

Thirty-second Sunday in Ordinary Time – November 11, 2018

The Widow's Faith

Readings: 1 Kings 1:10-16; Psalm 146:7-10; Hebrews 9:24-28; Mark 12:41-44

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.

Father Blake Evans, Pastor



Nov. 12 Veterans Day (observed) The Rectory will be closed. We will not have bible study. Please join us for 10:00 am Mass



We are starting a Children's Choir. All children are welcome. We will practice on the 1st and 3rd Saturday of the month and minister on Youth

Sunday every month. For more information please contact Malaika Campbell at myangel_mdc@comcast.net or (202) 491-3019.

We are looking for volunteers to help one Sunday a month for 30 minutes during Mass. Contact Malaika Campbell at (202) 491-3019 or at myangel_mdc@comcast.net



Catholic Daughters. Our Lady of the Americas, Court 2344, will meet on Sunday, November 11th All Catholic Daughters are encouraged to arrive promptly at 7:30 am. After Litany and Mass, the CDA Court will meet in the Lounge for regular meeting.

Youth Faith and Fun Day. Saturday, November 17, 9 am – 3 pm. For young people to Senior in High School.

Parish Social – Community Sunday, November 18, after the 10:00 am mass at the Lounge.

Thanksgiving Mass. November 22nd. at 10 am. ****SGDC –** Saint Gabriel Parish. 26 Grant Circle, Washington, DC 20011

Mass Intentions for the Week

November 10 - 17, 2018

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| Sat. 11/10 | 8:00 am | Holy Souls |
| | 4:30pm | People of the Parish |
| Sun. 11/11 | 8:00am | +Linda Henry |
| | 10:00am | +Henri Dieng & Catherine Sagna |
| | 1:00 pm | +Castillo Family |
| Mon. 11/12 | 10:00am | All Veterans |
| Tue 11/13 | 12:00 | Holy Souls |
| Wed. 11/14 | 12:00 | Holy Souls |
| Thu. 11/15 | 12:00 | +Flora Davis |
| Fri. 11/16 | 12:00 | +Venancia B. Santoyo |
| Sat. 11/17 | 8:00 am | +Rosaelle Colon |
| | 4:30pm | People of the Parish |

Please pray for the sick of our Parish:

*Alice R. Allen, *Amina Anderson-Pringle, *Ann Butler, *William Cammack, *Lukas Pastier, *Carmen Dolores Campos, *Carla Andrea Catacora, *Shawn Coleman, *William Corbel, *Maria Cruz, *Maurice & Flora Detiege, *Kevin Fagan, *Isel Fitzgerald, *Dion A. Fortune, *Linda Foster, *Charlie Gick, *John Green, Sr., *Janet Henery, *Blanca Hernandez, *Lawrence C. Hill, *Lee Hobbs, *Sydney Horge, *Francis Howard, *Elaine Hunt, *Helen Hurd, *Larry Ivy, *Irene Jimenez, *Geraldine Jones, *Charles Johnson, *Odile Kalla, *Michael Kelly, *Busara Keneddy, *Claude Kolthoff, *Betty Lawton, *Yavonna Lewis, *Sandra Lucas, *Eric Malcolm, *Edwin & Regina Mbanude, *Theresa McNair, *Edith Mebane, *Maria Magdalena Medrano, *Agnes Moore, *Clarence Morris, *Gina Myers, *Iris Newman, *Sheryl Newman, *Amelie Ongbehalal, *D. Cynhia Peters, *James Pope, *Dorothy Richburg, *Auristela Roman, *Rosa Maria Santos, *Bonafacio Selayo, *Delores Sloan, *Adrian Smith, *Alice Smith, *Bernadette Smith, *Theresa Smith, *Louise Sweatt, *Suzie Thompson, *Emily Towles, *Dominic Valentine, *Dorothy Waring, *Paul Williams, *Florentina Zoretta



Annual Thanksgiving Fried Turkey – Raffle tickets will be on sale after all masses. Winners will be announced after 10am mass on **November 18th**.

"LIVING WITH YOUR BAGS PACKED!" Another three-part education presentation on estate planning and administration. The final presentation, on Incapacity Planning, will be on **Tuesday, November 20th**. Presentation will begin at 7pm and be held in the Lounge. Refreshments will be served.

ATTENDANCE REPORT

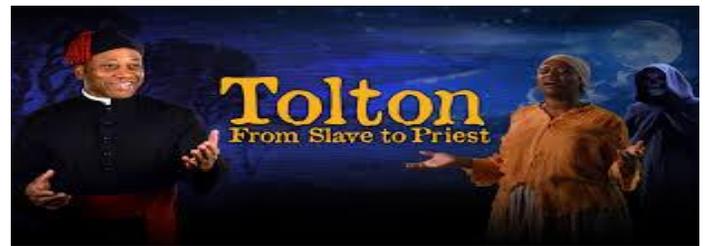
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Attendance: 523 souls
Offerings & Tithes: \$11,170
Spanish Mass: \$293
Utility fund: \$433

Question of the week: Last week we heard that love of God and love of neighbor are the first of all the commandments. Today we hear three examples of sacrifice. What are we willing to sacrifice for God and for our neighbor?"

Care & Share

For those in need within Nativity Church Community. This campaign will begin on Saturday, October 20th and conclude on Sunday, November 18. Items for donation include: deodorant, toothpaste, toothbrushes, dental floss, mouthwash, lotion, soap, shampoo, razors, shaving cream, socks, wool hats and gloves. Collection bins are located at the front entrance. Thank you!



Saint Luke Productions. Sponsored by the Archdiocese of Washington & the Diocese of Arlington. **November 15 – 18**. Reserve seats online at www.arlingtondiocese.org/tolton. Bishop Ireton High School. 201 Cambridge Road, Alexandria, VA. 22314
More info: ADW (301)853-4469 or colesbells@adw.org



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In solidarity with the persecuted Church, please join **Aid to the Church in Need** for a **Night of Witness**, part of a *worldwide* effort to honor present day martyrs and suffering Christian brothers and sisters. The *Night of Witness Vespers* service takes place on November 28, 2018 from 6:30-8:00 PM at the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception in Washington, D.C. It will be followed by a reception. If you plan to attend, please visit <https://www.churchinneed.org/courage-in-red/> and click on the Yes, I will Attend button to RSVP.