

## **Homily Summary – 32<sup>nd</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time**

### **Theme: Purity of Intention and Authentic Love**

#### **Main Points:**

1. **The Story of the Job Application Mistake**
  - Illustrates the desire to make a good impression and appear presentable to others.
  - Similar to how we often want to present ourselves well, sometimes we get caught up in the appearance of our actions rather than the true motivation behind them.
2. **The Example of the Widow’s Offering**
  - The widow in the Gospel (Mark 12:41-44) gives her last coins, unnoticed by others but fully noticed and praised by Jesus. Her self-giving demonstrates true devotion, purity of heart, and total trust in God.
  - Jesus contrasts her sincerity with the scribes, who focus on outward appearances rather than genuine devotion, urging us to evaluate our own motivations.
3. **The Call to Purity of Intention**
  - Reflect on whether our actions are driven by love for God and neighbor or by the desire for recognition.
  - Jesus wants us to give ourselves wholly to God with sincere love, which brings inner peace and joy beyond human praise.
4. **The Connection to Remembrance Day**
  - Reminds us of soldiers’ sacrifices, often done with noble intentions for the good of others, even if not always perfectly pure. This example of self-giving love inspires us to purify our intentions and seek to act out of genuine love and service.
5. **Mary as Our Model of Pure Intention**
  - Mary’s “yes” to God (Luke 1:38) shows a life given in pure devotion, inspiring us to live authentically and selflessly.

#### **Reflection Questions:**

1. Am I always acting out of love for God and others, or do I sometimes seek human approval?
2. Do I notice the small moments where my intentions may not be fully pure?
3. How can I practice greater sincerity in my actions and choices?

#### **Catechism References:**

- **CCC 2465:** The call to live in truth and sincerity.
- **CCC 1752:** The importance of intention in the morality of our actions.
- **CCC 2539:** Challenges us to avoid envy and seek purity of heart.
- **CCC 2218:** Emphasizes respect and love as the motivation behind our actions.

#### **Main Bible Verses:**

- **Mark 12:41-44:** The widow’s offering and Jesus’ praise for her sincere giving.
- **Matthew 6:1:** Warning against doing good for show.
- **Matthew 5:16:** “Let your light shine before others.”
- **Luke 1:38:** Mary’s response of complete devotion, “Let it be done unto me according to your word.”

**Takeaway:** Let’s strive to live with purity of intention, seeking God’s glory rather than human praise. By examining our motives and acting out of true love, we can experience a joy and peace that only comes from God. May we, inspired by the widow, the soldiers we remember, and Mary, ask the Holy Spirit to purify our intentions, allowing us to be a bright witness of God’s love to the world.

#### **Rap Summary:**

Widow gave all, no show, no fame,  
Just a heart that trusts His name.  
God sees truth, not outward display,  
Love in actions, that’s the way.  
Mary showed us how to give,  
In pure devotion, truly live.  
Let’s cleanse our hearts, renew and strive,  
In God’s grace, we come alive!

## **Reasons to come to Mass each weekend**

**Hebrews 10:24-25** - "And let us consider how to provoke one another to love and good deeds, not neglecting to meet together, as is the habit of some, but encouraging one another, and all the more as you see the Day approaching."

**Exodus 20:8** - "Remember the sabbath day, and keep it holy."

**Luke 22:19** - "Then he took a loaf of bread, and when he had given thanks, he broke it and gave it to them, saying, 'This is my body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me.'"

**Acts 2:42** - "They devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and fellowship, to the breaking of bread and the prayers."

**John 6:53-54** - "So Jesus said to them, 'Very truly, I tell you, unless you eat the flesh of the Son of Man and drink his blood, you have no life in you. Those who eat my flesh and drink my blood have eternal life, and I will raise them up on the last day.'"

**Psalms 122:1** - "I was glad when they said to me, 'Let us go to the house of the Lord!'"

**Matthew 18:20** - "For where two or three are gathered in my name, I am there among them."

**Colossians 3:16** - "Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly; teach and admonish one another in all wisdom; and with gratitude in your hearts sing psalms, hymns, and spiritual songs to God."

### **Additional resources to learn more about God and the Catholic faith**

- Check out the resource list available on [www.frmerkley.com](http://www.frmerkley.com)
- Catholic Answers: <https://www.catholic.com/>
- Word on Fire: <https://www.wordonfire.org/>
- Formed: <https://formed.org/>
- The Coming Home Network: <https://chnetwork.org/>
- Catholic Exchange: <https://catholicexchange.com/>
- Dynamic Catholic: <https://dynamiccatholic.com/>
- The Augustine Institute: <https://augustineinstitute.org/>
- Ascension Press: <https://ascensionpress.com/>
- EWTN: <https://www.ewtn.com/>
- The Catholic Company: <https://www.catholiccompany.com/>
- Busted Halo: <https://bustedhalo.com/>
- CatholicCulture.org: <https://www.catholicculture.org/>
- The Thomistic Institute: <https://thomisticinstitute.org/>
- Ignatius Press: <https://www.ignatius.com/>
- Catholic Education Resource Center (CERC): <https://www.catholiceducation.org/>