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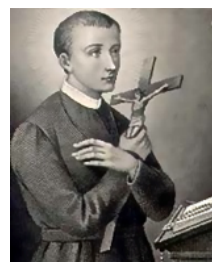
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"Child Safety is Everyone's Responsibility"

Thirty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time - Readings for Mass (Year B) November 10, 2024

Entrance Antiphon: Let my prayer come into Your presence. Incline Your ear to my cry for help, O Lord.

First Reading - 1 Kings 17:10-16

Elijah the Prophet went off to Sidon. And when he reached the city gate, there was a widow gathering sticks; addressing her he said, 'Please bring me a little water in a vessel for me to drink.' She was setting off to bring it when he called after her. 'Please' he said 'bring me a scrap of bread in your hand.' 'As the Lord your God lives,' she replied 'I have no baked bread, but only a handful of meal in a jar and a little oil in a jug; I am just gathering a stick or two to go and prepare this for myself and my son to eat, and then we shall die.' But Elijah said to her, 'Do not be afraid, go and do as you have said; but first make a little scone of it for me and bring it to me, and then make some for yourself and for your son. For thus the Lord speaks, the God of Israel: "Jar of meal shall not be spent, jug of oil shall not be emptied, before the day when the Lord sends rain on the face of the earth.'" The woman went and did as Elijah told her and they ate the food, she, himself and her son. The jar of meal was not spent nor the jug of oil emptied, just as the Lord had foretold through Elijah.

Responsorial Psalm: Praise the Lord, my soul!

Second Reading - Hebrews 9:24-28

It is not as though Christ had entered a man-made sanctuary which was only modelled on the real one; but it was heaven itself, so that he could appear in the actual presence of God on our behalf. And he does not have to offer himself again and again, like the high priest going into the sanctuary year after year with the blood that is not his own, or else he would have had to suffer over and over again since the world began. Instead of that, he has made his appearance once and for all, now at the end of the last age, to do away with sin by sacrificing himself. Since men only die once, and after that comes judgement, so Christ, too, offers himself only once to take the faults of many on himself, and when he appears a second time, it will not be to deal with sin but to reward with salvation those who are waiting for him.

Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia, alleluia! Happy the poor in spirit; the kingdom of heaven is theirs!
Alleluia!

Gospel Reading - Mark 12:38-44

In his teaching Jesus said, 'Beware of the scribes who like to walk about in long robes, to be greeted obsequiously in the market squares, to take the front seats in the synagogues and the places of honour at banquets; these are the men who swallow the property of widows, while making a show of lengthy prayers. The more severe will be the sentence they receive.' He sat down opposite the treasury and watched the people putting money into the treasury, and many of the rich put in a great deal. A poor widow came and put in two small coins, the equivalent of a penny. Then he called his disciples and said to them, 'I tell you solemnly, this poor widow has put more in than all who have contributed to the treasury; for they have all put in money they had over, but she from the little she had has put in everything she possessed, all she had to live on.'

Communion Antiphon: The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want. Fresh and green are the pastures where He gives me repose, near restful waters He leads me.

Prayer to St Gerard Majella

Great protector of the family, St Gerard, we ask your prayers for all parents, that they may receive the grace to live in the love of God and bring up their children to know and love Him with all their hearts.

We ask you to pray also that those who take the lives of unborn innocents and attack the dignity of motherhood, may come to see the error of their ways, and that all may value the true holiness of Christian family life.

God, our loving Father, Your love gives life to the world. Bless and make holy all human love, especially the life-giving love of husband and wife.

May Your love fill the hearts and homes of all families, so that the world may enjoy the peace and happiness promised by Your Son, our Lord Jesus Christ. Amen.



PARISH NEWS, NOTICES AND REFLECTION

SYMBOLON: THE CATHOLIC CHURCH EXPLAINED

Please join us on **Sunday 10th November from 9:30am – 11am in the Majellan room** as we continue a 20 week exploration of the richness of the Catholic faith through a video presentation featuring Dr Edward Sri. Contact: Jeff Zaher 0477188883.

THANKSGIVING OFFERTORY CAMPAIGN

Dear Parishioners, thank you to everyone who promptly collected their offertory giving envelopes last weekend. However, we kindly remind those who have yet to retrieve theirs to do so this weekend. Additionally, for those who wish to submit their filled-out pledge cards, you have several convenient options: you may place them in either the first or second collections during Mass, or drop them off at the parish office. Thank you for your ongoing dedication and generosity.

