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Sunday, November 7, 2021

Thirty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time



Niech Bedze pochwalony Jezus Chrystus.

R/. Na wieki, wiekow. Amen.

Praised be the Lord, Jesus Christ.

R/. Now and forever. Amen.

8:00 AM - "*Hymn of Faith*"

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READING I - 1 Kings 17:10-16

In those days, Elijah the prophet went to Zarephath. As he arrived at the entrance of the city, a widow was gathering sticks there; he called out to her, "Please bring me a small cupful of water to drink." She left to get it, and he called out after her, "Please bring along a bit of bread." She answered, "As the LORD, your God, lives, I have nothing baked; there is only a handful of flour in my jar and a little oil in my jug. Just now I was collecting a couple of sticks, to go in and prepare something for myself and my son; when we have eaten it, we shall die." Elijah said to her, "Do not be afraid. Go and do as you propose. But first make me a little cake and bring it to me. Then you can prepare something for yourself and your son. For the LORD, the God of Israel, says, 'The jar of flour shall not go empty, nor the jug of oil run dry, until the day when the LORD sends rain upon the earth.'" She left and did as Elijah had said. She was able to eat for a year, and he and her son as well; the jar of flour did not go empty, nor the jug of oil run dry, as the LORD had foretold through Elijah.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM: 146:7, 8-9, 9-10

R. Praise the Lord, my soul!

The LORD keeps faith forever,
secures justice for the oppressed, gives food to the hungry. The LORD sets captives free.

R. Praise the Lord, my soul!

The LORD gives sight to the blind.

The LORD raises up those who were bowed down;
the LORD loves the just. The LORD protects strangers.

R. Praise the Lord, my soul!

The fatherless and the widow he sustains, but the way of the wicked he thwarts. The LORD shall reign forever;
your God, O Zion, through all generations. Alleluia.

R. Praise the Lord, my soul!

READING 2 - Hebrews 9:24-28

Christ did not enter into a sanctuary made by hands, a copy of the true one, but heaven itself, that he might now appear before God on our behalf. Not that he might offer himself repeatedly, as the high priest enters each year into the sanctuary with blood that is not his own; if that were so, he would have had to suffer repeatedly from the foundation of the world. But now once for all he has appeared at the end of the ages to take away sin by his sacrifice. Just as it is appointed that human beings die once, and after this the judgment, so also Christ, offered once to take away the sins of many, will appear a second time, not to take away sin but to bring salvation to those who eagerly await him

Priest/Lector: Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia

R: Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia.

Priest/Lector: Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven..

R: Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia

GOSPEL - Mark 12:38-44

In the course of his teaching Jesus said to the crowds, "Beware of the scribes, who like to go around in long robes and accept greetings in the marketplaces, seats of honor in synagogues, and places of honor at banquets. They devour the houses of widows and, as a pretext recite lengthy prayers. They will receive a very severe condemnation."

He sat down opposite the treasury and observed how the crowd put money into the treasury. Many rich people put in large sums. A poor widow also came and put in two small coins worth a few cents. Calling his disciples to himself, he said to them, "Amen, I say to you, this poor widow put in more than all the other contributors to the treasury. For they have all contributed from their surplus wealth, but she, from her poverty, has contributed all she had, her whole livelihood." This is the gospel of the Lord.

R/: Praise be to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

OFFERTORY HYMN - "*Holy God, We Praise Thy Name*"

COMMUNION HYMN- "*On Eagle's Wings*"

RECESSIONAL - "*We Will Rise Again*"

St. Francis Weekly "Faith Renewed"

BREAD FOR THE JOURNEY - Henri Nouwen THE MISSION OF THE CHURCH

There are more people on this planet outside the Church than inside it. Millions have been baptized, millions have not. Millions participate in the celebration of the Lord's Supper, but millions do not.

The Church as the body of Christ, as Christ living in the world, has a larger mission than to support, nurture, and guide its own members. It is also called to be a witness to the love of God made visible in Jesus. Before his death Jesus prayed for his followers, "As you sent me into the world, I have sent them into the world" (John 17:18). Part of the essence of being the Church is being a living witness for Christ in the world.

ST. STANISLAUS

Stanislaus of Krakow (1030-1079) is the patron saint of Poland. In his episcopal ministry he stood up to and challenged the king for his cruelty towards people. This eventually led to the king killing him with a sword.

Lord God of mercies, for whose honor Your Bishop Stanislaus fell to the sword of his persecutors, grant that, as we reverence the memory of St. Stanislaus who safeguarded the poor and outcast and gave his life defending your sacred Gospel, we may persevere, strong in faith, following his example of self-sacrifice and fortitude. What ways can you continue to be strong in faith, even in times of trial? Offer support and prayer for someone who has been persecuted for living their Christian Faith. Also, as we celebrate Thanksgiving this month, let us show our thanks to Almighty God by helping others who are in need.



CHRISTMAS FUND-RAISER DINNER

Sunday, December 5th - 3:00 p.m.

Always a great day! Lots of delicious food and, of course, a visit from St. Nick with something for all the children. Please ask how you can help.

Monetary donations are always welcomed.

Take a moment out and pray...

† † † † † † PRAYERS † † † † † † †

Health Needs: Lord God, Jesus, our Savior, Mary and all the Saints, we ask you to bring peace and your healing touch to those who are ill, afraid or worried. Amen.

Health Needs of: All who have the Coronavirus & Debbie

Marciano, Beverly Hester, Gregory Klein, James Conlon, Iris Cafran, Nancy Fernandez Petrozza, Sophia Kyriakakis, Billy Murphy, Helen de la Sota, Jeff Curtis, Ottavia Daquino, Linda Frysztacki, Daniella Vasquez, Bill & Ann Siebuhr, Blanca Vasquez, John Luis Vasquez, Eileen McChesney, Rosemary Rosen, Joe Glovack, Carla Calabrese, Janis Siebuhr, Debbie Granaldi, Louise & Anthony Kuzniewski, Jorge Juan Vasquez, Jessica Arrubla, Debbie Tino, Elena Accomando Capuano, Emily Smith & for all caregivers.

Requiem Intentions for faithfully departed:

Eternal rest give unto them, O Lord, and let the perpetual light shine upon them. May they rest in peace. Amen.

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SUNDAYS IN NOVEMBER

Prayers for those faithfully departed that have been given to Fr. Andrew will be after each Gospel.

VETERANS DAY!

Thursday, November 11. We honor ALL our veterans of the armed forces. God Bless America!

A PRAYER FOR VETERANS

Father, in the name of Jesus. I thank you for our veterans. I thank you for their willingness to risk all so that our nation might dwell in peace and safety. May they find the honor and recognition they deserve. In the name of our divine Son, I pray that you heal the physical and psychological wounds some of these veterans have suffered. Father, I pray that our nation would learn to respect and acknowledge those who have served their country well. Amen.

In today's Gospel, Jesus condemns the scribes for their big egos, fancy robes and a need to be seated in places of honor. This is called clericalism. It can creep into the hierarchy, but can also be found among laity who work for or in the Church.

What does the liturgy say to us about Veterans Day? The gospel certainly opens up the virtues of humility, service and generosity.

the first verse of Schutte's "Ad Maiorem Dei gloriam" suits this occasion: "Be the passion in our soul as we fight for justice and logn for the reign of peace." The communion antiphon is taken from Psalm 23. consider Stephan's "Pastures of the Lord," which mentions battles lost and won and how God's mercy heals pain and sorrow.

— Elaine Rendler-McQueeney