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# 32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time - Nov 12, 2006

## The Lord keeps faith forever, secures justice for the oppressed, gives food to the hungry.

— Psalm 146:7

### Upcoming Parish Events

**Mon. Nov 13— Bible Study & Prayer Group,** 7:30 pm, Chapel

**Wed. Nov 15— Boy Scouts,** 7:30 pm. Carroll Hall

**Fri. Nov 17— AACC Youth Grp,** 6:30 pm, Scanlan Hall

**Prince of Peace,** 8:30 pm, Scanlan Hall

**Sat Nov 18— Leadership Seminar for Young Adults.** 9:30am-2pm in sacristy/ chapel

**Archdiocesan Eucharistic Retreat,** Cathedral, 8:30am—4 pm

**Prayer Group,** Scanlan Hall 6:30pm

**STM LUAU** in Carroll Hall from, Mini raffle drawing 8 pm

### *THE SPIRIT OF CHARITY, THE SPIRIT OF LOVE, AND THE COMMUNITY—by Father Andrew Johnson*

Widows and orphans are frequently mentioned in the Hebrew Bible because they are the most helpless and the poorest in the Hebrew society, completely dependent on Charity. Their very lives depended on the voluntary Charity of the Community. And to be truly voluntary, this Charity had to be based on Love. Most members of the Community regarded the support of widows and orphans as a necessary obligation mandated by the Old Testament scriptures. St. Paul reminds us of the three great virtues, "Faith, Hope and Love, and the greatest of these is Love". These are frequently expressed as Faith, Hope and Charity, because voluntary Charity and Love are synonymous. They mean the same thing.

In our first reading today, a widow with a dependent child is looking at death by starvation as her food was about to run out. She had no way to acquire more. She was not a member of the Hebrew Community and could not look to them for help. However, she was willing to take the last of her food and share it with a stranger, Elijah!!! Her compassion for him overcame her fear for the future. Her fear gave way to Faith and Trust in the God of Abraham as Elijah promised her she and her son would not go hungry. Her religious sense prevailed over her fears and emotions. This religious sense is characteristic of the human heart when it is moved by Faith and compassion and not by coercion. We are seeing a miracle here born of the Spirit of Charity and the Spirit of Love, which took over the heart of the widow.

St. Mark's Gospel speaks about a poor widow who gave her last two coins worth a few cents in the collection. Jesus drew attention to her sacrifice and compared it to the other wealthy contributors who gave large sums. She gave more than any of the others because she gave all that she had, while the others gave only a part of their surplus wealth. She suffered from her contribution, but the others did not. Jesus is telling us that the greater gift is the one with the greater sacrifice.

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### READINGS FOR THE WEEK, SAINTS & SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

<b>Sun, Nov 12:</b>	<b>1 Kgs 17:10-16; Ps 146 146; Heb 9:24-28; Mk 12:38-44 [41-44]</b>
Mon	St. Francis Xavier Cabrini; Ti 1:1-9; Lk 17:1-6
Tues	Ti 2:1-8, 11-14; Lk 17:7-10
Wed	St. Albert the Great; Ti 3:1-7; Lk 17:11-19
Thur	St. Margaret of Scotland; St. Gertrude; Phlm 7-20, Lk 17:20; Lk 17:20-25
Fri	St. Elizabeth of Hungary; 2 Jn 4-9; Lk 17:26-37
Sat	Dedication of the Basilicas of the Apostles Peter and Paul in Rome, St. Rose Philippine Duchesne; Blessed Virgin Mary; 3 Jn 5-8; Lk 18:1
<b>Sun, Nov 19:</b>	<b>Dn 12:-3; Ps 16; Heb 10:11-14, 18; Mk 13:24-32</b>

**Full Plate Program:** Thanks for your support of this program. Pls. bring your donations of canned foods and dry goods & place them in the green bins at the church entrance. Nov. menu items: 1 bag of mashed potatoes, 1 can of meat gravy, 1 can of cranberries, 1 canned turkey (or chicken meat), 1 fruit juice. No glass items, please. Thanks.



