

A Reflection from Fr. Joseph

St Mark tells us, Jesus was in the Temple watching people. The poor widow who came to make her gift to the Temple treasury did not know she was being watched. This widow does nothing for show, her generosity is spontaneous. Her kind of generosity is only possible after a lifetime of giving, after decades of small deeds of charity, small acts of fidelity, of obedience and self-renunciation. How does Jesus know how much people are putting in to the treasury?

The treasury was not in fact a chest or a box; it was a row of trumpet shaped metal containers into which you flung your money. It would make a noise as it went down. The rich are making a big splash because they are conspicuously flinging in large sums so that everybody can hear and be aware of what they are giving. The poor widow's two coins do not make much noise. They do not attract much attention, except perhaps pity that she has so little.

St Mark gives us an interesting little detail that does not come across in the English translation. He uses a special tense of the verb to describe what the widow does. She gives once and for all. This is all she has to give. It is a decisive action. She has nothing left. He uses another tense to describe how the rich give. Their gift is not once and for all. There is plenty more where that came from. The widow has staked her life on this gift. These rich people do not know the end of their money. There is a contrast between the noisy rich and the quiet and discreet widow.

Jesus calls his disciples to see this. It is important that they do not miss out on this lesson. Jesus is sitting down. Being seated means that Jesus is giving a lesson. The disciples are clearly impressed by the generosity of the rich. They are captivated by this glamour. It is easy to feel enthralled by the power that wealth brings.

We can all fall victims to the charms of wealth. Rich people always have a certain kind of security because they do not have to struggle like the rest of us. They are invulnerable to the kind of needs that inevitably affect the widow. She has no one to defend her and no one to look after her. The rich do not see this vulnerability; only Jesus sees it. He tells his disciples that they are not to be impressed by this vulgar display of wealth.

Jesus says to them that they are mistaken if they think that the rich have put in more than the widow. They may have put in more in terms of figures, but in terms of personal cost they have put in far less, for they have given out of their abundance, but she has put in her whole living. She has laid her life on the line in this gift. She has become an icon of Christ, a living image of the Saviour. What else does He do on the cross but put his whole living, his life at our disposal. He gives all that he has for us. The widow gives all that she has for God. God gives all he has, his precious Son, for us.

**Month of Holy Souls**

In November, when the Church reminds us of our duty to pray for the dead, it is good to recall the meaning of Christian death as it is expressed in the rites of Christian burial. The Bishops of BC have issued guidelines to explain the Church's mind on the subject of funerals. You can access it at: www.rcav.org

There will be a 2nd Collection next weekend at all the Masses for Home Missions.

DAILY SCRIPTURE READINGS

Mon. Nov. 12th - ST. JOSAPHAT, memorial
Titus 1:1-9; Luke 17:1-6

Tue. Nov. 13th - Titus 2:1-8, 11-14; Luke 17:7-10

Wed. Nov. 14th - Titus 3:1-7; Luke 17:11-19

Thurs. Nov. 15th - Philemon 7-20; Luke 17:20-25

Fri. Nov. 16th - 2 John 4-9; Luke 17:26-37

Sat. Nov. 17th - ST. ELIZABETH OF HUNGARY, memorial
3 John 5-8; Luke 18:1-8

Sun. Nov. 18th - 33rd SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
Daniel 12:1-3; Heb. 10:11-14, 18; Mark 13:24-32

**REMEMBRANCE DAY "Lest we forget"**

Is this Sunday, November 11th. Please note, our office will be closed on Monday for the holiday and our Mass will be celebrated at 9 am.



Please Note the following changes this week:

As Fr. Jun and Fr. Joseph are away on study week, there will be **NO EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT** this coming Monday through Friday. The rest of the schedule will remain the same. Fr. Bernanrd Lagatic will celebrate our weekday morning Masses and Fr. Anyichie our Wednesday Novena Mass.

**ALTAR SERVERS**

Wed. Nov. 14th - 7:30 PM - Volunteers

Sat. Nov. 17th - 5:00 PM - Anna, Henry & Lynn Cao, C. Lee, L.Soliman.

Sun. Nov. 18th - 9:00 AM - E.Garrovillas, S & S Lee, K.Tuguinay, C.Vu. **11:00 AM** - Adrian, Erin & Kylie Biason, F.Hua, T.Laygo, P.Que. **5:00 PM** - A & J Arias, A.Belnas, Emily, Jadem & Kaitlyn Chan, E. Jarvis, I.Picariello.

