

EVERYONE SHOULD KNOW

During the time of Jesus widows were the most vulnerable of people. Women were dependent on their fathers, and after marriage upon their husbands. Widows did not inherit any property so they would have to depend on relatives or friends, or the community for their necessities. Prophets preached that the way the people cared for their widows showed exactly how just or unjust they were.

FEAST DAY FOR A BUILDING?

Not all feast days honor saints! Tuesday is the Feast of the Basilica of St. John Lateran. The Lateran is important as the Pope's cathedral, and is the highest-ranking Catholic church. Originally the property of the Laterani family, it was donated to the Church by Constantine in the 4th century.



SEEDS FOR CONVERSATION

What might the jar and pot of oil in the first reading symbolize? (prompts below)

What might the two coins of the widow in the second reading symbolize?

"Detachment" is an attitude of appreciating God's gifts, but not grasping them. Why do we need to be detached from riches to enter the Kingdom of heaven?

What do you see as the "moral" of the story of the widow and Elijah?

What do you see as the "moral" in the story of the widow's mite?

What is the message for you, today?

What is one thing you could do to take these words to heart?

The jar and pot of oil, which didn't run out is a sign of God's care for us. The widow's offering is a sign of both her trust in God and her gratefulness for His gifts.

This week we include the first reading because the significance of these two readings, considered together is important.

First Reading • 1 Kings 17: 10-16

In those days, Elijah the prophet went to Zarephath.

As he arrived at the entrance of the city,

a widow was gathering sticks there; he called out to her,

"Please bring me a small cupful of water to drink." She left to get it, and he called out after her,

"Please bring along a bit of bread."

She answered, "As the LORD, your God, lives, I have nothing baked; there is only a handful of flour in my jar and a little oil in my jug. Just now I was collecting a couple of sticks, to go in and prepare something for myself and my son; when we have eaten it, we shall die."

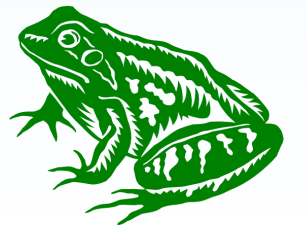
Elijah said to her, "Do not be afraid. Go and do as you propose. But first make me a little cake and bring it to me. Then you can prepare something for yourself and your son. For the LORD, the God of Israel, says, 'The jar of flour shall not go empty, nor the jug of oil run dry, until the day when the LORD sends rain upon the earth.'"

She left and did as Elijah had said. She was able to eat for a year, and he and her son as well; the jar of flour did not go empty, nor the jug of oil run dry, as the LORD had foretold through Elijah.

St.

Gertrude

St. Gertrude the Great was a mystic of the 14th century, who began receiving heavenly visions at age 25. Among her visions was a glimpse into Purgatory. There she saw a man she was praying for and his soul appeared as a toad, suffering from the sins he committed on earth. After reciting a short prayer for him, she asked Jesus if it had any effect. He replied by saying, "*Certainly, the souls in Purgatory are lifted up by such supplications, but also brief prayers that are said with fervor are of even greater benefit for them.*" (Find copies of this prayer at the Welcome Desk.)



GROWING CATHOLICS

Leaflet 

32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

Sunday Gospel • November 7, 2021 Mark 12: 38-44

In the course of his teaching Jesus said to the crowds, "Beware of the scribes, who like to go around in long robes and accept greetings in the marketplaces, seats of honor in synagogues, and places of honor at banquets. They devour the houses of widows and, as a pretext recite lengthy prayers. They will receive a very severe condemnation."

He sat down opposite the treasury and observed how the crowd put money into the treasury. Many rich people put in large sums. A poor widow also came and put in two small coins worth a few cents.

Calling his disciples to himself, he said to them, "Amen, I say to you, this poor widow put in more than all the other contributors to the treasury. For they have all contributed from their surplus wealth, but she, from her poverty, has contributed all she had, her whole livelihood."



Living Faith Kids Pause + Pray + Play with Scripture Every Day

Kids calendar

NOVEMBER 2021



SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
<p>THIRTY-SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME</p> <p>Q Who did Jesus say contributed more to the treasury? (SEE NOVEMBER 10) Mk 12:38-44 or 12:41-44</p>	<p>ALL SAINTS DAY</p> <p>1</p>	<p>ALL SOULS DAY</p> <p>2</p> <p>THE DEDICATION OF THE LATERAN BASILICA</p>	<p>SAINT MARTIN DE PORRES, RELIGIOUS</p> <p>3</p>	<p>SAINT CHARLES BORBORNE, BISHOP</p> <p>4</p>	<p>SAINT JOSEPH, BISHOP AND MARTIR</p> <p>5</p>	<p>SAINT FRANCIS XAVIER CARRILL VILLO, VIRGIN</p> <p>6</p>
<p>THIRTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME</p> <p>Q What lesson did the fig tree teach? (SEE NOVEMBER 19) Mk 13:24-32</p>	<p>SAINT ALBERT THE GREAT, BISHOP AND DOCTOR OF THE CHURCH</p> <p>15</p>	<p>SAINT MARGARET OF SCOTLAND, SAINT GERTRUDE, VIRGIN</p> <p>16</p>	<p>SAINT ELIZABETH OF HUNGARY, RELIGIOUS</p> <p>17</p>	<p>SAINT ROSE PHILIPPINE DUCHESNE, VIRGIN</p> <p>18</p>	<p>SAINT JOSEPH, BISHOP AND MARTIR</p> <p>19</p>	<p>SAINT FRANCIS XAVIER CARRILL VILLO, VIRGIN</p> <p>20</p>
<p>OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST KING OF THE UNIVERSE</p> <p>Q What did Pilate ask Jesus he was? (SEE NOVEMBER 27) Jn 18:33b-37</p>	<p>SAINT CECILIA, VIRGIN AND MARTIR</p> <p>22</p>	<p>BLESSED ANGELE ACQUISTE, PRO. PRIEST AND MARTIR</p> <p>SAINT CLEMENT I, POPE AND MARTIR; SAINT COLUMBAN, ABBOT; BLESSED AGOSTIN PRO. PRIEST AND MARTIR</p> <p>23</p>	<p>SAINT ANDREW DOUGLASS, PRIEST AND COMPANION, MARTIRS</p> <p>24</p>	<p>SAINT CATHERINE OF ALEXANDRIA, VIRGIN AND MARTIR</p> <p>25</p>	<p>SAINT JOSEPH, BISHOP AND MARTIR</p> <p>26</p>	<p>SAINT FRANCIS XAVIER CARRILL VILLO, VIRGIN</p> <p>27</p>
<p>FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT</p> <p>Q What advice did Jesus give? (SEE NOVEMBER 29) Lk 21:25-28, 34-36</p> <p>28</p>	<p>To be vigilant</p> <p>29</p>	<p>SAINT ANDREW, APOSTLE</p> <p>30</p>	<p>Word of the month:</p> <h1>Liturgical Year</h1> <p>The spiritual seasons of the Christian calendar that guide our prayers.</p>			