



[Jesus said,] "Amen, I say to you, this poor widow put in more than all the other contributors to the treasury."
MARK 12:43

SIRTRAVELALOT/SHUTTERSTOCK

Ouch!

That's the sound of someone giving until it hurts. Most of us probably will never be in such a situation. It's not that we don't give, but that we are seldom asked to give until it really hurts.

The women in today's readings were in desperate straits. They hurt even before they opened their hands to give. Both belonged to one of the groups of vulnerable people often identified in the Bible—namely, the resident alien, the orphan, and the widow. Since the social structure of a patriarchal society is usually built on male kinship, those with no male patron were extraordinarily vulnerable. Consequently, Jewish law made special provision for them (see Deuteronomy 24:17, 19–21; 26:12–13; 27:19). The women in these stories were disadvantaged because they were women, they were widows, and they were

poor. How these deprivations interacted with each other isn't specifically mentioned.

It's not their state of deprivation that makes them models for us to emulate. It's their generosity *despite* their deprivation. The widows featured in today's readings gave from their hearts, not from their abundance. They recognized need in another and did what they could to address that need. That is the virtue set before us today. It is, indeed, heroic!

Do we do what we can to help others in need—as little as that might be? Or do we cling to what we have, to what we say we have a right to have because we worked for it? Are we that uncaring? Ouch! That hurts!

Sr. Dianne Bergant, CSA

FOR Reflection

- * How open are you to the needs of others?
- * How generous does this make you?



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Sacrament of Baptism

(Classes and Parents Interview)
Contact Pastor

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(Classes and Couple Interview)
Contact Fr. Jason -6 Months Prior

Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick

By appointment with the Pastor

NOVEMBER 7TH

St. Francis Xavier, Clayton

Weekend Mass: Saturday 5:00pm Sunday 10:30am

Daily Mass: Wednesday: 12:10pm

Tuesday & Thursday: 5:30pm Friday:12:10pm

Honor of Our Blessed Mother Mass 1st Saturday of the Month:10:30am

Confession: Saturday 4:00-5:00pm OR By Appointment

Adoration: Tuesday & Thursday 6pm to 7 pm

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Weekend Mass: Sunday 8:00am (Oct 1 - May 31)

Confession: Sunday before 8:00am OR by appt

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Confession: Sunday before 8:00am OR by appt

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*This is my body, which will be given up for you.  
 This is my blood, the blood of the new and everlasting covenant.  
 It will be shed for you & for all... so that sins may be forgiven...  
 Do this in memory of me.*

*Masses will be offered October 2021  
 + All the Departed Parishioner's & Family Members  
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|              |                                                                                 |                                                                                                                                         |
|--------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| at, Nov. 6   | +Gerry Davis<br>+George Lovato<br>+Ronnie Rael                                  | by Ross & Shelley Carter<br>by Rose Alford<br>by Ross & Shelley Carter                                                                  |
| un, Nov. 7   | +Clare Wood<br>+Inez & Andres Romero<br>+Jonathan Fernandez<br>(OLOG)<br>(OLOG) | by Sammie & Chip Wood<br>by Debra Thelander & Pam Jordan<br>by Fernandez Family<br>by Marjorie & Grant Long<br>by Marjorie & Grant Long |
| at, Nov. 13  | +Gerry Davis<br>+George Lovato<br>+Richard Arguello                             | by Ross & Shelley Carter<br>by Rose Alford<br>by Ross & Shelley Carter                                                                  |
| un, Nov. 14  | +Sam Britt<br>+Richard Arguello<br>+Lillie Barreras<br>(OLOG)<br>(OLOG)         | by Rosa Lee Britt<br>by Debbie & Kirk Jesko<br>by Gina Escobedo & Family<br>by Marjorie & Grant Long<br>by Marjorie & Grant Long        |
| ues, Nov. 16 | +Sam Britt                                                                      | by Rosa Lee Britt                                                                                                                       |
| ved, Nov. 17 | +Sam Britt                                                                      | by Rosa Lee Britt                                                                                                                       |
| hurs, Nov 18 | +Sam Britt                                                                      | by Rosa Lee Britt                                                                                                                       |

**Weekly Collections Summary: October 2021**

|               | <u>SFX</u> | <u>OLOG</u> |
|---------------|------------|-------------|
| October 30-31 | \$1,927.00 | \$ 292.00   |
| October 23-24 | \$1,834.27 | \$ 388.50   |
| October 16-17 | \$2,378.00 | \$ 340.00   |
| October 9-10  | \$1,747.80 | \$ 328.00   |

