

## REFLECTION QUESTIONS ---- WEEK FIVE NOVEMBER 7, 2021

### Appreciating the Word

#### Their Motto

Certain figures in the scriptures are associated with personal qualities:

- Thomas the Apostle is known for his initial skepticism and doubt about the Resurrection of Jesus.
- Martha is remembered for her busyness in the kitchen when Jesus comes to visit, while her sister Mary is celebrated for the undivided attention she gives to the Lord.
- Paul is famous for his radical conversion to Christianity and his unwavering dedication to preaching the Gospel.
- The Canaanite woman is recognized for her persistence and boldness as she asks Jesus to cure her demon-possessed daughter.

In this Sunday's readings we meet two widows who are famous for their generosity.

In the First Reading (1 Kings 17:10-16), we meet the widow of Zarephath who unselfishly uses her remaining oil and flour to prepare some food for the Prophet Elijah. As she tells the prophet, "Just now I was collecting a couple of sticks (for a fire), to go in and prepare something for myself and my son; when we have eaten it, we shall die."

In the Gospel (Mark 12:38-44), we meet another widow whose generosity knows no bounds. She donates her last coins to the Temple treasury. As Jesus observes "this poor widow put in more than all the other contributors to the treasury.... she from her poverty, has contributed all she had, her whole livelihood." Both widows are models of generosity. They both gave all that they had. But perhaps there is another quality that we should associate with those two widows, and that quality is trust. It was their trust in God that allowed them to act with such generosity.

The widow of Zarephath put her trust in the assurance given by Elijah that if she fed him, she and her son would not starve. "Do not be afraid...For the LORD, the God of Israel, says, 'The jar of flour shall not go empty, nor the jug of oil run dry.'"

The widow at the Temple placed her trust in God's care for women like her. She remembered what she heard proclaimed from the sacred texts. "The LORD protects the resident alien, comes to the aid of the orphan and the widow, but thwarts the way of the wicked." (Psalms 146:9)

"For the LORD, your God ... executes justice for the orphan and the widow, and loves the resident alien, giving them food and clothing." (Deuteronomy 10:17-18) It was trust in God that led both widows to be generous.

If we are to grow in generosity, perhaps the first thing we need to do is to put more trust in God's care for us rather than in our wealth. It is interesting that the money we use reminds us of just that. All our coins and paper currency contain the phrase, "In God We Trust." Those words are the national motto of the United States.

The two widows in this Sunday's readings are associated with wonderful generosity, but even more so they are figures of trust. The words on our currency could well have been the motto and creed of the two widows we hear about this Sunday. "In God We Trust."

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#### Reflecting on My Life

- ⊕ What are the gifts God has blessed you with? Make a list.
- ⊕ How do you contribute your gifts to family, neighbors, parish and many other activities or organizations you are a part of?
- ⊕ How are using your gifts sometimes a sacrifice for you? Why?

#### Reflecting on My Home

- ⊕ What are the ways we, as a family, save money to contribute to organizations that care for those in need?
- ⊕ What is one way that we can share our gifts and talents with others?

#### Reflecting on My Parish

- ⊕ What are the ways that our parish welcomes and reaches out to those in need? What more can we do?

#### Action/Mission – Living Out the Gospel

- ⊕ Choose a charity or a cause that you can contribute time, talent, and treasure to.

## PREGUNTAS DE REFLEXION ----- SEMANA CINCO 7 DE NOVIEMBRE DEL 2021

### Apreciando la Palabra

#### Su Lema

Algunas figuras de las Escrituras están asociadas con cualidades personales:

- El Apóstol Tomás es conocido por su escepticismo inicial y sus dudas sobre la Resurrección de Jesús.
- Marta es recordada por su ajetreo en la cocina cuando Jesús viene de visita, mientras que su hermana María es celebrada por la atención indivisa que le da al Señor.
- Pablo es famoso por su conversión radical al cristianismo y su dedicación inquebrantable a la predicación del Evangelio.
- La mujer cananea es reconocida por su perseverancia y audacia cuando le pide a Jesús que cure a su hija poseída.

