

Thirty-second Sunday in Ordinary Time November 11, 2018

In the patriarchal societies in which these two widows lived, widowhood was an especially dangerous condition. When a woman married, she left the safety of her household and became dependent on her husband. If her husband died, she not only lost her partner, she lost her source of income, her economic standing, her social support, and likely her inheritance rights. No wonder widows were associated with extreme poverty and used as examples of those living a marginal existence. These two widows clearly meet this description. As a final indication of what little they have, despite their prominence in each story they are not even given names.

These women are wonderful models of Christ-like sacrifice. The widow in the first reading fully expects to starve to death. The entire region where she lived had been hit by severe drought, so food was difficult to come by for everyone, let alone a widow and her son. Yet she is willing to give the last of her sustenance to this stranger in need. She is not Jewish; she is a pagan who worships Baal, the god honored in this region. To her, Elijah is a foreigner in nationality, culture, and religion. But that does not deter her in the least. Like Jesus, she sacrifices for “other.”

We are told that the widow in the Gospel has no more than these two small coins: Jesus says she “has contributed all she had, her whole livelihood” (Mark 12:44). She has given all that she has to God. She has faith that God will provide. Like Jesus, she is a model of complete generosity and faith.

Question of the Week

Last week we heard that love of God and love of neighbor are the first of all commandments. Today we hear three examples of sacrifice. What are we willing to sacrifice for God and for our neighbor?

Masses For The Week



Saturday, November 10, 2018

Vigil of the Thirty-second Sunday in Ordinary Time

4:00.m. Darrell and Elodie Gabriel – Bruce Gabriel – Francis Hai Cao – Joseph Ngan Cao and Mary Pham – Tu Tran – Khai Nguyen – Joseph Cong Cao – Audrey Jefferson – George Marcell – Leonard Belton – Danny Jon Singletary – Vernon Mercadel – Roman Runez – Intentions of the McKinney Family

Sunday, November 11, 2018

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8:30a.m. Darrell & Elodie Gabriel – Bruce Gabriel – Joseph Ngan Cao & Mary Pham – France Hai Cao – Calvin Tate – Earthy B. Lazard – Walter Banks, III – Lawrence Miller, Jr. – Melvina Kepp – Corrine Singletary – James St. Charles – Hurby Oubre – Louis & Rosita Reddick – Louis, Jr. and Delorita Reddick – O’Malley & Jane Garrison – Tu Tran – Khai Nguyen – Joseph Cong Cao – Marilyn Braxton – Deacon Poncho – Intentions of Leonard Gauthreaux

10:30a.m. Lamar & Shirley Smith – Lordeas Glapion Nix – Tu Tran – Khai Nguyen – Joseph Cong Cao – Marilyn Braxton – Thanksgiving for Deacon Poncho

12:00p.m. Byron Brooks, Jr. – Gloria Curtis – Forest Buxton – Andrew Joseph, III – Marilyn Braxton – Intentions of St. Maria Goretti Parish

Monday, November 12, 2018

8:30a.m. Joseph Ngan Cao & Mary Pham – Mr. & Mrs. Ernest Jacob, Sr. – Maria Pham – Tu Tran – Khai Nguyen – Joseph Cong Cao – Mathilda Olivier – Natrice Higginbotham – Intentions of Jamie and Marissa Guillory – All poor Souls .

Tuesday, November 13, 2018

8:30a.m. Joseph Ngan Cao & Mary Pham – Deacon Poncho – Benjamin Henry Russ – Tu Tran – Khai Nguyen – Joseph Cong Cao – Intentions of Stacey Martin – All poor souls in Purgatory

Wednesday, November 14, 2018

8:30a.m. Joseph Ngan Cao and Mary Pham – Joseph Cong Cao – Peter & Mary Kham Nguyen – Deacon Poncho – Roy W. Bierria – Tu Tran – Khai Nguyen – Joseph Cong Cao – Intention of David Madison – Stacey Martin – All Poor Souls

Thursday, November 15, 2018

8:30a.m. Joseph Ngan Cao & Mary Pham – Benjamin Russ – Tu Tran – Khai Nguyen – Joseph Cong Cao – Deacon Poncho – Intentions of Stacey Martin – All Poor Souls

Friday, November 16, 2018

8:30a.m. Joseph Ngan Cao & Mary Pham – Tu Tran – Khai Nguyen – Joseph Cong Cao – Warren Pierre – Deacon Poncho – Russell A. Obee, Jr – All poor souls in purgatory

Saturday, November 17, 2018

8:30a.m. Kevin Madison – Benjamin Russ – The Living and Deceased Benefactors of the Catholic Negro American Mission.

