

## St. Michael the Archangel Parish

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WEEKEND MASSES: Sat 4pm, Sun 7am, 9am, 1:30pm, 4pm / SPANISH MASS: Sun 11:30am
Gift Shop Hours: Sun 7:30am - 11:00am

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## Thirty Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

Reading I - 1 Kings 17:10-16 | Psalm - 146:7,8-9,9-10 | Reading 1 - Hebrews 9:24-28 | Gospel – Mark 12:38-44 | Primera Lectura - 1 Reyes 17:10-16 | Salmo - 145:7,8-9,9-10 | Segunda Lectura - Hebreos –9:24-28 | Evangelio – Marcos 12:38-44

#### **GIVING ALL**

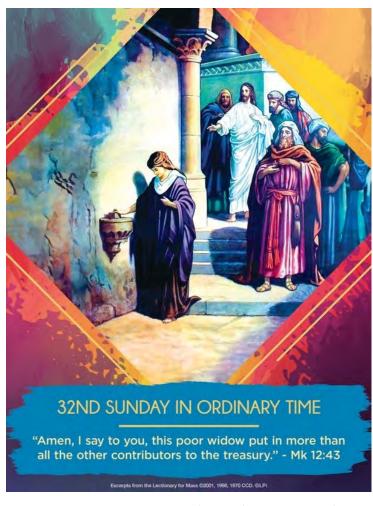
Trusting widows play a significant role in this weekend's readings. At the point of poverty, when giving even the smallest amount of what they had could imperil their health and well-being, they trusted God and gave anyway. What is important about their giving is not what or how much they gave, but how they gave it. Without selfishness, they gave to help others. Their giving was from the heart, with little hope or intention of receiving any sort of reward or recognition for their generosity. The monetary values of the widows' gifts were small, but their value measured in the Kingdom was priceless.

There is a significant similarity between their gift and the gift Jesus gave each of us. The widows offered their lives for God. Jesus offered his life for us. - Copyright © J.S. Paluch Co.

#### PRAYER TO ST. MICHAEL THE ARCHANGEL

St. Michael the Archangel, defend us in battle.

Be our defense against the wickedness and snares of the devil. May God rebuke him, we humbly pray, and do you, O Prince of the heavenly hosts, by the power of God, cast into hell Satan and all the evil spirits, who prowl about the world seeking the ruin of souls. Amen.

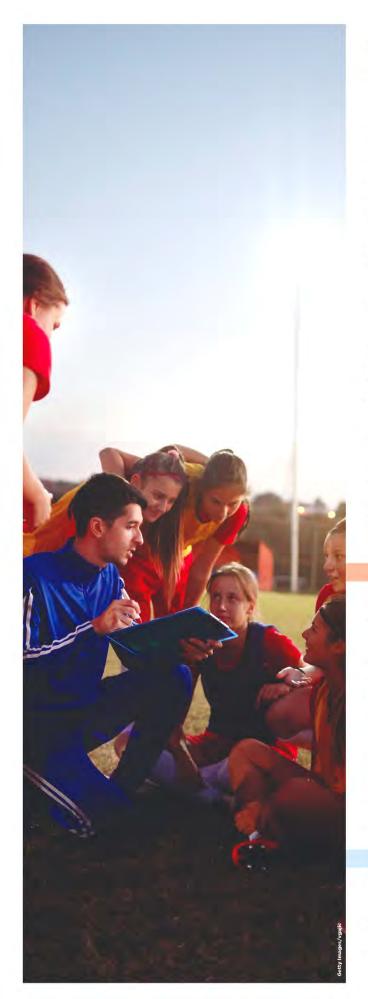


## **Prepare for Next Week's Scripture Readings**

1st Reading/Primera Lectura: Daniel (Daniel) 12:1-3
Psalm/Salmo: 16(15):5,8,9-10,11
2nd Reading/Segunda Lectura: Hebrews (Hebreos) 10:11-14,18
Gospel/Evangelio: Mark (Marcos) 13:24-32

Aloha! Welcome to Our Parish - We hope you will find our

parish community a place where your faith will be nourished. We encourage you to register with the parish. Registration forms are available in the kiosk, or can be completed online at **saintmichaelparishkona.org.** To our visitors, we pray that you enjoy