En las lecturas de este domingo nos encontramos con dos viudas famosas por su generosidad.

En la primera lectura (1 Reyes 17: 10-16), nos encontramos con la viuda de Sarepta que usa desinteresadamente el aceite y la harina que le quedan para preparar algo de comida para el profeta Elías. Como le dice al profeta: "Justo ahora estaba recogiendo un par de palos (para el fuego), para entrar y preparar algo para mí y mi hijo; cuando lo hayamos comido, moriremos".

En el Evangelio,(Marcos 12: 38-44), nos encontramos con otra viuda cuya generosidad no conoce límites. Dona sus últimas monedas al tesoro del templo. Como observa Jesús, "esta pobre viuda aportó más que todos los demás contribuyentes al tesoro.... Ella, de su pobreza, ha aportado todo lo que tenía, todo su sustento." Ambas viudas son modelos de generosidad. Ambas dieron todo lo que tenían. Pero hay otra cualidad que deberíamos asociar con esas dos viudas, y esa cualidad es la Confianza. Fue su confianza en Dios lo que les permitió actuar con tanta generosidad.

La viuda de Sarepta confió en la seguridad que le dio Elías de que, si ella lo alimentaba, ella y su hijo no morirían de hambre. "No temas ... Porque el SEÑOR, Dios de Israel, dice: 'La harina del cántaro no se acabará, ni el aceite del cántaro se agotará'".

La viuda del templo confió en el cuidado de Dios por mujeres como ella. Recordó lo que escuchó proclamar de los textos sagrados. "El SEÑOR protege al extranjero residente, viene en ayuda del huérfano y la viuda, pero frustra el camino de los malvados". (Salmos 146: 9)

"Porque el SEÑOR, tu Dios ... hace justicia al huérfano y a la viuda, y ama al extranjero residente, dándoles alimento y vestido". (Deuteronomio 10: 17-18) Fue la confianza en Dios lo que llevó a ambas viudas a ser generosas.

Si queremos crecer en generosidad, quizás lo primero que debemos hacer es confiar más en el cuidado de Dios por nosotros que en nuestra riqueza. Es interesante que el dinero que usamos nos recuerde precisamente eso. Todas nuestras monedas y billetes contienen la frase "En Dios confiamos". Esas palabras son el lema nacional de Estados Unidos.

Las dos viudas de las lecturas de este domingo están asociadas con una generosidad maravillosa, pero más aún son figuras de confianza. Las palabras en nuestra moneda bien podrían haber sido el lema y el credo de las dos viudas de las que escuchamos este domingo. "En Dios confiamos."

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### Reflexionando sobre mi vida

- + ¿Cuáles son los dones con los que Dios te ha bendecido? Hacer una lista.
- + ¿Cómo contribuye con sus dones a la familia, los vecinos, la parroquia y muchas otras actividades u organizaciones de las que forma parte?
- + ¿Cómo es que el uso de sus dones a veces es un sacrificio para usted? ¿Por qué?

### Reflexionando sobre mi hogar

- + ¿Cuáles son las formas en que nosotros, como familia, ahorramos dinero para contribuir a las organizaciones que se ocupan de los necesitados?
- + ¿Cuál es una forma en la que podemos compartir nuestros dones y talentos con los demás?

### Reflexionando sobre mi parroquia

- + ¿Cuáles son las formas en que nuestra parroquia da la bienvenida y se acerca a los necesitados? ¿Qué más podemos hacer?

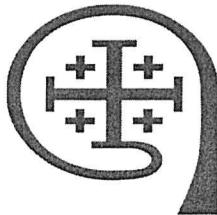
### Acción / Misión - Viviendo el Evangelio

- + Elija una organización benéfica o una causa a la que pueda contribuir con su tiempo, talento y tesoro.

