

**Welcome to Holy Mass at Holy Cross Church  
32<sup>nd</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time**

**Sunday, November 8, 2009  
11:00 am**

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Lu Luch Michelle Mallory  
Anna Shelly Diane Spina  
Martha Shuman Lois Bogacki

and all others in need of healing in our parish community

**The Liturgy of the Word**

**Reading I**

I Kings 17: 10-

16

**A reading from the book of I Kings**

The widow made a little scone from her flour meal and brought it to Elijah.

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," As the Lord, your God, lives," she answered, " 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, we shall die." "Do not be afraid," Elijah said to her. "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 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.

**This is the Word of the Lord.**

**Responsorial Psalm**

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 that 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 II**

24-28

Hebrews 9:

**A reading from the letter of Hebrews**

Christ offered himself only once to take the faults of many on himself.

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

**This is the Word of the Lord.**

**Gospel**

Mark 12: 38-44

**A reading of the holy gospel according to St. Mark**

This poor widow has put more in than all who contributed.

In the course of his teaching Jesus said, *"Be on guard against the scribes, who like to parade around in their robes and accept marks of respect in public, front seats in the synagogues, and places of honor at banquets. These men devour the savings of widows and recite long prayers for appearance' sake; it is they who will receive the severest sentence."*

Taking a seat opposite the treasury, he observed the crowd putting money into the collection box. Many of the wealthy put in sizable amounts; but one poor widow came and put in two small copper coins worth about a cent. He called his disciples over and told them: *"I want you to observe that this poor widow contributed more than all the others who donated to the treasury. They gave from their surplus wealth, but she gave from her want, all that she had to live on."*

**This is the gospel of the Lord.**

**Thoughts from the Pulpit**

[Mark 12: 38-

44]

**When Giving Becomes a Sacrifice...**

The Word of God on this Sunday points out the two widows, the one from Old Testament and the other from New Testament. A poor widow from the 1<sup>st</sup> Book of Kings 17:10-16 shares the last of her food with the prophet Elijah and she is enriched. And a poor widow from the Gospel gives her last little coin, all that she has (Mk 12:38-44). These are two stories of generosity and of the trust in God.

Giving has different levels. It can be just a performance – performing for an audience. But the Gospel today points out the giving as a sacrifice. The Bible tells us today about the miracle generated by the sincere giving. The generosity of God reaches out and embraces every single sincere and sacrificial giving and multiplies lavishly.

"You give but little when you give of your possession,  
It is when you give of yourself that you truly give.

There are those who give little of the much which they have,  
And they give it for recognition,  
And their hidden desire makes their gift unwholesome.  
And there are those who have little and give it all.  
These are the believers in life and the bounty of life,  
And their coffer is never empty.  
Through the hands of such as these God speaks,  
And from behind their eyes he smiles upon the earth." (Kahlil Gibran)

Jesus once promised: "Whoever receives a prophet because he is a prophet will receive a prophet's reward." He placed a high value on hospitality, especially when it is shown to people who have dedicated themselves to serving the Lord.

So what was the widow's reward? Her jar never ran out of flour, and her jug never ran out of oil.

Please know that if you are welcoming and generous to the Lord and to all who come in His Name, you will receive a "heavenly Savior's reward". Just as Jesus said to Zacchaeus, He will say to you: "Today salvation has come to this house" (Luke 19:9). Amen!

## **The Communion**

Welcome to participation in the Holy Eucharist. By receiving Holy Communion, the Body and Blood of Our Lord Jesus Christ, we fully participate in the celebration of the Holy Eucharist.

We are encouraged to receive Communion devoutly. In order to be properly disposed to receive Communion, participants should be baptized, should not be conscious of grave sin, and normally should fast for one to two hours. A person who is conscious of grave sin is not to receive Communion without prior Sacramental Confession.

We always welcome our fellow Christians to this celebration of the Holy Eucharist and Holy Communion. We pray that our common Baptism and the action of the Holy Spirit in this Eucharist will draw us closer to one another and begin to dispel the sad divisions separating us.

### ***Announcements for November 8, 2009***

Please join us today after Holy Mass for coffee hour.

The parish committee will meet today following coffee hour.

We extend our best wishes to all of our November birthdays: Noelle Beebe (November 2), David Sabin and Ciera Beebe (November 6), Steve Beebe and Joe Kolonko (November 15), Josephine Wicks (November 23, and Jane Ostroski (November 24). STO LAT!!!

The PNU Special Offer of 10 Paid Life Insurance has been extended until November 30. If you wish to take advantage of this opportunity, see Joe.

If you have names of individuals in need of our prayers and support as they heal, please let Pat know by Thursday of each calendar week. Thank you.

## Weekly Calendar

Tuesday, November 10                      6:00 pm    Choir practice

Wednesday, November 11    VETERANS DAY

Thursday, November 12        5:30 pm    Weight Watchers

Sunday, November 15        33<sup>rd</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time

Intention: +Robert and Stephanie Jasinski

+Patricia Jasinski Kuss

Requested by Bobbi and John Lasinski

10:30 am    Bible Study for Children

11:00 am    Holy Mass

12:00 pm    Coffee Hour

HAPPY BIRTHDAY to Joe Kolonko  
and Steve Beebe!!! STO LAT!!!

*Enjoy a wonderful week in the Lord.*

## Monthly Financial Summary

Week of	Weekly Income	Weekly Income Needed	Balance
November 1	\$502	\$642	-\$140
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$502</b>	<b>\$642</b>	<b>-\$140</b>