November 10, 2024

Written by
THE
FAITHFUL

# Thirty-second Sunday in Ordinary Time

1 Kgs 17:10-16 | Heb 9:24-28 | Mk 12:38-44 or 12:41-44

GROW AS A DISCIPLE | PRAY, STUDY, ENGAGE, SERVE

"Give it your all! Leave it all on the field! Trust in your training/ preparation/coaches." We've all heard a version of this type of exhortation. It requires a great amount of confidence and trust - faith, if you will - to let go of our doubt and fears. The two widows of today's readings had such confidence, as they offer us heroic examples of faith. The widow of Zarephath uses her only remaining food to cook for Elijah. She did this after receiving God's promise that, "The jar of flour shall not go empty, nor the jug of oil run dry." The widow had the assurance that God would sustain her, and she lived by it trusting she could give her all, because with God's help there would be more. Likewise, the widow in the Gospel could make an offering to the temple treasury because of her limitless confidence in God: she gave "her whole livelihood." From that moment, she would have nothing to sustain her but God's providential care. By their unreserved acts of generosity, both women consented to rely on God in the most absolute sense. And in so doing, they silently proclaimed their faith in the personal and unconditional love that God had for each of them.

#### GO EVANGELIZE

PRAYER, INVITATION, WITNESS, ACCOMPANIMENT

So deeply did these two women believe in God's goodness that they were able to act without fear. Confident in his love, they could give to the point of having nothing left. They, literally, "gave it all that they had." Rather than being burdensome, however, their surrender was the basis of their relationship with God and therefore, it was a much greater treasure than material goods. This message is clearly at odds with the notion that possessions and wealth are the basis of happiness. By rejecting this idea, giving generously of ourselves and trusting God to sustain us, we gain more than we could ever give up. Like the widow whose jar never runs dry, when we fill our lives with what God offers and not what the world offers, we live with abundance.

**REFLECT** Choose one aspect of your life you can mentally "reframe" in order to see it not as a lack but as an opportunity to cast yourself more fully on God. Spend 15 minutes this week speaking to God about this. If you can, thank him for the chance to draw closer to him. If it is too difficult to thank him for your trial, ask him to *help you* see and appreciate how he is leading you along this path of greater intimacy with him.

## Life of Stewardship

Today's First Reading from the First Book of Kings, as well as the Gospel passage from Mark, both center on the actions of two seemingly poor and helpless widows who show themselves to be faith-filled and generous stewards.

In the eyes of the world, particularly in biblical times when there was no life insurance or Social Security, these widows were weak and dependent on others to take care of them. They each found themselves in desperate situations - one in the midst of famine with a child for which to care, and the other clearly impoverished. Yet, each demonstrated strength and generosity that distinguished them from those around them. From where did this strength come?

It came from knowing who they are, and Whose they are. These women must have known their security would not come from a good life insurance policy or connections to someone with a hidden storehouse of flour.

No, their security came from knowing they were daughters of the Most High God and from putting their faith in Him. They had no need to panic in the midst of natural disaster or cling desperately to their menial resources. Their faith in God set them free to trust Him when all seemed hopeless. Their faith kept them detached from material possessions. Their faith allowed them to be brave and generous, to think of others despite their own trials.

These women saw themselves as stewards, not owners, of the resources God gave them, regardless of how much or how little they had. And acting as stewards made them gracious, generous and mighty indeed. - Stewardship Reflections by Catholic Stewardship

#### Parish News All Souls' Day Remembrance

During the month of November, names and photos to honor all those who have passed and gone to be with our Heavenly Father will be displayed on our electronic memory board during each Mass.

## **MAHALO** for Thanksgiving Meals

Mahalo for your generosity and for being a blessing to others! With your donations, we have received enough funds to gift over 100 families with a Thanksgiving meal distributed through Lei Ohana (Kupuna), Kahaluu Housing and Family Support Hawaii.

## Ministry Fair - November 9 & 10

As part of our annual stewardship renewal, we will have our Ministry Fair to showcase all of the ministries of St. Michael's. Please stop by and discover a ministry that you would like to serve. The ministry fair will be open after each Mass in the Grace Parish Center.

## **Knights of Columbus Pancake Breakfast**

Join fellow parishioners on Sunday, November 10th after the 7am and 9am masses for a delicious breakfast and fellowship in the Grace Parish Center. The \$5 per person menu items (children free when accompanied by parent) include pancakes, sausage, fruit, juice, water and Kona coffee.

## Catholic Campaign for Human Development

Next week our special collection will support the Catholic

Campaign for Human Development. Through this collection you support programs that address the causes of poverty and provide a sustainable future for people across the country who struggle. 25% of the funds collected will remain in our diocese to fund local antipoverty projects. Please prayerfully consider how you can support this collection to work on the margins. Envelopes are included in today's bulletin and available in the kiosks.

#### **Patriotic Rosary**

Veterans and their Ohana, please join us on Monday, November 11 at the grotto following the 7am Mass. We invite all to attend to pray the Patriotic Rosary for our country. Contact Erin, 808-478-6071 for more details.