## Please help us keep this updated.

**THE PRAYER LIST:** Please pray for the physical and spiritual well-being of parishioners and friends: Carol Freely, Gloria Hansberger, Lola Plungis, Caitlin Czeh, Noreen Dixon and John Dixon, Teresa Powers, Jim Then, Mary Jean Castro, Rose Kepler, Pam Bosselait, Sean Hayes, Bob Rivers, June Berube, Thomas Todaro, Frank and Donna Kamienski, Ronald Derrickson, Sue Hanson, Mark Hanson, Mark and Cheryl Lauer, Susan Rogers, Salvatore Martorano, Denise Discuillo, Kent Thomson, Nicole Cadavid, Kevin Monahan, Laura Marshall, Carol Lagemann, Bill Lagemann, Priscilla Sibley, Briana Evens DiScuillo, Mark Urban, Roger Mason, Carmen Sherry, Kelly Gillette, Gary Neverick, Charles Hayes, Kathy Linde, James Molenda, William "Bill" Fox, Don Samsel, Heather Shivo, Jean Mauger, Peter Stanich, Sharon Donofrio, Elaina Roche, Chelsea Avitable, Daniel Aiden Richardson, Irene, Kelsy Palmer, Bridie Healy, James Dixon, Sam and Debbie Coccia, Kennedy James Kraft, Jimmy Wigal, Loretta Voghel, Ronald Solomon, Beth Miller, Morie and Angie Pollard, Bernard Swann, Thomas Martorano, Katie Molenda, Tim Vance, Kevin Hamilton, Marie D'Andrea, Ronald Blank, Dennis Allen Main, Charles Wokutch, Fran Garrity, Gertrude Delitta, Bob Arias, Terry Youman, Travis Schrift, Phyllis Schaffer, Suzie Gordon, Rebecca Trustee, Joyce Sgro, Guy Aliotta, Daniel Bireley, Kathy Walsh, Brendan Horstman, Lynn Clark, Marion Fallone, Richard Greff, Janette Polon-Ramirez, Ray Kilpatrick, Maggie Heverly, Maureen Florio, Christi Rippy, Susan McGuffin, Devin Rinaldi, Christina Powell, Anna Schwartz, Sandy Lagasse, Joe Hughes, Maria Soto, Marcella Fahey, David Bartlewski, Cheryl Scerba, Andrew Zepada, David Larkins, Joshua Thomas, Bob Gagne, Karen Catania, Arlene Forman, Rachel Wesselius, Rita Williams, Barbara Geschlecht, and Joe Abate.

**WHEN YOU OR A LOVED ONE IS IN THE HOSPITAL:** Would you like an Extraordinary Minister to bring communion? Would you like a priest to administer the Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick? Please call the office and let us know.



## St. James New Mission/Vision Statement

*Go and make disciples/Vayan y hagan discipulos*

*A community of joyful disciples/Una comunidad de discipulos alegres*

### Pastoral Staff

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*Director of Music* ..... Gene Borkes  
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*RCIA* ..... Sunday, 10:00AM-12:00 Noon  
*Blood Pressure Screening* ..... postponed until further notice  
*Eucharistic Adoration* ..... Daily in the Chapel  
..... Check the schedules for an open hour  
*Pro-Life* ..... Lori Videan, 843-503-3607  
*Ladies Guild* ..... 3rd Monday, 10:00am (Sept.-June)  
*Knights of Columbus 4th Degree* ..... 4th Monday, 7:00pm  
*Knights of Columbus* ..... 2nd Wednesday, 7:00pm  
*Catholic Charities* ..... 1-855-377-1357  
*Diocesan Office of Child Protection Services* ..... 843-853-2130 ext. 209  
*Diocesan Victim Assistance Minister* ..... 800-921-8122  
*Safe Environment Coordinator* ..... Taylor Lilly, ext. 235

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**Parish Office Hours:** Monday - Friday 9:30AM - 3:30PM

**Religious Education/Catecismo:** Call office

**Infant Baptism:** The Sacrament is normally celebrated during a weekend Liturgy. Please call the office to register for the preparation process. Suzanne McDonough, ext. 234.

**Marriage:** By arrangement at least six months before the proposed wedding. Paula Loehr, ext. 221.

**Ministry to the Sick:** Call to request visitation. Please let us know when loved ones are in the hospital.

**Bulletin Articles:** Items of communal interest must be at parish office no later than 9:00am Monday. Kathy Caughey, ext. 224.

