

THIRTY-SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

Today's readings centre on generosity. Widowhood in Jesus' time was heart-wrenching. Widows not only lost their husbands, but also all sense of security since women couldn't inherit wealth or own property. Those without means were left entirely dependent on the generosity of others to survive.

We first meet a widow collecting scraps of firewood when Elijah asks her for some food. She has a few morsels left before starving to death, but, when asked, gives Elijah that meal. Later in the Gospel, Jesus observes a widow donating her last two coins to the temple. He notes that this poor widow has put more into the treasury than all the others.

It is just like Jesus to draw attention to her. He points out not what the widow gives, but how she gives. She gives generously, despite her poverty, as does the widow who gave her last meal to Elijah.

In contrast to the poor widows, we are so blessed. We may have one or more of time, health, family or wealth. We too can give generously of any or all of these gifts once we realize that, in the end, none of them are ours. They are all from God. If God is so generous in his blessing to us, can we not be the same to others? (*Reflection by Saskia Swanathan, from Living with Christ.*)

For those Wishing to Become Catholic

The RCIA course is now running every Tuesday at 7 p.m., in the parish hall, for those wishing to become Catholic. For more information, contact the office or Bill Nalepka at 416-222-2124 or email nalepka@rogers.com

Alpha

Join us on Wednesdays at 6:30pm to experience Alpha. Alpha is a series of dinner and discussion of life's most meaningful questions in a friendly and accessible environment. Admission is free and friends are welcome. Come see why 27 million people have tried Alpha. For more information or questions contact Lisa Canning at: lisa@lisacanning.ca #tryalpha

Shepherd's Trust Special Collection

There will be a second collection next weekend for The Shepherds' Trust. The mission of The Shepherds' Trust is to help ensure that elderly and disabled priests are provided with sufficient financial resources to lead a dignified life after many years of ministry. Your generous gift will help our priests to maintain a modest but active and independent lifestyle in their retirement years. For priests who are ill or otherwise infirm, the Trust ensures they have access to

nursing home facilities and medical care. Thank you for your support of this important work.



Mass Intentions

Saturday, November 7th, 2015

4:30 p.m. + Bernadette Carvalho

Sunday, November 8th, 2015

8:00 a.m. + Bernadette Carvalho

9:30 a.m. Special Intention of Jacob Park & Family

11:00 a.m. + Salvatore Veltri

Monday, November 9th, 2015

8:30 a.m. + Tomasa Melicia

Tuesday, November 10th, 2015

8:30 a.m. + Grace & Salvador San Juan

Wednesday, November 11th, 2015

8:30 a.m. + Esmeraldo Menorca

Thursday, November 12th, 2015

8:30 a.m. + Eugenio Girimonte

Friday, November 13th, 2015

8:30 a.m. + Kim Thin Ahlan

**St. Michael's Cathedral Open House
Meet the Cathedral Restoration Artists
Tuesday, December 8 and Wednesday, December 9
10 a.m. to 7 p.m.**

**St. Michael's Cathedral
65 Bond St., Toronto**

His Eminence Thomas Cardinal Collins, Archbishop of Toronto, and Father Michael Busch, rector of St. Michael's Cathedral, invite the entire community to experience the beauty, architecture and unique historical journey of St. Michael's Cathedral. Extensive restoration has taken place over the last several years with the cathedral closed since June 2015 for major work. Two days of open houses during the Advent season will provide visitors with a preview of these efforts. From sculptors to brick layers and stone masons, restoration artists will showcase their expertise inside the church, with diverse exhibits highlighting the incredible efforts to restore the mother church of the Archdiocese of Toronto. Open houses will take place on December 8 and 9 from 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. with a prayer service each day at 12 p.m.

Come celebrate our faith in the city and meet the restoration artists of St. Michael's Cathedral.

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Heavenly Father

We ask you to be with us as we work together
as a family of faith,
sharing and following the example of your son
Jesus in loving service.

May we be inspired by your divine love,
as we share our time, talent and treasure to
strengthen our family of faith.

We ask this through Christ our Lord.

Amen.

The Pastoral Plan of the Archdiocese contains many exciting initiatives that will support and grow our Catholic Community, not only in this parish, but throughout the diocese.

Many parts of the Pastoral Plan require new financial investments and that is where the Family of Faith Capital Campaign comes in. Our parish will be participating in this initiative and Fr. Pat will be speaking about it in the coming weeks. All parishes in the Archdiocese have been asked to assist in this important capital campaign which will help in supporting The Pastoral Plan.

We also invite you to visit the website to learn more about The Pastoral Plan and The Family of Faith Campaign.

Altar –Server Awards

The following altar-servers of our parish were awarded the 2015 annual Altar-Server Award at St. Paul's Basilica this weekend.

Fr. Pat wishes to extend best wishes and prayers to Mark de Robertis, Olivia Palombi, Christian James Leeder Chiarotto and Matthew James Leeder Chiarotto.

New Sunday Missals

The new St. Joseph Missals will be available after the Masses, starting this weekend, for persons wishing to obtain their own copy. Each Missal costs \$5.00.

New Offertory Envelopes

New offertory envelopes for 2016 will be available the weekend of Nov. 28/29th. The envelopes are arranged numerically. Please verify your number with your name on the label. If you wish to register for envelopes, fill in the Registration Form at the Welcome Table in the lobby.

St. Edward's Special Event

Fridays in November

1 - 3 p.m.

“Spiritual Growth in the Second Half of Life”

Led by St. Rose Marrin, C.S.J.

Please join us on Fridays in November, from 1-3 p.m. for this free seminar in the Parish Hall.

Recent gerontology research has revealed the under-developed potentials in our maturing years (50+). Of these, Spirituality (inner growth) has been identified as an under developed resource. In fact, maturing years have the possibility of being a time of unparalleled inner growth. This presentation helps one to become more aware of the ways in which our Spiritual lives continue to blossom and evolve as we grow older. Join us at 1 p.m. on the following dates:

Friday, November 6th

Friday, November 13th

Friday, November 20th

Friday, November 27th

Office of Vocations

The Office of Vocations is hosting a YOUNG MEN'S HIGH SCHOOL (Day) RETREAT at St. Augustine's Seminary. Providing time to pray & to interact & socialize with young seminarians who run the day. Offers opportunities for Prayer, Mass, Adoration & confession. Retreat is Saturday November 28 from 9am to 5pm. For more information call 416-968-0997 or email vocations@archtoronto.org

St. Augustine's Seminary Lay Formation Program:

Advent Retreat -- Becoming Another Mary

Saturday, December 5 – 9:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.

St. Augustine's Seminary

2661 Kingston Rd., Scarborough

Dr. Josephine Lombardi, Assistant Professor of Pastoral and Systematic Theology and Director of the Lay Spiritual Formation Program at St. Augustine's Seminary, will lead you through a reflection on the life and words of Our Lady. Time will be given to share and reflect on the mystery of Mary's inner life and how we can be like her.

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The workshop will also include Mass in the seminary chapel and lunch in the refectory.

COST: \$40, includes lunch

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