

## THIRTY-SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

NOVEMBER 7, 2021

*The LORD keeps faith forever, secures justice for the oppressed, gives food to the hungry.*

— Psalm 146:7

### THE POOR

As Christians, we hear a lot about the witness and service that we are called to render to the poor among us. However, the poor also have a witness and a service to render to us. Like the actions of the widow in today's Gospel, the openness and generosity of many of those who are poor, even in the midst of their own poverty, bear witness to the fact that, ultimately, we can depend only on God. Giving one's all witnesses that God will give all to anyone who trusts in divine goodness.

The poor or disadvantaged also serve. They serve judgment on our individual and corporate ways of acting. If people are sleeping in our streets, that is a judgment on our priorities regarding others. At the same time, the poor can act as mediators of salvation. When they care for others they can redeem our indifference and insensibility, lead us to care as well, and save us from ourselves.

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### TODAY'S READINGS

**First Reading** — The widow of Zarephath had only a handful of flour and a little oil, but made a little cake for Elijah (1 Kings 17:10-16).

**Psalm** — Praise the Lord, my soul! (Psalm 146).

**Second Reading** — Christ will appear a second time to bring salvation to those who eagerly await him (Hebrews 9:24-28).

**Gospel** — Beware of those who like to go around in long robes and accept greetings in the marketplaces and places of honor at banquets (Mark 12:38-44 [41-44]).

### OUR GIFTS RECORD

Offertory                      Development

Last Week's Collection	\$2,313.00	\$1,637.00
Number of Families contributing	65	47
Total Pledge for 2021	\$161,051.00	\$162,928.00
Pledged to Date (39 Weeks)	\$135,984.00	\$138,436.00
Received to Date	\$135,276.00	\$106,919.00
Envelopes Outstanding	708.00	\$31,517.00

### LADIES OFFERTORY RECORD

Amount given last week	Amount given to Date in 2021
\$148.00	\$8,517.00

Sixteen ladies made a contribution last week.

### PARISH LIFE CENTER HALL FUND WEEKLY REPORT

Amount given last week	Amount given to Date in 2021
\$90.00	\$132,655.00

Four people made a P.L.C. contribution last week.

### BICENTENNIAL CAMPAIGN

GOAL	\$165,000.00
Total Pledged	\$210,300.00
Total Received	\$63,780.00

**POOR BOX** totaled \$50.00.

2 **CHILDREN** contributed \$6.00.

**BAA** totaled \$100.00.

### THOUGHT OF THE WEEK

**A monk from India was being interviewed by a journalist from New York.**

**Journalist:** "Sir, in your last lecture, you told us about "Contact" and "Connection." It's really confusing. Can you explain?"

**Monk:** "Are you from New York?"

**Journalist:** "Yeah..."

**Monk:** "Who are there at home?"

**The journalist felt the Monk was trying to avoid answering his question since this was a very personal and unwarranted question.**

**Journalist:** "Mother has passed. Father is at home. Three brothers and one sister, who are married?"

**Monk:** "Do you talk to your father? When did you talk to him last?"

**Journalist:** "Maybe a month ago."

**Monk:** "When did you last have a family gathering?"

**Sweat appeared on the journalist's forehead. It seemed the monk was interviewing the journalist.**

**Journalist:** "We met at Christmas two years ago?"

**Monk:** "How many days did you stay together?"

**Journalist:** "Three days."

**Monk:** "How much time did you spend with your father? Did you ask how his days are passing after your mother's death?"

**Drops of tears started to flow down from the journalist's eyes.**

**Monk:** "Don't be embarrassed, upset or sad. I am sorry if I have hurt you unknowingly. This is the answer to your question about "Contact and Connection." You have 'Contact' with your father, but you don't have a 'Connection' with him. Connection is between heart and heart.....spending time together. All your brothers and sisters have 'Contact' but no 'Connection' with each other."

**Journalist:** "Thanks for teaching me a fine and unforgettable lesson."

*This is the reality today. Whether at home or in the society everybody has lots of contacts but there is no connection. Everybody is busy in his or her own world. Let us not maintain just "Contacts" but let us remain "Connected." Caring, sharing and spending time with all our dear ones.*

### FLOWERS IN THE CHURCH ARE OFFERED BY:

1. Matt and Jennifer in thanks for Faro Thomas on his 11<sup>th</sup> Birthday;
2. Mary O'Hara in loving memory of Johnny Howard on the 16<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of his death;
3. the Wife and Family of Big Joe in loving memory of him on the 9<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of his death;
4. the Family of Danny Ho Mulholland in loving memory of him on the 11<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of his death;
5. the Family of Winnie Girl Sherlock in loving memory of her on the 8<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of her death;
6. and a Parish Family Member in thanks to St. Expedite.