**New Parishioners:** Welcome! There are several ways you can register, on our website, or by stopping by the church office during office hours.

**Altar Flowers \$150:** Call the office to arrange donations in memory of a loved one, or in honor of a special occasion.

**Religious Articles** are available for purchase Monday-Friday, 9:30am-3:30pm. Special orders are always welcome. Contact the church office at 843-347-5168.

**Columbarium:** Available to all registered Catholics of the Diocese. Call the church office for more information.

**Tree of Life:** This is a great way to remember your loved ones or honor a special occasion. Donations start at \$250. Contact the parish office for details.

**Prayer Chain Request:** If you have a special need we would like to help you pray. Simply call Shirley at 843-397-2318.

#### READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF NOVEMBER 7

#### LAS LECTURAS DE LA SEMANA DEL 7 DE NOVIEMBRE

**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:** Wis 1:1-7/Ps 139:1b-3, 4-6, 7-8, 9-10 [24b]/Lk 17:1-6

**Tuesday:** Ez 47:1-2, 8-9, 12/Ps 46:2-3, 5-6, 8-9 [5]/1 Cor 3:9c-11, 16-17/Jn 2:13-22

**Wednesday:** Wis 6:1-11/Ps 82:3-4, 6-7 [8a]/Lk 17:11-19

**Thursday:** Wis 7:22b—8:1/Ps 119:89, 90, 91, 130, 135, 175 [89a]/Lk 17:20-25

**Friday:** Wis 13:1-9/Ps 19:2-3, 4-5ab [2a]/Lk 17:26-37

**Saturday:** Wis 18:14-16; 19:6-9/Ps 105:2-3, 36-37, 42-43 [5a]/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

#### GOSPEL MEDITATION - ENCOURAGE DEEPER UNDERSTANDING OF SCRIPTURE

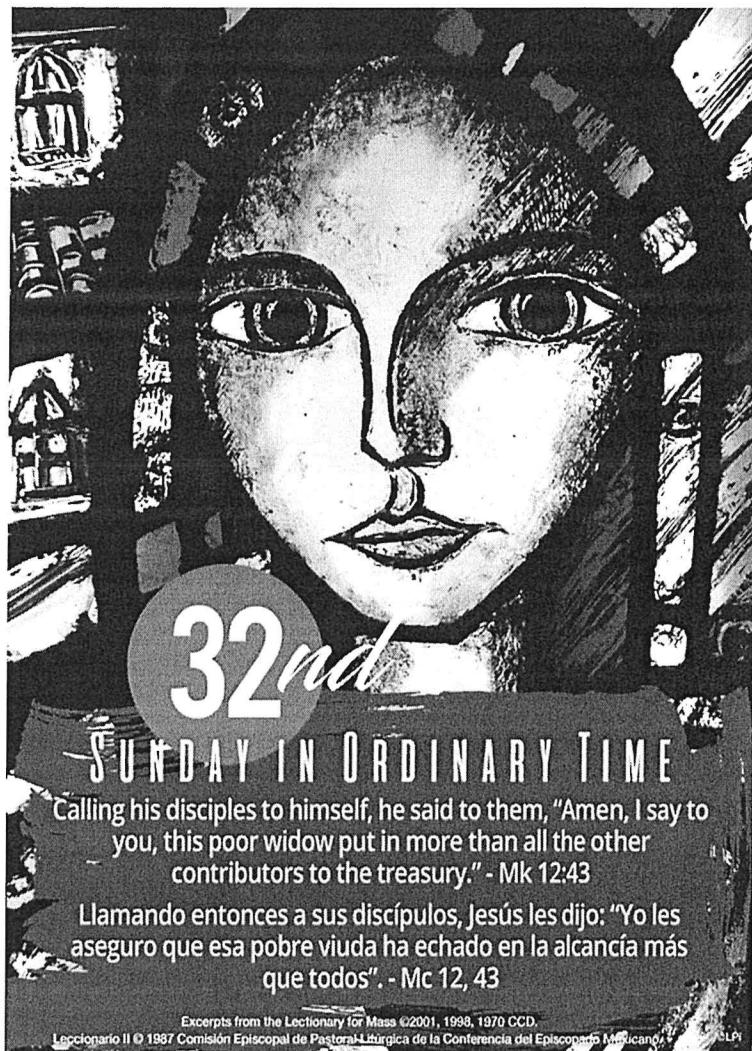
November 7, 2021

32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

On December 10, 1979, a very petite holy woman known as Mother Teresa of Calcutta spoke these words in her Nobel Peace Prize Acceptance Speech, "But I am sure in the families and many of our homes, maybe we are not hungry for a piece of bread, but maybe there is somebody there in the family who is unwanted, unloved, uncared, forgotten, there isn't love. Love begins at home. And love to be true has to hurt. I never forget a little child who taught me a very beautiful lesson. They heard in Calcutta, the children, that Mother Teresa had no sugar for her children, and this little one, Hindu boy four years old, he went home and he told his parents: I will not eat sugar for three days, I will give my sugar to Mother Teresa. How much a little child can give. After three days they brought into our house, and there was this little one who could scarcely pronounce my name, he loved with great love, he loved until it hurt. And this is what I bring before you, to love one another until it hurts, but don't forget that there are many children, many children, many men and women who haven't got what you have. And remember to love them until it hurts."