\*Our Eucharistic celebration on **Thanksgiving Day** (November 24) will be at one Only mass at **10:00 AM**. As in the past years, everyone is invited to bring a dish/beverage to be blessed

\*All young adults (18-30 year olds) are invited to the **Leadership Seminar on Sat. Nov. 18th** from 9:30am-2pm in the church Sacristy/Chapel. For info call Sr. Monica Cardona 415-573-9064.

\*You are invited to the **Archdiocesan Eucharistic Retreat** Saturday, **Nov. 18th** at the Cathedral. No charge to retreatants. Please call the office if interested.

\*Please support our annual **STM Luau** which will be on Nov. 18th in Carroll Hall. Everyone is invited. **Mini raffles will be drawn on that night!** Ticket are now available in the office. Check out the prizes listed in the enclosed flyer.

\*Heads up: A **Pilgrimage to the Holy Land** (Nazareth, Bethlehem, Jerusalem, Tiberias), is being planned. The group will leave on Thursday May 10 and return on Friday May 18th, 2007. If interested please the office or our travel agents at OASIS Travel, 415-664-8400 and **give them your name/s**. Fr. Labib and Fr. Rick will both go on this pilgrimage.

**A GOOD STORY**

*Christianity is the story of beggars who tell other beggars where to find bread. - Anonymous*

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**The Spirit of Charity.....**  
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We might wonder what motivates a person to make such a sacrifice. The answer is found in the human heart as it is moved by the Spirit of Love and Charity. This story is similar to the widow in our first reading. Both were moved by Faith and Trust in God. They put the welfare of others ahead of their own, believing that God would respond to their needs.

The Second Vatican Council writing on the Church in the modern world discussed the duty of all Christians to work together to address the poverty, diseases and injustices that afflict so many people throughout the world. Working toward this goal, it is the obligation of the Church and all Catholics to cooperate with all Christians and others willingly, respecting real freedom in a brotherhood of universal friendship. "In the voices of the poor, Christ Himself can be heard, crying out for Charity from His followers."

At the suggestion of Archbishop Twal of Jerusalem and under the inspiration of Our Lady of Palestine, some members of St. Thomas More Church have decided to establish a charitable organization to respond to the call of today's scriptures and the mandate of the Second Vatican Council. You may call our office if you would like to participate in this group.

**MASS INTENTIONS**

*Nov. 12— 18, 2006*

- 11/12 Sun 10:00 am People of STM
- 8:00 pm Salud Ronof
- 11/13 Mon 8:30am Paul Bergez†
- 11/14 Tue 5:30 pm Josephine Ryan†
- 11/15 Wed 8:30am Christy McEvoy†
- 11/16 Thu 5:30 pm Joselito Pili
- 11/17 Fri 8:30 am Souls in Purgatory†
- 11/18 Sat 8:30 am Maximo & Lourdes Racelist
- 5:00 pm Sabina Gonzales†

*Please call the office to schedule. Participating in the Mass you offer is appreciated.*



Pray for ..

**All the sick people in our parish** especially

John Silva, Issam Tota, Eddie Bernal, Zenaida Salamat, Martha Panaszewicz, John Silva, Rhona Palencia, Mary Lee Burke, George Crawford, William & Deena Tannous, Nazzal Nazzal; for deceased Isabel Cremer and for all the poor souls in purgatory.

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**Your offerings for the weekend of November 5th:**  
**\$4,398**  
**Second collection:**  
**\$1354**

*Thank you for your contributions.*  
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**SCHOOL NEWS**

\*Our STM Archdiocesan School is currently holding a **Thanksgiving Day Food Drive**. Please drop off whatever food items you might be able to spare for the less fortunate in our city. These donations will be given to the Saint Vincent de Paul Society for distribution. Thank you for your support of this project.

*Thanksgiving*



**Baskets**

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