

The Widows' Faith: Scott Hahn Reflects on the Thirty-second Sunday in Ordinary Time

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First Reading: 1 Kings 1:10–16 | Psalm 146:7–10
Second Reading: Hebrews 9:24–28 | Gospel: Mark 12:41–44



We must live by the obedience of faith, a faith that shows itself in works of charity and self-giving (see Galatians 5:6). That's the lesson of the two widows in today's liturgy.

The widow in the First Reading isn't even a Jew, yet she trusts in the word of Elijah and the promise of his Lord. Facing sure starvation, she gives all that she has, her last bit of food—feeding the man of God before herself and her family.

The widow in the Gospel also gives all that she has, offering her last bit of money to support the work of God's priests in the Temple.

In their self-sacrifice, these widows embody the love that Jesus last week revealed as the heart of the Law and the Gospel. They mirror the Father's love in giving His only Son, and Christ's love in sacrificing Himself on the cross.

Again in today's Epistle, we hear Christ described as a new high priest and the suffering servant foretold by Isaiah. On the cross, He made sacrifice once and for all to take away our sin and bring us to salvation (see Isaiah 53:12).

And again we are called to imitate His sacrifice of love in our own lives. We will be judged, not by how much we give—for the scribes and the wealthy contribute far more than the widow. Rather, we will be judged by whether our gifts reflect our livelihood, our whole beings, all our heart and soul, mind and strength.

Are we giving all that we can to the Lord—not out of a sense of forced duty, but in a spirit of generosity and love (see 2 Corinthians 9:6–7)?

Do not be afraid, the man of God tells us today. As we sing in today's Psalm, the Lord will provide for us, as He sustains the widow.

Today, let us follow the widows' example, doing what God asks, confident that our jars of flour will not grow empty, nor our jugs of oil run dry.

ANNOUNCED MASSES
November 10th – 18th, 2018

Saturday 4:30 p.m.	Nov. 10th	Sunday Vigil For Souls in Purgatory – by Kathy
Sunday 9:00 a.m. 11:00 a.m.	Nov. 11th	Thirty-second Sunday in Ordinary Time Rita and Pietro Mosca – RIP – by the family In Thanksgiving to Saint Benoit and Saint Scholastica – by Mercedes and family
Monday	Nov. 12th	NO MASS
Tuesday 7:00 p.m.	Nov. 13th	Weekday Prayers to Saint Anthony for the healing of Heidi & Joe Mathews – by Rita
Wednesday 9:00 a.m.	Nov. 14th	Weekday Maria E. S. Ponte – RIP – by Connie
Thursday 9:00 a.m.	Nov. 15th	Saint Albert the Great Ross O'Donnell – RIP – by Joan
Friday 9:00 a.m.	Nov. 16th	Saint Margaret of Scotland Fructouso & Zenona Lanzaderas – RIP – by TJ and Edna
Saturday 4:30 p.m.	Nov. 17th	Sunday Vigil Fructouso & Zenona Lanzaderas – RIP – by Tommy & Emma
Sunday 9:00 a.m. 11:00 a.m.	Nov. 18th	Thirty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time Maria E.S. Melo – RIP – by Connie Jeon Matthew Ching – RIP – by the family

*Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord,
and let perpetual light shine upon them.
May their souls and the souls of all the faithful departed
through the mercy of God rest in peace.*

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SAINTLY WISDOM

We must not judge things according to our own liking, but according to that of God; this is the great secret. If we are holy according to our own will, we shall never be truly holy, we must be so according to God's will."
- Saint Francis de Sales

2019 CATHOLIC CALENDARS

Our Calendars for the new year are in. Beginning this weekend, and while supplies last, be sure to get a calendar for your home, office, etc. Only \$5. All proceeds will go toward the You Lift Me Up fundraiser.

BE MY DISCIPLES NEWS

PARENT MEETING – Sunday, November 11, 2018, immediately following the 9:00 a.m. Mass.

CHRISTMAS BOXES – DEADLINE for returning the filled boxes is Sunday, **November 11th**. **Thank you** to ALL parishioners for your great generosity!

SACRED HEART SCHOOL OF MONTREAL NEWS

Sacred Heart Grade 12 Information Session. The Sacred Heart School of Montreal will host an information session about its new Grade 12 program for girls, on Tuesday, November 27 from 7pm to 9pm, at 3635 Atwater. Parking is available. English eligibility is not required for this program. Information at 514-937-2845 or www.sacredheart.qc.ca

Sacred Heart School of Montreal's Annual Christmas Fair: Everyone is invited on Saturday, December 1 from 10 am to 4 pm at 3635 Atwater Ave. Parking is available. Vendors will be selling Christmas decorations, food items, clothing and accessories, artisan crafts, artwork, jewelry, poinsettias, and other handmade treats. There will be a raffle, and a café with homemade baked goods for sale as well. Information at 514-937-2845 or www.sacredheart.qc.ca

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HOLY HOUR



Silent adoration every Tuesday evening, following the 7:00pm mass (from 7:30pm to 8:30pm) Also, Adoration every Friday, following the 9:00am mass (from 9:30am to 10:30am). Come and spend some time with the Lord!

"Our Lord hears our prayers anywhere, but He has revealed to His servants that those who visit Him in the Eucharist will obtain a more abundant measure of grace." -St.Alphonsus Ligouri