

November 11, 2018
32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time
First Reading. 1 Kgs 17:10-16
Second Reading. Heb. 9:24-28
Gospel. Mk 12:38-44

The Widow's Mite

In today's gospel, Jesus is observing how people of his time were making donations. But another interpretation needs to be opened up. This gospel is really a metaphor for true discipleship, a central theme in the Gospel of Mark. What does it mean to be a disciple of Jesus?



The rich gave great sums and thought themselves completely generous and religious, even though they had even more riches from which to give. But a poor widow with no wealth or status contributed two small coins worth almost nothing. Yet she contributed all she had. Calling his disciples to him, Jesus praises the widow more than the rich contributors who gave a small portion of their abundance, because she gave all she had.

Disciples, too, give all they have without counting the cost, calculating self-gain, or seeking attention. The "whole livelihood" disciples give their very selves. Simply contributing isn't the issue; it matters not whether what we give is large or small. What ultimately matters are the gift of self which marks a true disciple of Jesus.

Giving is easy when you have much. But how easy is it to give all? We all know that such actions involve a trust in God along with a compassion for others that is indeed heroic. Throughout the Gospel according to Mark, Jesus instructs his disciples that true power and status in God's eyes involves giving of one's life for the sake of others. Jesus will soon offer himself completely for others, as he accepts the cross. Are his disciples to do any less? Trust in God and do not fear to give all.

Question for reflection: What does it mean to be a disciple of Jesus? Am I willing to pay the total cost?

Tuesday: St. Frances Xavier Cabrini

St. Frances Xavier Cabrini was born as Maria Francesca Cabrini on July 15, 1850 in Sant' Angelo Lodigiano, Lombardy, Italy and received a convent education at a school ran by the Daughters of the Sacred Heart. She applied for admission to the religious congregation of the Daughters of the Sacred Heart, but was turned down because of her poor health. Finally, she made her vows in 1877 and she found the Missionary Sisters of the Sacred Heart to care for the poor children in both schools and hospitals.

Frances wanted to continue her mission in China, but Pope Leo XIII urged her to go to the United States, a nation that was becoming flooded with Italian immigrants who needed her help. "Not to the East, but the West," was his advice to her.

On March 31, 1889, Frances arrived in New York City along with six other sisters ready to begin her new journey. However, right from the beginning she encountered many disappointments and hardships. The house originally attended for her new orphanage was no longer available, but Frances did not give up, even though the archbishop insisted she return to Italy.

Frances then received permission to found an orphanage in what is now West Park, New York and now known as Saint Cabrini Home.

Filled with a deep trust in God and endowed with a wonderful administrative ability, Frances founded 67 institutions, including orphanages, schools, and hospitals, within 35 years dedicated to caring for the poor, uneducated, sick, abandoned, and especially for the Italian immigrants. Her institutions were spread out in places all over the United States, including New York, Colorado, and Illinois.

Frances was known for being as resourceful as she was prayerful. She was always able to find people to donate their money, time, and support for her institutions.

In 1909, Frances became a naturalized citizen of the United States.

Eight years later, on December 22, 1917, Frances passed at the age of 67, due to complications from dysentery at the Columbus Hospital, one of her own hospitals, in Chicago, Illinois.

St. Frances Xavier Cabrini was beatified on November 13, 1938, by Pope Pius XI and canonized by Pope Pius XII on July 7, 1946, making her **the first United States citizen to be canonized**. Her feast day is celebrated on November 13 and she is the patron saint of immigrants.

Masses for the Week

November 10, 2018 – November 17, 2018

Saturday, November 10

6:00 p.m. (English)

People of the Parish

Sunday, November 11

9:30 a.m. (English/Spanish)

John Smaldino Berrice by their children

11:00 a.m. (Italian)

+Rino Allegra by Foschetti Family & Janie Costantini

+Maria Foschetti by Foschetti Family

For the deceased members of San Trifone Society

6:00 p.m. (English)

People of the parish

Monday, November 12

6:00 p.m. No Mass

Tuesday, November 13

6:00 p.m. NO MASS (Retreat)

Wednesday, November 14

6:00 p.m. People of the Parish

Thursday, November 15

6:00 p.m. +Ennio Capra by his kids and grandkids

Friday, November 16

6:00 p.m. People of the parish

Saturday, November 17

6:00 p.m. People of the parish

Did you know we have **Vespers** at 5:45 p.m. Tuesday – Friday

Adoration: Thursdays 6:30 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.

Dates to Remember

November 4, Feast of San Trifone

11:00am mass followed by procession.

Dinner and dancing 1:00

Contact Mike Foschetti: 323-257-0302

November 7, St. Anthony Meeting

6:30 p.m. Contact Robert Masters (818)5219224

November 11, All parish brunch

After 11:00 a.m. mass. All are welcome.

All proceeds benefit St. Peter.

November 17, Sacred Heart kick off of the Holiday

season. After evening mass. Please contact Ada Iezza

(626) 359-4301, Mary Lou Santillo-Jones (818) 632-

4437 or Maria D'Egidio (562) 947-2819

November 18, Small feast of Costantinopoli contact Joe

Deligio: (626) 261-9848

November 19, Preparation of Thanksgiving baskets

6:30 p.m. at Casa Italiana

November 20, Liturgy, basket distribution and

Thanksgiving fiesta. 10:00a.m. Casa Italiana

Visit St. Peter's website: <http://stpeteritalianchurchla.org>

THANKSGIVING BASKETS AND FIESTA

Thanksgiving celebration: We invite you to share in God's goodness and blessings by **helping us prepare 400 baskets** for economically vulnerable families.

We need non-expired canned goods of any kind, turkeys and donations.

Preparation: Monday, November 19th at 6:30 p.m.

Basket distribution, Liturgy & meal: Tuesday November 20th at 10:00 a.m.

Other ways you can donate time:

Food pantry: 2nd Friday of the month, 4:00 p.m.

Hygiene kit preparation: 2nd Tuesday of the month, 2:30 p.m.

Homeless outreach: 4th Saturday of the month. 8:00 a.m.

Food preparation twice a month during the week. Contact office for days.

ADULT CONFIRMATION CLASSES WILL BEGIN WEDNESDAY JANUARY 16, 2019

St. Peter's will offer a seven week **Adult Confirmation Preparation** process during the Lenten Season. The course is open to persons who have reached their 18th birthday, have been baptized in the Catholic church, have not yet received the Sacrament of Confirmation.



Interested parties must pre-register and provide a copy of your baptismal certificate.

Contact Fr. Louis Piran, c.s. to register

323-225-8119



Thank you to all who volunteered and participated in the annual Feast of St. Jude last Sunday. The celebration was shared by approximately 1,500 people.

Last week's offerings

Offerte Della Settimana Scorsa

Last week's Offering: \$1,047.00

**Offerta settimanale necessaria per far fronte alle spese ordinarie
Weekly offering needed to meet basic expenses

- \$2,950.00-



SCALABRINI OUTREACH PROGRAM