

THE WIDOWS

This Sunday we have two stories about widows: one from the prophet Elijah and the other from Jesus himself.

In the Old Testament (and in many cultures even today) a widow had no real value; she had no rights, she had no one to defend her, practically she was left behind and marginalized in society.

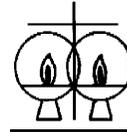
At the same time, because the widow had no one to protect her, God Himself took charge to provide and defend the widow. Many times widows were called to serve at the temple; many times, if they had no children, they would devote themselves to works of charity either for their family or for their neighbors. The widow was considered with respect, even though legally and socially she had no value.

It is exactly to a widow that the prophet Elijah is going for help. First, he asks for a glass of water, and then even for a piece of bread. The widow is a generous woman, because she is ready to give the prophet what he had requested; however, being a very poor woman with only a little boy, she was ready to give all that she had to the prophet. In view of her generosity, the prophet is moved and promises that the oil and the bread would never be lacking from her house.

At the same time, Jesus points out to the disciples that the poor widow who had put into the Temple treasury the few coins she had, was more generous than the rich people who were putting in more money; she had given all she had, while the rich people were giving out of their surplus, which did not cost them anything anyway.

Mother Theresa used to say: Love to be love must hurt! Real love is ready to sacrifice even what is necessary to one's life. Real love is when it is accompanied by sacrifice. No sacrifice, no love.

In the early church, there was an "ordo" of widows as much as there was an "ordo" of virgins; they were supported by the Christian community and they were dedicating the rest of their lives to the community. It was almost like a religious order, guided and governed by the bishop. Even in our days we see many widows who spend the rest of their days in service to God and the community. As in the time of Jesus, the temple relies a lot on the generosity of the widows.



MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, Nov. 6, 2021

8:00am + Ann Janice D'Souza
1:00pm CHILDRENS' ROSARY
6:00pm + Lino Gazzola

Sunday, Nov. 7 32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:30am + Genara, Serafin & Ponciano Santos
10:00am MESSA CON PIU INTENZIONI
11:30am MULTIPLE INTENTIONS MASS
1:00pm + Irene Eugenia & Gerald Emanuel Hendricks
4:00pm + Agostinho Mota
6:00pm MISA CON INTENCIONES MULTIPLES

Monday, Nov. 8

8:00am + Margaret & Joseph D'Souza
7:00pm + All Souls in Purgatory

Tuesday, Nov. 9 Dedication of the Lateran Basilica

8:00am + Rosenda Jovero
7:00pm + Antonia Galea

Wednesday, Nov. 10 St. Leo the Great

8:00am In honour to St. Joseph
6:00pm Novena in honor of Mother of Perpetual Help
7:00pm MULTIPLE INTENTIONS MASS

Thursday, Nov. 11 St. Martin of Tours

8:00am Thanksgiving for Wedding Anniversary of Jude & Nida Pedro
7:00pm + Ida & Luigi Collodel
8:00pm MISA CON INTENCIONES MULTIPLES

Friday, Nov. 12 St. Josaphat

8:00am Thanksgiving for Mary Pietrangelo
7:00pm + Michele Sanfilippo

Saturday, Nov. 13

8:00am + Antonia Galea
6:00pm + Helena Ellioff

Sunday, Nov. 14 33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:30am + Phero Van Dau
10:00am MESSA CON PIU INTENZIONI
11:30am MULTIPLE INTENTIONS MASS
1:00pm + Anthony Almeida
4:00pm + Choe Joseph
6:00pm MISA CON INTENCIONES MULTIPLES

AVISOS EN ESPAÑOL

El MARTES 9 de NOVIEMBRE, 2021 (8:00 pm), continuamos el CURSO VIRTUAL DE BIBLIA #1 con el Padre José Plascencia, a través de Zoom.

El MIÉRCOLES 10 de NOVIEMBRE, 2021 (8:00 pm), continuamos el CURSO VIRTUAL DE BIBLIA #2 con el Padre José Plascencia, a través de Zoom.