#### **Healing Mass**

Fr. Claudio will preside at our Healing Mass on **Tuesday, November 12 at St. Michael's**. Anyone in need of physical, emotional, and spiritual healing or healing in relationships are encouraged to join us. **Praise & Worship/Confession at 6:00pm, Healing Mass at 6:30pm, and Healing Prayers after Mass.** For more info, contact Monica Choe at (720) 341-3752.

#### Fundraiser for Our Lady of Guadalupe

Please support our fundraiser on Saturday, November 16 at St. Paul's Pavilion in Honalo. Funds will be used for Our Lady of Guadalupe celebration in December. Food & Drink items will be available for purchase starting at 1:30pm. Some of the menu items are Flautas, Tamales, Huaraches, Posole, Enchiladas, Tacos, Chiles Rellenos, Ceviche, Elotes Preparados, Chicharrones Preparados, Gelatinas, Flanes, Chocoflanes, Rollos de Pan, and Pastel. Music and Dance from 4p -8pm. Please come, enjoy and support our Spanish Community!

## Daily Mass Schedule - Nov 18th to 22nd

During the week of November 18th to 22nd, daily Mass will be held at 7:00am only at St. Michael's. There will be no Mass at 5pm at Immaculate Conception.

## Thanksgiving Day Mass at 9am

We will have **one Mass** at **9:00am** on Thanksgiving Day, Thursday, November 28 **at St. Michael's**.

## Faith Formation Faith Formation Classes Grades K-5

Lessons to prepare students to receive their Sacraments have begun. Please pray the basic prayers with your children. Classes for the month of November will be held on Sundays, **November 17 and 24**.

- Margaret Essex, Cathecist

## Youth Ministry Classes Grades 6-12.

There will be a retreat on **November 10 from 1 until 7:15 pm**. Students will attend the 4pm Mass. Our Youth Ministry classes for November will be held on Sundays, **November 17 and 24 from 5:15 -7:15 pm**.

- Edwina Fujimoto, Youth Minister

## Please Complete the Parent Survey

The survey results are very important and it will be used to create a parish plan supporting parents of chil-

## Stewardship of Treasure

October 28th - November 3rd, 2024

ONLINE GIVING \$ 4,145.00 SUNDAY OFFERINGS / MAILED-IN OFFERINGS \$ 22,434.00 GRACE PARISH CENTER CAMPAIGN \$ 28,469.24

#### Parish Center Update

We have collected **\$5,415,695.22** for the Parish Center Campaign, which includes pledge payments. *Mahalo* for your continued generosity.

Offerings can be mailed directly to the parish office; or click on our website's "Online Giving" to share your blessings.

STEWARDSHIP OF OUR TREASURE FOR THE MONTH NOVEMBER 2024
MONTHLY DIOCESAN ASSESSMENT: \$11,525.00
MONTHLY 'OHANA IN CHRIST ASSESSMENT: \$2,446.33

The above amounts fund Diocesan ministries, as listed in 'Ohana in Christ to help support our parishes, pastors, schools, service agencies, and communities within the Diocese of Honolulu.

#### **Online Giving**

St. Michael's Church provides **Online Giving** - a convenient and safe way to make a one-time or recurring donation. Getting started is easy - visit **saintmichaelparishkona.org** and click our **ONLINE GIVING tab.** Your gift will be securely transferred directly to the parish bank account.

dren and young people, and for engaging the whole family in faith formation - from birth through high school gradua-tion. The survey will only take 8-10 minutes to complete. We appreciate your time and contribution! The survey is available in English and Spanish. QR codes are provided below:

Survey QR Code

Código QR de la encuesta



Anyone age 18+ who is curious about the history, rites, and spirituality of Christianity and wants to learn more about the Catholic faith, the development of Sacred Scripture, and/or is thinking of becoming Catholic to delve into deeper relationship with God as an intentional disciple of Jesus Christ.

Join us for an informal, intimate conversation that may lead to receiving the Sacraments of initiation (Baptism, Confirmation, and Holy Communion). Connect today and talk story without any expectations or obligations.

Beginning Sunday Nov. 10, we will meet weekly after our 9am Mass at St. Michael's. More info available on our parish website or call the office at 808-326-7771.

## Thirty Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

Once at an evening Mass as a poor college student, the collection basket was fast approaching, and I only had a tendollar bill. I was planning on using that to buy my favorite Chipotle burrito that night for dinner. Should I keep the money? Who would know if I did? If I gave it away, what would I eat? Would I be okay? I kissed my future burrito goodbye,

dropped the money in the basket, and winced. But strangely, the rest of the Mass I felt more engaged than usual. I had skin in the game. I left the Mass excited to see how God would take care of me. And he did, in amazing ways.