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[www.usccb.org](http://www.usccb.org)  
[www.catholic culture.org](http://www.catholic culture.org)

**ATTENTION!!!**

**We are in need of volunteers for the Church Bazaar.  
 We need volunteers to help in the kitchen and as cashiers.**

**The Bazaar is Saturday, December 4, 2021.  
 Our fundraiser will be from 11am to 7pm.  
 Take-Out ONLY!**

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

After almost two years of no singing or music at Mass, I would like to try and bring it back. But need volunteers to work the organ and sing at their discretion parts such as: the entrance hymn, Kyrie, Gloria, (Holy, Holy or Sanctus), the Mystery of Faith, (Lamb of God or Angus Dei) and closing hymn. All at volunteers' discretion.

Fr. Jason Pettigrew

"In this Pastoral Plan for Pro-Life Activities: A Campaign in Support of Life we renew our call for individual Catholics and the many institutions and organizations of the Church to unite in an unprecedented effort to restore respect and legal protection for every human life—to be what the Holy Father asks us to be: a people of life and a people for life (The Gospel of Life, no. 78). It is our hope and expectation that in focusing on the need to respect and protect the lives of the innocent unborn and those who are disabled, ill, or dying, we will help to deepen respect for the life of every human being." (US Bishops, 2001).

**Lectors for Masses**

- Sat, Nov. 13– Pat Crisp
- Sun, Nov. 14– Johnna & Tailyn Kimble
- Sat, Nov. 20– Sandy Vaughn
- Sun, Nov. 21– Raymond Saccoccia

# Dear Padre,

**My mother divorced, then remarried a non-Catholic. Her first marriage was never annulled. She says if she can't take Communion, there's no difference between watching Mass on TV and attending Mass in a church. I think there's a difference, and she should go to Mass in a church with other Catholics. Your thoughts?**

**I**t's a good sign that your mother is watching Mass on television instead of skipping Mass altogether, but you're right.

Television Masses are a viable option for Catholics who are physically unable to attend Mass, but if your mother is physically able, it's a different matter. When it comes to worship, there's nothing like being there, and by attending the liturgy with other Catholics every week and on holy days, she'll fulfill her obligation by virtue of baptism in "fully conscious and active participation" (Constitution on the Sacred Liturgy [*Sacrosanctum Concilium*], 14).

Keep encouraging your mom to attend weekly Mass in person and encourage her to contact her priest about starting annulment proceedings. If the annulment is granted and her current marriage is convalidated, she'll be able to receive the Eucharist.

Receiving Communion may be the privileged encounter with God, but Mass is primarily for worshiping and giving thanks to God. By returning to Mass with other Catholics now and eventually taking Communion, your mom's faith life clearly will be enriched.

*Fr. Bob Lindsey, CSSR / Sundaybulletin@Liguori.org*

## Do you have a question for the Padre?

Go to [DearPadre.org](http://DearPadre.org) to send your question and to learn more about *Dear Padre*.



JOE BENO / SHUTTERSTOCK

## A WORD FROM *Pope Francis*

*Familiarity with the Lord, of Christians, is always in community. Yes, it is intimate, it is personal, but within the community. A familiarity without community, a familiarity without bread, a familiarity without the Church, without the people, without the sacraments, is dangerous.*

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## Calendar

### Monday

NOVEMBER 8

Weekday

Wis 1:1-7

Lk 17:1-6

### Tuesday

NOVEMBER 9

Dedication of the

Lateran Basilica

Ez 47:1-2, 8-9, 12

1 Cor 3:9c-11, 16-17

Jn 2:13-22

### Wednesday

NOVEMBER 10

St. Leo the Great, Pope

and Doctor of the

Church

Wis 6:1-11

Lk 17:11-19

### Thursday

NOVEMBER 11

St. Martin of Tours,

Bishop

Wis 7:22b-8:1

Lk 17:20-25

### Friday

NOVEMBER 12

St. Josaphat,

Bishop and Martyr

Wis 13:1-9

Lk 17:26-37

### Saturday

NOVEMBER 13

St. Frances Xavier

Cabrini, Virgin

Wis 18:14-16; 19:6-9

Lk 18:1-8

### Sunday

NOVEMBER 14

Thirty-third Sunday in

Ordinary Time

Dn 12:1-3

Heb 10:11-14, 18

Mk 13:24-32

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