**BANNS OF MARRIAGE** The Banns of Marriage are announced for the second time for John Patrick Mack and Briseis Mayson.

**ROSARY AT THE CEMETERY** The *Rosary at the Cemetery* for our Parish Family members who have gone to eternal rest will be held this *Sunday, November 7<sup>th</sup> at 3:00 P.M. at Pineview Memorial Gardens.*

**SPECIAL COLLECTION** The special collection this weekend is for the *Mission in Guatemala*. Please be generous in this collection.

**DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME** ends this Sunday, November 7<sup>th</sup> at 2:00 A.M. Please remember to set your clocks back by one hour on Saturday night, November 6<sup>th</sup>.

**THANK YOU** to four parish members for their donations in thanks to St. Expedite.

**TOUCHING SAFETY PROGRAM** St. Edward Catholic Church Religious Education will present a sexual abuse prevention program, the Touching Safety Program, to students November 15<sup>th</sup> and November 18<sup>th</sup> during class with a makeup date of November 29<sup>th</sup>. This program is provided to us by the Diocese of Charleston and is part of our ongoing effort to help create and maintain a safe environment for children and youth in our care.

The scheduled lesson is being offered to all students of the St. Edward Catholic Church Religious Education Program. As parents you have the right to choose whether your child participates in the program. Opt-out forms will be available to parents this week on the day your child has Religious Education class. If you don't want your child to participate in this program, please contact Sandra for a form.

**JOKE OF THE WEEK**

A particularly fiery preacher was wired for sound with a lapel mike, and as he preached, he moved briskly about the platform, jerking the mike cord as he went. Then he moved to one side, getting wound up in the cord and nearly tripping before jerking it again. After several circles and jerks, a little girl in the third pew leaned toward her mother and whispered, "If he gets loose, will he hurt us?"

**SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES**

**Sunday:** Daylight Saving Time ends;  
National Vocation Awareness Week  
**Tuesday:** The Dedication of the Lateran Basilica  
**Wednesday:** St. Leo the Great  
**Thursday:** St. Martin of Tours; Veterans Day  
**Friday:** St. Josaphat  
**Saturday:** St. Frances Xavier Cabrini

**MASS INTENTIONS**

**Monday:** For all souls.  
**Tuesday:** In honor of all Saints for a special intention.  
**Wednesday:** In honor of the Infant Jesus of Prague and St. Joseph for all the sick and for all the holy souls in purgatory.  
**Thursday:** For the repose of the soul of Bush's Bridget on her Birthday.  
**Friday:** For the repose of the soul of Fr. Anto on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Anniversary of his death.

**READERS**

**Sat. Nov. 6<sup>th</sup>, 4:00 P.M.** Mary Martha & Natalie  
**Sun. Nov. 7<sup>th</sup>, 10:00 A.M.** Jimmy Joseph and Jersey

**Sat. Nov. 13<sup>th</sup>, 4:00 P.M.** Leah & Dayna  
**Sun. Nov. 14<sup>th</sup>, 10:00 A.M.** Jimmy Joseph & Jersey

**READERS – WEEKDAYS**

**Monday** - Reed  
**Tuesday** - Julie Ann  
**Wednesday** - Cathy Lisa  
**Thursday** - Ciara  
**Friday** - Gracelyn

**EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS - WEEKDAY**

**Monday** - Bridget Anna  
**Tuesday** - Nora  
**Wednesday** - Catherine Ann  
**Thursday** - Mary Cat  
**Friday** - Rosie Cat

**EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS – WEEKEND**

**Saturday 4:00 P.M.** **November 6<sup>th</sup>**  
Front Winnie Ann  
Right Cathy Pole  
Left Catherine Ann

**Sunday** **Sunday**  
**November 7<sup>th</sup>** **November 14<sup>th</sup>**  
Rose Marie Rose Marie  
Mary Cat Mary Cat

**INSPIRING THOUGHTS**

- ❖ Anger is a condition in which the tongue works faster than the mind.
- ❖ You can't change the past, but you can ruin the present by worrying over the future.
- ❖ God gives His best to those who leave the Church with him.
- ❖ All people smile in the same language.

**ONE DAY**

**We are born in one day,  
We die in one day,  
We can change in one day,  
And we can fall in love in one day.  
ANYTHING CAN HAPPEN IN ONE DAY.**

**WISDOM OF ST. FULTON SHEEN**

*Pride is an admission of weakness;  
it secretly fears all competition and dreads all rivals.*

**~~~~~PRAYER CORNER~~~~~**

**PRAYER FOR DECEASED FRIENDS AND FAMILY**

*O God, my heart is overflowing with thanks for the blessing of my nearest and dearest, including those who have died (names). Now I humbly turn to you, seeking your mercy on their behalf.*

*Lord, they always longed to be at peace with you. Please forgive their transgressions and allow them to experience the eternal bliss of heaven. I pray I will one day join them in your glorious presence. I ask this in Jesus' name. Amen.*