PROJECT ADVANCE - "Live Gratefully, Give Generously"

Next weekend after all the Masses we will have volunteers at the entrance of the church to help you with your pledges. This is part of our Fall Campaign to give the opportunity to all those who have not yet contributed but would like to do so. You can also drop off your donations to the parish office or give online at: www.rca.org/giving.

SQUIRETTES NEWS

- Blanket Drive: This weekend, at the entrance of the church, our Squirettes will be collecting gently used blankets and toiletries (soap, shampoo, etc...) for Covenant House.

- Senior's Soup Day: Next Sunday, Nov. 18th after the 11 am Mass in the church hall!



MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

Sat. Nov. 10 th	5 pm Mass for Rosaria Pulice, R.I.P.
Sun. Nov. 11 th	9 am Mass for all the souls in purgatory 11 am Mass for Patrick & Joyce Nwosu, R.I.P. 5 pm Mass for parishioners
Mon. Nov. 12 th	9 am Mass for Abilio Campos, R.I.P.
Tue. Nov. 13 th	8 am Mass for the int. of Anna Crudo
Wed. Nov. 14 th	9 am Mass for Benjamin Laureola Jr., R.I.P. 7:30 pm Novena Mass
Thur. Nov. 15 th	8:00 am Mass for the int. of Minerva Celeridad
Fri. Nov. 16 th	8:00 am Mass for the int. of Alphonsus Pang
Sat. Nov. 17 th	9:00 am Mass for the decsd. memb. Of the Jimenez and Mendoza families.

ST. Jude's Raffle

We will continue selling our raffle tickets after the Masses this weekend. Do you have your lucky ticket? Did you know that for just \$2 you have a chance of winning one of our 3 cash prizes. Don't delay, they are selling fast.



PREP NEWS

Our Parish Religious Education Program (PREP) for children attending public schools, grades 1 through 7, has begun. The program is held every Tuesday from 6:30 - 7:45 pm in our school. Registrations are still being accepted.

RCIA & ADULT FAITH FORMATION

Are you interested in finding out more about the Catholic faith? Know someone who might be? Come or invite them to join our parish program called RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adult). The program is suitable to anyone who is interested in learning more about our faith, for Catholics who have not yet received the sacraments of Confirmation and Holy Communion and for those who would like to deepen their faith, whether you were baptized or not. For more information please call the parish office (604) 434-6700.



SCHOOL NEWS

- School Mass: This Wed. Nov. 14th, at 9 am. Join us!

Notre Dame: Uncorked, Notre Dame Regional Secondary invites you to a new fundraising event on Nov. 16th at 7:00pm, hosted right at the school! The evening features wine tasting and great food, as well as an exciting silent auction. Tickets are \$50. More info at 604-255-5454.

ARCHDIOCESAN NEWS

Up-Coming Events

Stewardship Reflections

"I say to you, this poor widow put in more than all the other contributors to the treasury. For they all contributed out of their abundance; but she out of her poverty has put in everything she had, her whole living" – Mark 12:43-44.

Jesus gets right to the point – we are all called to give money to support the mission of the Church, regardless of our circumstance. No gift is too small or insignificant! Giving money to support the mission of our local parish is a matter of our faith, just like praying and participating in parish ministries. When you make a financial offering, is it from your "first fruits" or from what is "left over"?

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Quo Vadis – Men's Discernment Events - Nov. 16-18 at Seminary Christ the King, Mission. Visiting Christ the King Seminary for a weekend is one of the best ways to discern if you are being called to the priesthood. It's a chance to experience the life of a seminarian. You'll share meals, attend classes, and talk with others about your interest in priesthood. The weekend includes confession, Mass, talks about discerning your vocation, and plenty of time for personal prayer. We also play basketball and street hockey, so bring athletic clothes and your hockey stick. If interested, please download and complete an application form: <http://vocationsvancouver.ca/quivadis>

Fiat: Women's Discernment Events – Day of Recollection with Archbishop Miller on Sat. Nov. 17 at 12 p.m. Events are open to single, Catholic young women ages 18-35 who are open to discerning and responding to God's call in their life. Join us at Franciscan Sisters of the Eucharist Convent, 2811 Venables Street, Vancouver. Sign up now to receive emails of events throughout the year. E-mail womensvocations@rcav.org for more information.

DOMESTIC ABUSE SERVICE - Our Lady of Good Counsel Society invites you to come and enjoy our Gala evening Rhinestones & Angel Wings on Saturday December 1st 2018 at St. Matthews Elementary School Gym in Surrey. Tickets are now available through the Domestic Abuse Services (DAS) office (604) 585-6688. Great dinner, live music, fabulous auctions, and great company