CATHOLIC CARE VICTORIA - COLLECTION WEEKEND

This weekend is CatholicCare Victoria's annual Pastoral Care Appeal (previously known as Chaplaincy Appeal). Donations will support the most vulnerable people in our community. Your support and generosity will ensure that Catholic Prison Chaplains can continue to be the messengers of God's mercy, love and compassion. Parishioners are encouraged to offer prayers and financial support to help provide continued spiritual and emotional comfort to individuals and families in Victoria. The presence of Catholic Chaplains is a crucial witness to our faith, a crucial dimension of our service of love, and a vital testimony to the value of life in all its stages. You can donate using the envelopes available or online at www.catholiccarevic.org.au or call (03) 9967 2515

GOD AND BEER

'Building Positive Relationships' with **Speaker:** John Hendry OAM, on Thursday 14th November. **Time:** 7pm. **Venue:** Hoppers Club, 180-200 Pannam Drive, Hoppers Crossing. To register visit, Godandbeer.com.au. **Cost:** Free (donations gratefully accepted) **Contact:** jared.revell@gmail.com. Positive relationships are at the heart of a good life and essential for healthy societies. Come along and hear from John Hendry OAM on how you can build more positive relationships with your friends and family. Learn how to build connections centred on trust, communication and empathy.

ANNUAL RETREAT

Fr. Shanthaiah will be away on his Annual Retreat from 11th to 15th November 2024.
Fr. Michael Shadbolt will celebrate Holy Masses in his absence.

The Law of Love: Scott Hahn reflects on the Thirty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

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.

MASS and INTENTIONS

Saturday Vigil, November 9 - Thirty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

Mass 5:30pm For the departed souls of the Collins & Mackness families ❖

and For the repose of the soul of Burty François ❖

Mass 7:00pm Maronite Community

Sunday, July November 10 - Thirty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

Mass 8:30am Thanksgiving to the Sacred Heart of Jesus and

The Immaculate Heart of Mary

and For the Soul of Sister Celia Dos Remedios

(Birthday Remembrance ❖)

and Eunice Scanlon *(Death Anniversary ❖)*

and Private Intention

and Helen Clarke Milloy *(Remembrance ❖)*

Mass 10:30am Thanksgiving Mass to Mother of Perpetual health and
mother of Vailankanni from Glenn Furnell

and Glen Nicolay *(Recently Deceased ❖)*

and Teresita Arrastia *(Recently Deceased ❖)*

Mass 3:30pm Tamil Community

Mass 5:30pm Pasquale Isabella, Diamante Ricci, Tiodoro Ricci, Giovanni
Paola, Pasquale Isabella Snr & Mariangela Stranges

(Remembrance ❖)

Monday, November 11 - Saint Martin of Tours

Mass 9:15am Pamela Francis *(Birthday Remembrance ❖)*

and Jessica Cabral *(Birthday Remembrance ❖)*

Tuesday, November 12 - Saint Josaphat

Mass 9:15am Maurice Blom *(Birthday Remembrance ❖)*

and Ivan and Zora Skoblar *(Remembrance ❖)*

Wednesday, November 13

Mass 9:15am For all souls in Purgatory ❖

and For the repose of the souls of Jovita & Tito Mascarenhas ❖

Thursday, November 14

Mass 9:15am Giovanna McKercher *(Remembrance ❖)*

Friday, November 15

Mass 9:15am For the deceased members of the Legion of Mary ❖

and Thresia Oravumkara *(Death Anniversary ❖)*

and Patricia Silva *(Birthday Remembrance ❖)*

Saturday, November 16

Mass 9:15am Moti Mary *(Death Anniversary ❖)*

Saturday Vigil, November 16 - Thirty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

Mass 5:30pm For the departed souls of the Knights of the Southern Cross
and for their families

and For the repose of the soul of Ophelia Rodrigues

(First year Death Anniversary ❖)

Mass 7:00pm Maronite Community

Sunday, July November 17 - Thirty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

Mass 8:30am For the repose of the soul of Burty François ❖

and For the soul of Frank Marchese *(Death Anniversary ❖)*

Mass 10:30am Glen Nicolay *(Recently Deceased ❖)*

Mass 3:30pm French Community

Mass 5:30pm For the deceased members of the Fernandes Family ❖

Please pray for...