El JUEVES 11 de NOVIEMBRE, 2021 (8:00 pm), participaremos en la SANTA MISA en ESPAÑOL.

El VIERNES 12 de NOVIEMBRE, 2021 (7:30 pm), participaremos en la ASAMBLEA VIRTUAL DE ORACIÓN Y ALABANZA del grupo de la Renovación Carismática Católica Hispana parroquial, por Zoom.

DE LUNES A VIERNES ESTÁ EXPUESTO el SANTÍSIMO SACRAMENTO EN EL TEMPLO de 8:30 am a 5:30 pm. Dedicamos un tiempo para la ADORACIÓN EUCARÍSTICA INDIVIDUAL. HOY, rezaremos el SANTO ROSARIO (5:30 pm) y luego participaremos en la SANTA MISA EN ESPAÑOL (6:00 pm).

Los siguientes son los enlaces del Internet para participar VIRTUALMENTE en el SANTO ROSARIO y la SANTA MISA:

<https://www.facebook.com/parroquiasantacatalina.de.sienna.9>

<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCpfixRYsl7vLmI4hDDWEmNA>

<https://stcatherine.ca/live-mass/>

ITALIANO

Gruppo di Preghiera in Italiano ogni mercoledì dall' 1:30pm alle 2:30pm per telefono. Chiamate 1-888-299-1889, poi 477-097-781#, e # di nuovo per preghiere assieme in gruppo.

ROSARIO IN ITALIANO ogni venerdì alle 3:00pm per telefono. Chiamate 1-647-374-4685, poi 833-8668-7031#, poi 109039# Preghi con il Gruppo.

SCOS ENGLISH PRAYER GROUP meets virtually every week on Saturdays at 2.30pm. Do join in either by app at www.gotomeet.me/cletusc OR by phone at (647) 497-9391 Access code 481-676-325# and follow prompts. Send thanksgiving & prayer requests to Jane at (647) 898-7518 or by email to dunbarjane@hotmail.com. All parishioners, families & friends welcome!

THIS WEEK

THE YEAR OF BLESSED SCALABRINI

This Sunday, the three Scalabrinian Families (Brothers, Sisters and Lay) are launching THE YEAR OF BLESSED SCALABRINI, in preparation for the celebration of the 25th anniversary of the beatification of Blessed Scalabrini, to be held on November 9, 2022. We will gather a committee to plan the year's celebrations.

PLENARY INDULGENCE

The Catholic Church is offering Plenary Indulgence during the whole month of November for the souls of the faithful departed. To obtain the plenary indulgence you have to say the Credo, an Our Father, Hail Mary and Glory for the Intentions of the Pope and making confession and taking communion during the month. It can be applied to relatives, friends and all the Souls in Purgatory.

BUNDLE SUNDAY for St. Vincent de Paul

There will be a truck in our parking lot on November 6th and 7th. We accept clothing, footwear, bedding, towels and toys in clean and good condition.

PRE-CANA

The preparation for the Sacrament of Marriage is beginning this coming Wednesday, November 10 at 7:00pm in Zanon Hall. All those celebrating their Marriage in 2022 are requested to participate.

ADULT CATECHIS

RCIA Every Monday night we have the on-going class for Adult Catechism. Everybody is welcome.

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL Giving Tree program has started. The Tree is located in the front of the church, next to the Baptismal font. Please take an ornament and donate the gift card or cash mentioned on the back. 100% of the donations received go to helping less fortunate families in our community at Christmas. Tax receipts are issued in the new year for donations.

BIBLE STUDY every Thursday evening at 7:30pm

The book of **PSALMS, The School of Prayers** with Fr. Tiziano. *All are invited; you may come in person at Zanon Hall; or follow in Streaming through our Web Page and come into ZOOM: 836 4620 6928 Password 388125.*

ITALIAN PRAYER GROUP Every Wednesday from 1:30pm to 2:30pm the Italian Prayer Group will have an hour of "Virtual Prayer" through the phone: 1-888-299-1889, then 477-097-781#, then # again and you can pray with the group.