

Thirty-Second Sunday in Ordinary time– 07 November 2021

1 Kings 17:10-16. Psalm 146:7, 8-9, 9-10. Hebrews 9:24-28. Mark 12:38-44.

We sometimes believe that the only real weakness is failing to promote our strengths. Today's readings are 180 degrees removed from this "survival of the fittest" mentality. These passages demonstrate that personal strength is promoted when we assist the weak.

Widows were often destitute in the male-dominated Near East. Elijah predicted a long drought in the northern kingdom of Israel due to the paganizing tendencies of King Ahab and his Canaanite queen, Jezebel. During this drought, Elijah asked a pagan widow for a drink of water, an incredible request given the circumstances! Yet the widow, impoverished herself, reached out in support.

Psalm 146 is a psalm of descriptive praise. It depicts God's ongoing role as creator, a role that demands praise. Those who make the clearest case for God's creation are not the rich and powerful, but the oppressed, the hungry, the captives, the blind, the strangers, the widows. A God who cares for these poorest of the poor truly deserves our praise.

Jesus chastises the scribes for the way in which they exploit the poor. Jesus reaches out to the sick, the unclean, the tax collectors. He came not to be served but to serve. Writing against the background of the cross, Mark points out that strength lies in helping the weak.

We know many in our society who are needy. The challenge of this weekend is to realize that God meets these needs through us! Paradoxically, in aiding the weak we grow stronger! Indeed, we not only survive, we thrive.

-- John Craghan, Th.D., S.S.L.

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Thirty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time – 07 October 2021

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What Bothers Jesus. False piety and arrogant behavior are two things that bother Jesus in today's gospel. He applauds, instead, the poor widow who is so generous with the little she has.

- ◆ How will I be generous with the money I have?
- ◆ How will I be generous with the time I have for the benefit of another?
- ◆ How will I be generous with mercy work?

Thirty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time– 14 Nov 2021

Daniel 12:1-3. Psalm 16:5, 8, 9-10, 11. Hebrews 10:11-14, 18. Mark 13:24-32.



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Sundays – 8:00 am

Weekdays – Fri 6:00 pm

Teaching Us Charity

Today's liturgy reveals some important facts about the poor.

- 1) The poor are blessed because they have a greater recognition of their need for God. The two widows in the readings give up everything, totally trusting in the goodness of the Lord.
- 2) The poor are therefore more generous than others. Jesus made it very clear that “this poor widow contributed more than all the others who donated to the treasury.” Recent studies in the United States reveal the same phenomenon: relative to their resources, lower income people are the most generous.
- 3) The poor may or may not have society on their side, but there is no doubt where God stands: the Lord “secures justice for the oppressed, gives food to the hungry, sets captives free, gives sight to the blind, raises up those that were bowed down, protects strangers, and sustains the fatherless and the widow.” ([Responsorial Psalm](#))

Those among us who are not poor receive the challenge to be poor in spirit. We pray at the start of this liturgy for freedom of spirit “ ... so that we may more willingly give our lives in service to all.”

In teaching us charity, the Gospel instructs us in the preferential respect due to the poor and the special situation they have in society: the more fortunate should renounce some of their rights so as to place their goods more generously at the service of others.
Pope Paul VI, [Octogesima Adveniens](#), 1971:23

--Gerald Darring SLU Sunday Site

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Schedule of Masses

Sun Nov 7	8:00 am Mass	Billie Anderson
Nov 12	6:00 pm Mass	
Nov 7	8:00 am Mass	Richard Stone

Liturgical Ministers

Lector **Greeter** **EM** **Servers**

Ushers

Nov 7 8 am L Miller V Anderson Erin Garrett M Palmer *M McMahan,
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THIS WEEK'S SCHEDULE

Sun	Nov 7	Mass	8:00 am
		Breakfast honoring our Parish Veterans...	9:00 am
		PSR classes.....	9:00 am
Mon	Nov 8	Faith Alive Vol Appreciation dinner	6:00 pm
Tues	Nov 9	Wellness Committee.....	6:00 pm
Fri	Nov 12	Mass.....	6:00 pm
Sun	Nov 14	Mass	8:00 am
		PSR classes.....	9:00 am
		CCW meeting.....	9:00 am

Birthdays

Nov 11	Girard Cole
	Jerry Cecchi
Nov 13	Glen Brown

Fri
Sun



CONFESSIONS ARE AVAILABLE approximately 30 minutes before each Sunday Mass.

VETERANS RECOGNITION BREAKFAST FOLLOWS NOV 7 MASS. Please stop by for this opportunity to recognize our parish veterans.

FAITH ALIVE VOLUNTER WORKER APPRECIATION DINNER will be November 8 at the Shawnee Worship Center at 6 pm. Please RSVP to Madonna Slife or Arlene Dueker if you would like to attend.

WELLNESS COMMITTEE WILL MEET ON NOV. 9 in the Parish Hall at 6 p.m.

ST PAUL CATHOLIC WOMEN'S COUNCIL (CCW) WILL MEET NEXT SUNDAY, NOV 14 in the Parish Hall. All ladies of the parish are invited to attend.

THE SIU NEWMAN AUXILIARY IS HOSTING A LIMITED SEATING FALL GALA EVENT AND QUILT RAFFLE. More details of this event are posted on the bulletin board. This is the major fundraising event for SIUC's Newman Center. Please consider supporting them.

PART-TIME POSITION AVAILABLE. If you or a family member are interested in a part-time position as office manager for our parish, please contact Matt Slife at 618-534-6978

CATHOLIC CAMPAIGN FOR HUMAN DEVELOPMENT APPEAL IS NOV 21.
This Sunday Beau Henson will speak to us about the Campaigns objectives and achievements. Beau is also a veteran.

THANK YOU for all parishioners who participated in our Parish Work Day, yesterday.

THANK YOU to Craig Levesque for donating to have our Parish Hall carpet and chairs cleaned.

VOCATION CORNER November 7th- This Sunday starts **National Vocations Awareness Week**. National Vocation Awareness Week (NVAW) is an annual week-long celebration of the Catholic Church in the United States dedicated to promote vocations to the priesthood, diaconate and consecrated life through prayer and education, and to renew our prayers and support for those who are considering one of these particular vocations. Please pray each day this week for an increase of vocations and for young people to hear their call to Holiness.

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