Our sick: Mary Considine, Lovett Dos Remedios, Crystal Wilson, Charlie Cassar, Tyrone Francisco, Heather Fernandez, Alessandro Zaia, Eliana Scardigli, Steven & Monica Dickson, Sandy Hayman, Anne Moorthy, Jeannie Joseph, Maria Oblak, Maria Tomaselli, Colin Hillas, Aldo Provenazzano, Job Thaejus, Monica Kelly, Sunny, Jimmy Logan, Libby Wilson, Claris Sebestiampillai, Bob Grosser, Elajah Isah, Ramon Jabbour, Maleena, Melanie, Christine Joseph, Giuseppina Bonato, Patty Fong, Nikita Stein, Kenny Michael, Prasad Weerasuriya, Sean VanTwist, Carmela Fato, Lawton Ho, Pierina Nogarin, Marie Talary, Vincent Newton, Gabby, Una Martin, Roma Walles, Barbara Adolphus, Jasmine Jimenez, Francis Salmon

Please note: the sick list will be updated on December 1st. Please contact the Parish office before November 29 to advise if you wish a name to remain on this list. Thank you.*

The recently deceased:

P.K Sebastian, Windsor Valladares, Bernadette DeBoucherville, Glen Nicolay, Nicola Torelli, Ashwin Esa, Solita Carrasco, Teresita Arrastra, Margurite Valery, Burty François, Marguerite Valery

Anniversaries/Remembrances:

Frank Marchese, Ivan and Zora Skoblar, Helen Clarke Milloy, Sister Celia Dos Remedios, Jose Lontok

Church Cleaning

Saturday, November 16

Legion of Mary & J. Okoduwa

Saturday, November 23

Gonsalves Family, M. Ferdinands
& L. Harper

Reading Roster

Saturday, November 16

5:30pm P. Kroon

Sunday, November 17

8:30am G. Markezic

10:30am A. Pacifique

5:30pm M. Yallapa

Saturday, November 23

5:30pm A. Miranda

Sunday, November 24

8:30am G. Dos Remedios

10:30am D. Naidoo

5:30pm L. Hector

Daily Antiphons - Monday, November 11 to Saturday, November 16, 2024

Monday of the Thirty-Second Week in Ordinary Time - November 11 - Saint Martin of Tours

Entrance Antiphon: I shall raise up for myself a faithful priest who will act in accord with My heart and My mind, says the Lord.

Responsorial Psalm: Lord, this is the people that longs to see Your face.

Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia, alleluia! Shine on the world like bright stars; you are offering it the word of life. Alleluia!

Communion Antiphon: Amen, I say to you: Whatever you did for one of the least of My brethren, you did it for Me, says the Lord.

Tuesday of the Thirty-Second Week in Ordinary Time - Friday, November 12 - Saint Josaphat

Entrance Antiphon: Because of the Lord's covenant and the ancestral laws, the Saints of God persevered in loving brotherhood, for there was always one spirit in them, and one faith.

Responsorial Psalm: The salvation of the just comes from the Lord.

Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia, alleluia! All who love Me will keep My words, and My Father will love them, and we will come to them. Alleluia!

Communion Antiphon: Whoever loses his life for My sake, will find it in eternity, says the Lord.

Wednesday of the Thirty-Second Week in Ordinary Time - November 13

Entrance Antiphon: Let my prayer come into Your presence. Incline Your ear to my cry for help, O Lord.

Responsorial Psalm: The Lord is my Shepherd; there is nothing I shall want.

Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia, alleluia! For all things give thanks to God, because this is what He expects of you in Christ Jesus. Alleluia!

Communion Antiphon: The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want. Fresh and green are the pastures where He gives me repose, near restful waters He leads me.

Thursday of the Thirty-Second Week in Ordinary Time - November 14

Entrance Antiphon: Let my prayer come into Your presence. Incline Your ear to my cry for help, O Lord.

Responsorial Psalm: Blest are they whose help is the God of Jacob.

Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia, alleluia! I am the vine and you are the branches, says the Lord; those who live in Me, and I in them, will bear much fruit. Alleluia!

Communion Antiphon: The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want. Fresh and green are the pastures where He gives me repose, near restful waters He leads me.

Friday of the Thirty-Second Week in Ordinary Time - November 15

Entrance Antiphon: Let my prayer come into Your presence. Incline Your ear to my cry for help, O Lord.

Responsorial Psalm: Happy are they who follow the law of the Lord!

Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia, alleluia! Lift up your heads and see; your redemption is near at hand. Alleluia!

Communion Antiphon: The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want. Fresh and green are the pastures where He gives me repose, near restful waters He leads me.

Saturday of the Thirty-Second Week in Ordinary Time - November 16

Entrance Antiphon: Let my prayer come into Your presence. Incline Your ear to my cry for help, O Lord.

Responsorial Psalm: Happy are those who fear the Lord.

Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia, alleluia! God has called us with the Gospel to share in the glory of our Lord Jesus Christ. Alleluia!

Communion Antiphon: The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want. Fresh and green are the pastures where He gives me repose, near restful waters He leads me.