Living authentically and walking with holiness always involves sacrifice. It has to hurt. Only actions springing from true and deep sacrifice demonstrate true integrity. Without sacrifice, even what is apparently a generous gesture can be nothing. It is no wonder that the widow who contributed from her poverty received great admiration from Jesus and the young child in our story above the interest of Mother Teresa. It is easy to make the houses of our lives look like they are in perfect order when in fact they are in shambles within. Religion can sometimes make this hypocritical masquerade easy to accomplish. We can find ourselves in all the right holy places, reciting all of the correct prayers, participating in community collections, and reciting the proper doctrines only to find ourselves empty, shallow, self-focused, and overly anxious about personal concerns.

The one who learns to discover their inner poverty, their spiritual poverty, is the only one who can truly place him or herself at the mercy of God. It is only when we allow ourselves to be empty that we realize Who we actually need to fill us. This is the real meaning of trust. Many of us are afraid to take the plunge. We allow ourselves to detach from only so much, always keeping a watchful eye on the protection of our securities. We understand the value of poverty, but we do not want to become too poor. As long as we are able to recognize this tension, our reluctance to let go and our struggle, we can continue our journey of humbly learning how to love so deeply that it hurts. God understands and waits. ©LPI



#### VIVIR LA LITURGIA - INSPIRACIÓN DE LA SEMANA

Realmente todo se reduce a una cuestión del corazón, y las acciones hablan más que las palabras. No podemos escondernos de la verdad. Un problema con la religión es que es posible que alguien haga que todo parezca correcto cuando en realidad no lo es. Podemos decir todas las oraciones correctas, realizar todos los rituales prescritos, afirmar que nos adherimos a las doctrinas ortodoxas y aún llevamos una vida distorsionada, vacía y, a veces, lamentable. Solo las acciones que surgen de un sacrificio verdadero y profundo demuestran verdadera integridad. Sin sacrificio, incluso las acciones de aspecto más noble pueden significar nada. No es de extrañar, entonces, que la viuda que contribuyó con su pobreza recibió gran admiración de Jesús. Aunque no siempre parezca ser el caso, Dios tiene especial cuidado y consideración por aquellos que dependen de él en tiempos de angustia y necesidad. Solo la persona que es verdaderamente pobre es la única que puede ver esto. Por falta de confianza, el que tiene mucho tiene miedo de arriesgarse y ve solo lo que posee como su única seguridad. ©LPI

*Let my prayer come into your presence.  
Incline your ear to my cry for help,  
O Lord*

*Que llegue hasta ti mi súplica, Señor,  
inclina tu oído a mi clamor.*