When the poor widow places two copper coins in the temple treasury, Jesus doesn't pity her. He praises her. He blesses her. He brags about her. He celebrates her as the temple's largest benefactor. Her giving is an act of radical, concrete trust in God. It is as if she is entering a new level of giving that excites Jesus, because she contributes not out of her abundance, but she gives "everything she had."

What a challenge this is to each one of us! How easy it is to ignore this! But imagine the eruption of the energy of faith, hope, and love that would be unlocked if our financial sacrifices to the Church actually tapped into daily bread and not only our disposable income. I challenge us to try this in some way this coming week and see what happens in our hearts. Even if it costs us a burrito.

- Father John Muir, ©LPi

#### **Treasures From Our Traditions**

In 1974, a revised ritual of penance was given to the Church, and at forty years distance, we still are discovering its treasures and tentative about some of its provisions. The rite reaches deep into our tradition for an early insight: when we turn to God, we are restored to life in the Church.

There are three different forms of penance. The familiar individual confession is preserved, but with tremendous enrichment. It is less rushed, anchored by a reading from scripture, and the confession of sins is seen as an opportunity to proclaim faith in God's power to save. In a sense, what is "confessed" is the penitent's faith in God's gift of forgiveness. The priest suggests a penance that may be directly connected to the virtue that the person seeks as a means of overcoming the fault. There are formulas for contrition suggested, but the penitent might even express sorrow for sin and desire for mercy in his or her own words. The prayer of absolution grounds the event in the life and ministry of the Church. Harking back to the joyful dance of bishops leading penitents into the church, the rite now ends with a prayer of thanksgiving for God's mercy, and may include the gesture of laying on of hands. After forty years, we struggle to claim this rite forged of memory, tradition, and grace. History tells us to be patient; we do not always recognize a treasure at first. - Rev. James Field, Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co.

## **Everyday Stewardship-The Look**

Have you ever made the mistake of telling your spouse that you're out of something - only to see them respond with The Look? Then you realize it: of course, he or she knows you're out of butter. They knew it before a butter shortage was even a blip on your radar.

We might go to the fridge and lament the complete lack of ketchup. Then someone moves a couple items and show us the ketchup that so savagely eluded us just REV. KONELIO FALETOI Pastor and Vicar Forane of the West Hawaii Vicariate

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Sometimes, we all have "the look" when dealing with God. We tell Him our stores are empty. "I'm out, God! I can't do any more! Can't give any more. Can't take any more. It's all gone." But we forget: God is the keeper of our stores. He is the one who fills them, and the one who watches as they empty.

See, we don't know how much we are capable of loving. We don't know how much we are capable of serving. We don't know how much we are capable of hoping. We see everything with spouse eyes. Only our Creator truly knows the limits of His creation.

Do you ever make the mistake of telling God "I'm done"? Be careful the next time you do. Chances are, He's far from finished working.

- Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS © LPI

#### Recognize God in Your Ordinary Moments - Giving From Abundance

If you're like me, and you're far, far below the "having buildings named after you" tax bracket, you might just think that today's Gospel has nothing to do with you.

You might kick back and relax, thinking of all the poor, rich suckers sitting in the pews, shifting uncomfortably as Jesus praises the meager gift of the widow and disdains those who only give from abundance, those whose charity results in admiration and praise and all manner of temporal reward.

"In this economy, every gift I give is from my poverty," you might think to yourself with a chuckle.

But you - and let me be clear, I'm talking mostly to myself here - would be wrong. Because we all have an abundance of something, even if it isn't money.

What I've come to realize about myself is that I find plenty of ways to give only from my abundance. For instance, if I answer any request with the words, "Sure, I can, but..." chances are high that I'm about to work out a way to give, but only in a way that doesn't really impact me.

I'm willing to help. I just don't want to feel it

But here's the thing about Jesus: he cares what's in our hearts as well as what's in our hands. A good deed, an act of charity? That's great! But what's the story behind it? Because a world full of moral actions and selfish hearts doesn't do anyone any good.

