin  
**Next Sunday:** 33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time



## Saint of the week

St. Gemma Galgani (1878-1903)  
was an Italian layperson who  
lived an intense prayer life. She  
experienced ecstasies, was  
reported to levitate, and received  
the grace of the holy stigmata.  
She is called the "Daughter of  
the Passion" because of her deep  
union with Christ's Passion.

## Prayer of Generosity

Oh God, whose generosity  
cannot be outgiven, mold my  
heart to mimic Yours.  
Teach me what it means to be  
giving, knowing that whatever  
I have is a gift, from Your  
abundance. Blessed be  
Your name.  
Amen.



# Worship & Meditation

## Readings for the week of November 10, 2024

### Sunday:

1 Kgs 17:10-16/Ps 146:7, 8-9, 9-10 (1b)/  
Heb 9:24-28/Mk 12:38-44 or 12:41-44

### Monday:

Ti 1:1-9/Ps 24:1b-2, 3-4ab, 5-6/Lk 17:1-6

### Tuesday:

Ti 2:1-8, 11-14/Ps 37:3-4, 18 and 23, 27 and  
29/Lk 17:7-10

### Wednesday:

Ti 3:1-7/Ps 23:1b-3a, 3bc-4, 5, 6/Lk 17:11-  
19

### Thursday:

Phlm 7-20/Ps 146:7, 8-9a, 9bc-10/Lk  
17:20-25

### Friday:

2 Jn 4-9/Ps 119:1, 2, 10, 11, 17, 18/  
Lk 17:26-37

### Saturday:

3 Jn 5-8/Ps 112:1-2, 3-4, 5-6/Lk 18:1-8

### Next Sunday:

Dn 12:1-3/Ps 16:5, 8, 9-10, 11 (1)/Heb 10:11-  
14, 18/Mk 13:24-32



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## Gospel Meditation

### Encourage Deeper Understanding of Scripture

Once at an evening Mass as a poor college student, the collection basket was fast approaching, and I only had a ten-dollar bill. I was planning on using that to buy my favorite Chipotle burrito that night for dinner. Should I keep the money? Who would know if I did? If I gave it away, what would I eat? Would I be okay? I kissed my future burrito goodbye, dropped the money in the basket, and winced. But strangely, the rest of the Mass I felt more engaged than usual. I had skin in the game. I left the Mass excited to see how God would take care of me. And he did, in amazing ways.

When the poor widow places two copper coins in the temple treasury, Jesus doesn't pity her. He praises her. He blesses her. He brags about her. He celebrates her as the temple's largest benefactor. Her giving is an act of radical, concrete trust in God. It is as if she is entering a new level of giving that excites Jesus, because she contributes not out of her abundance, but she gives **"everything she had."**

What a challenge this is to each one of us! How easy it is to ignore this! But imagine the eruption of the energy of faith, hope, and love that would be unlocked if our financial sacrifices to the Church actually tapped into daily bread and not only our disposable income. I challenge us to try this in some way this coming week and see what happens in our hearts. Even if it costs us a burrito.

— Father John Muir

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Come to the Welcome Christ Renews His Parish retreat weekend. It is an incredible experience that will help you discover what's missing in your life and what to do about it. Whether you want to connect with other Women and Men in the parish, improve your prayer life, or just take a break from the craziness of your everyday to have fun, you will find what you are looking for and more.

The next Welcome Christ Renews His Parish retreats will be on Saturday March 1<sup>st</sup> and Sunday March 2<sup>nd</sup> 2025 for the Women. And the Men's Retreat will be Saturday March 15<sup>th</sup> and Sunday March 16<sup>th</sup> 2025.

Please visit our parish website to learn more and to sign up. Registration opens Sunday, November 10th.



[www.stjosephlb.org/welcome-Christ-renews/](http://www.stjosephlb.org/welcome-Christ-renews/)

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HEALINGS UPON OUR  
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**"If you want peace, work for justice."**

**-Pope Paul VI**

**Blanket Drive:** Thank you for the outstanding support of this last month's blanket drive! Over **250** blankets were donated from last weekend's drive and from the School. \$596 in cash donations will be used to purchase additional blankets in support of 110 families for Thanksgiving and the St. Joseph Homeless Ministry.

**Nov. 23 - Thanksgiving Food and Blanket Distribution: DRIVERS NEEDED.** As a parish community, we will support 70 families for Thanksgiving, Christmas, and Easter. Can you help us deliver? **We will meet at St. Cyprian.** Please contact Jill Salinaz (562) 822-7367 or [jmsalinaz@yahoo.com](mailto:jmsalinaz@yahoo.com).

**Family Adoptions:** Would you like to adopt a family to support Thanksgiving, Christmas, and Easter? Questions?

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For many opportunities to serve, please call Tim Clark, (562) 431-4385

***Please be attentive to Skip-a-Meal donations during the holiday season!***



## Book Club



Our next Book Club meeting is  
**Wednesday, November 20th**  
**at 7pm on Zoom**  
**Jesus' Alternative Plan: The Sermon on the Mount** by Richard Rohr O.F.M.  
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## Did You Know?



### Appropriate forms of physical affection

Children, by nature, give and seek physical affection — hugs, pats on the arm or leg, even kisses. It is the responsibility of adults to know what is and is not appropriate when it comes to responding to this need for physical affection. One tip to consider is the acronym PAN, meaning touch that is public, appropriate, and non-sexual. This could include high fives, side hugs, back pats, and other displays of affection that reaffirm an emotional connection without crossing the child's personal boundaries. For more information, read the VIRTUS® article "Touch (A Sensitive Subject)" on [lacatholics.org/did-you-know/](https://www.lacatholics.org/did-you-know/).



## In Memoriam

### Joan Fitzpatrick

Funeral Mass at St. Joseph Church  
Thursday, December 5th at 10:00 am

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



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## Seniors Group



Hello members and friends of the  
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Our next get together will be at the  
El Dorado Restaurant on

Monday, November 11, at 9:30 am.

Please join us for a nice time catching up with old friends and meeting new friends. Also, we will be announcing our plans for our Christmas breakfast which will be on Monday, December 9. When you arrive, tell the server that you are with St.

Joseph and he/she will direct you to our group. Everyone will order and pay for his/her own breakfast. We look forward to seeing you there. And for future reference, we will be meeting there the 2nd Monday of every month, at the same time, until the hall is finished. Looking forward to seeing you!





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