Announcements

For the bread that God gives is he who comes down from heaven and gives life to the world. Eucharistic Adoration Monday thru Friday 9:00a.m. – 12 noon and Saturday, 12 noon to 3:00p.m.

Bible Study

The Bible Study theme for **Thirty-second Sunday in Ordinary Time** is: **GIVE IT ALL AWAY**. The law of survival tells us to watch out for ourselves first. In the Gospel, Jesus condemns those who live by this law and praises those who choose to give even out of their little.. The Bible Study is based on the readings for the **Thirty-second Sunday in Ordinary Time year B. Reading I: 1 Kings 17:10-16; Responsorial Psalm: 146:7, 8-9, 9-10; Reading II: Hebrews 9:24-26; Gospel: Mark 12:38-44**. The Bible Study can be downloaded for your personal use. Join us Monday, evening at 7:00p.m. in the Center.

Altar Society

The Altar Society will be selling raffle tickets for their Wine and Cheese Basket's this weekend November 10 & 11 and next weekend November 17 & 18 before and after all Masses.



Thursdays, 8:00p.m. in the Center where you might win and have some fun with friends and family.

RCIA

Every Catholic has a role in welcoming those seeking to join the Catholic Church. God has touched them in a special way that leads them to us. Let us get out of the pews and into the community.

The St. Maria Goretti RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults) begins the Period of inquiry. Do you know someone who wants to be Catholic? Come and join us. Registration forms can be found in the rear of the church or by contacting RCIA team members. The RCIA is in its Period of Inquire. This week we will discuss **Part II: How many covenants did God make with us? Why and when did He make them? What is my response?** For more information contact the RCIA Team: Deacon Terrel J. Broussard or any member of the RCIA Team or by email at tbroussard@smgnola.com, or visit the website at smgnola.com

We welcome everyone into our parish. If you have not filled out a census card, the cards can be found on the table at the entrance of the church.

**Sanctuary Lamp**

The Sanctuary Lamp in the Church for this week will burn memory of Kevin Madison

The Sanctuary Lamps in the chapel this week will burn in memory of Alton Madison, Jr. and Derick Madison

In Our Parish **Monday, November 12, 2018**

5:00p.m. Youth Foundation Tutoring – Rms. 3 & 4

6:00p.m. Zumba Exercise Class – Center

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6:00p.m. ENONAC – Center

7:00p.m. Knights of Columbus – Rms. 3 & 4

6:00p.m. Huntington Park HOA – Rm. 8

Wednesday, November 14, 2018

5:00p.m. Youth Foundation Tutoring – Rms. 3, 4, 9

6:00p.m. Exercise Class – Center

7:00p.m. Liturgical Dance – Center

7:00p.m. First Place Class – Rm. 10

7:00p.m. Catholic Men's Fellowship – Rms. 3 & 4

7:00p.m. Board of Religious Ed. – Library

Thursday, November 15, 2018

6:00p.m. Bingo – Center

Friday, November 16, 2018

6:00p.m. Holy Name Social – Rms. 3 & 4

Saturday, November 17, 2018

7:00a.m. Prayer Workshop – Center

8:00a.m. Lord Teach Me To Pray – Rms. 3 & 4
Men's Group

6:00p.m. Holy Name Society Movie Night - Center

Prayer for Hurricane Season

O God, Master of this passing world, hear the humble voices of your children. The Sea of Galilee obeyed your order and returned to its former quietude. You are still the Master of the land and sea. We live in the shadow of a danger over which we have no control: the Gulf, like a provoked and angry giant, can awake from its seeming lethargy, overstep its conventional boundaries, invade the land and spread chaos and disaster.

During this hurricane season we turn to you, O Loving Father. Spare us from past tragedies whose wounds seem to refuse to heal. With passing of time. O Virgin, Star of the Sea, Our Beloved Mother, we ask you to plead with your son In our behalf, so that spared from the calamities common to This area and animated with a true spirit of gratitude, we will Walk in the footsteps of your Divine Son to reach heavenly Jerusalem where a stormless eternity awaits us. Amen