When we give from our poverty - our poverty of money, our poverty of time, our poverty of patience - we are giving the gift of the widow. - Colleen Jurkiwicz Dorman, ©LPi

#### **Mass Intentions**

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 9TH 4pm - Janice Unger, Rest in Peace

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 10TH THIRTY SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

- 7am Suzy Cuaresma, Birthday Blessings
- 9am Robert Leopoldino, Rest in Peace
- 1:30pm JP Urgino, Rest in Peace
- 4pm All Souls in Purgatory

Monday, November 11th

- 7am Nancy Laughlin, Rest in Peace
- 5pm Ivan Laughlin, Rest in Peace

Tuesday, November 12th

- 7am Richard Merenda, Rest in Peace
- 5pm Jack & Bette McFaull, Rest in Peace
- 5pm Leslie Laughlin, Rest in Peace

Wednesday, November 13th

• 7am - MISSA PRO POPULO

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 14TH

- 7am -Rudy A. Garcia, Anniversary of Death
- 7am Brian Laughlin, Rest in Peace
- 5pm Rudy Garcia and Eppie Guillen, Death Anniversary

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 15TH

- 7am Leo Laughlin, Rest in Peace
- 5pm Charlotte Laughlin, Rest in Peace

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 16TH

• 7am - George Rosario, Rest in Peace

## **Requesting a Mass Intention**

A Mass intention can be scheduled by calling the Office at **326-7771**. If you'd like to request a specific day and Mass time, *please call well in advance of the date to secure it.* 

Mass cards are available.

"For I was hungry, and you gave Me something to eat..."

—Matthew 25:35

The Food Pantry Ministry

The Food Pantry is open the <u>2nd</u> and 4th Saturdays of the month

from 9 - 9:45am at Immaculate Conception Church Parking Lot.

## Praise or Critique?

This Week's Readings at Mass

- ▶ 1 Kings 17:10-16 Elijah and the widow
- ▶ Hebrew 9:24-28 The sacrifice of Jesus
- Mark 12:38-44 Hypocrisy of the scribes and the widow's mite

Widows were easy to overlook in Jesus' time. Because women were mostly viewed as the property of their fathers until their marriages, when they were "transferred" to their husbands, becoming a widow put women on the vulnerable fringe of society. Without any formal education or way to make a living for themselves, they fell into poverty. Unfortunately, it was easy for others to take advantage of them because of their lack of education and status. At first it may seem as if Elijah was taking advantage of the foreign widow who was near starvation in the first reading, but in the end, he rewards her generosity so that she and her son survive the drought and famine in her land.

Is it a surprise then that Jesus praises the poor widow in the Temple—just like his Father who shows special concern for the widows, orphans, and strangers of the Old Testament—while critiquing the scribes and the rich? Like the widow in the first reading, this woman contributed "all she had, her whole livelihood" (Mk. 12:44) to the temple treasury (think "parish offertory basket").

We may read Jesus' comment two ways. He may have been praising the widow's generosity because she offered all that she had to God. Or he may have been using his comment as a



criticism of the abusive tax laws that the wealthy imposed on the poor. Jews in his day owed triple taxes: to Rome (the occupying country), Herod (the Judean king) and the Jewish Temple (for its upkeep and the financial support of the priests). What the rich people contributed to the temple treasury left them plenty to live on comfortably. What the widow was required to give cost her the equivalent of her rent and groceries. Jesus saw and understood this systemic injustice and called it out for what it is.

## Questions of the Week

What systemic injustices between rich and poor do you see still playing out today-in society as a whole or in religious institutions?

How do you decide how much money to donate to charity (your church and other organizations)? Are you comfortable with your decision, or are you being invited to reevaluate it?



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#### PARISH EVENTS

(may change without advance notice)

#### **MONDAY**

• Friendly Place Lunches 10:30am-12pm • Knights of Columbus 5:45pm (2nd Monday of the month)

 Church Cleaning 6:00pm

#### **TUESDAY**

• Coffee with the Priests 7:30-9:00am Charismatic Prayer Group 6:30-8:00pm

#### WFDNFSDAY

 Adoration 7:30-5:00pm Kupuna Ministry 8:30-10:30am

• Benediction/Evening Prayer 5:00pm · Men of Faith 5:30-6:30pm

#### **THURSDAY**

 Spiritual Book Club 4:00-5:30pm (3rd Thursday of each month)

6:00-7:00pm • Young Adults Group

FRIDAY - NO EVENTS

#### **SATURDAY**

#### Church Cleaning 7:30am

 Grounds Maintenance 7:30am Confession 9-10am

#### SUNDAY

• Children's Rosary Group After 9am Mass (Last Sunday of each month)

• Immigration Seminar 12:30-1:30pm (Last Sunday of each month)

• Consecration to God the Father After 1:30 Mass

(1st Sunday of each month) • Faith Formation (K-5) 10:15-11:20am

• Faith Formation (6-12) 5:15-7:15pm (See the Faith Formation section of bulletin for class dates)

Order of Christian Initiation of Adults After 9am Mass



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