November 10, 2024



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Thirty - Second Sunday In Ordinary Time

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." - Mk 12:42-43 Schedule of Masses 4:00 pm (Saturday Vigil) Sunday Masses 7:00 am, 8:45 am 10:30 am (Live Streamed) 12:30 pm (Spanish/Español) 5:00 pm Weekdays & Saturday 8:30 am & Wednesday 5:30 pm First Friday Mass with Anointing 8:30 am & 6:30 pm

Confessions

Tuesday 5:00 pm - 5:30 pm Wednesday 9:00 am - 9:30 am Saturday 9:00 am - 9:30 am First Friday 5:30 pm - 6:30 pm First Saturday 7:00 am - 7:30 am (or by appointment)

Holy Hour with Benediction Tuesday 9:00 am or Friday 3:00 pm Morning Prayer Monday - Friday 7:30 am Rosary Monday - Saturday 7:50 am Sacraments Anointing of the Sick 928-855-2685



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The Lord provides for Elijah's needs as the widow of Zarephath shares with him from her want. Her generosity is mirrored in the widow in the temple who gives from her poverty and not from power, privilege or excess. In Jesus, God became poor for us, offering himself to take away our sins.

Pastor's Corner

Reflection for the Feast of All Saints Part 1

Beloved Parishioners,

Today I share with you reflection on All Saints and what the solemnity means for us as Catholics who confess I believe in the communion of Saints in our creed. Last week we celebrated the Solemnity of All Saints, otherwise known as All Hallows, a feast that reminds us that we are a part of a larger communion which transcends time and space, connecting us to the saints in heaven. In the 9th article of the Apostle's Creed, we profess "I believe in the Holy Catholic Church, the Communion of Saints." It is exactly that Communion of Saints, Communio Sanctorum in Latin, that we are highlighting today. This Communion of Saints in the Mystical body of Christ, the Church, on the level of Sancta (holy things) point us to the things we share for example the Eucharist and other sacraments. However, on the level of Sancti (holy people), this Communion of Saints exists in the three states of the Church namely: the Church Militant (ecclesia militens), the Church Penitent (ecclesia poenitens), and the Church Triumphant (ecclesia triumphans).

The focus of the celebration is on the Church Triumphant. We celebrate the communion we share with the saints in heaven because for us Catholics, the saints are not really dead, but are fully alive in Jesus Christ, who is life itself (John 11:25; 14:6) and the bread of life who bestows life on all who eat His flesh and drink His blood (John 6:35, 48, 51, 53-56). The saints are alive in heaven because of the life they have received through their faith in Christ Jesus and through their eating of His body and blood. The book of Revelation tells us about the saints worshipping God, singing hymns, playing instruments, making requests to Christ to avenge their martyrdom, and offering prayers for the saints on earth (Rev. 4:10, 5:8, 6:9-11). Because they are alive, we believe that we can go to them to intercede for us with God since CCC 947 rightly teaches that "Since all the faithful form one body, the good of each is communicated to the others..."

On this special feast of All Saints, we celebrate all the known and canonized saints, as well as the unknown saints who could be members of our family, our friends and acquaintances who now share the beatific vision. The date for this feast on November 1 was universalized by Pope Gregory IV in the 9th Century. Prior to that, feasts commemorating all Christian martyrs were held by the early Church in various places on various dates near Easter and Christmas. Additionally, the feast of All Saints is one of the Holy Days of obligation in the Church.

By instituting this feast, the Church wants us to understand that our fundamental call as Christians is a call to holiness and this call is not restricted to the clergy or consecrated persons, rather it is universal. Lumen Gentium 40 highlights that "the followers of Christ must hold on to and perfect in their lives that sanctification which they have received from God" and in Matthew 5:48 Jesus admonishes us that we must be holy as our Heavenly Father is holy. In fact, we picked up our appointment letter to a life of holiness on the day we became baptized. It's a lifelong endeavor but the grace of God is there to assist us. Our generation is not exempted in this call to holiness. We have seen the example of Blessed Carlo Acutis who was born in 1991 and who died in 2006 that will soon be canonized in a later date that will be made known to us by the Holy See this year. His example shows us that even in the 21st century, the call to holiness is not outdated.

The last part of this reflection will be concluded next week but let me once again express my sincere appreciation to you all, my beloved parishioners, for your constant response to the needs of the parish. Since last week I made the appeal for the Air Condition I have received a lot of good positive response from many of you. May God bless you and your families.

Fr. Tony Okolo C.S.Sp., V.F.

Theme: Generosity Comes from the Heart

32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time Year B, November 10, 2024 First Reading: 1 Kings 17:10-16, Second: Hebrews 9:24-28, Gospel: Mark 12:38-44

The first reading and the gospel present us with generosity of two destitute widows who gave all they had based on their trust in the living God and his prophet. The widow in the first reading relies on the word of Prophet Elijah and acted without doubt when she was asked to sacrifice the last part of what she and her son had to eat. The reading teaches us that to be generous does not depend on how much we have but how open our heart is to give. For us to appreciate these two widows we need to understand the condition of widows in the time of the Prophet Elijah and that of Jesus. During this time in Israel, women generally have no voice and status in the society. They derived their status from their husband so when a woman loses her husband it seems like her world is ended as she losses her position. identity, status, and voice in the society.

It is supposed to be the moral responsibilities of the scribes to act as agents to defend them and give them protection but not only they neglect this responsibility some even exploit them. According to Living liturgy, "widows often found themselves destitute victims of fraud at the hands of the unscrupulous whom they may have trusted, scribes included." The man to protect her is gone and her only hope for security and protection is now placed on God. It is against this background we can appreciate the sacrifices of these widows when they gave all they had to live on. Therefore, the readings teach us five cardinal points about generosity.

1.) To be generous, one does not need to be rich. What one needs is the heart that gives because real generosity comes from the heart. When the heart is moved to give the amount or the quantity does not matter, what matters most is the heart with which the gift is given. 2.) True generosity does not impoverish but enriches the giver. We do not need to be afraid to give because true generosity does not impoverish the giver but enriches the person more. Generosity expands the soul. We can never outmatch God in generosity. He has given us the best of gifts by sending us his only begotten son, the Lord Jesus Christ who offered up His life for us on the cross.

3.) Real giving hurts. Any real giving must cost us something and it is there that the blessing is received. The widow in the first reading gives out the last jar of oil and flour that her life and that of her son depended on but God made it that it never dried up or finished. We need to give without counting the cost as Jesus Our Lord sacrificed His whole life for us.

4.) The greatest enemy of generosity is greed; the desire to accumulate and hoard for ourselves alone and the excessive desire for personal gain and security.

5.) The greatest gift you can give is goodwill. Some can give from abundance but lack the goodwill to support you. In as much one can give physical cash the good should be paramount in our exercise of generosity.

The final point we get especially from the gospel is that God sees the heart of each person. When I was a little boy, my mom would always tell me, "Tony, always behave well because even if I don't see you, God sees you." The story of the widow in the gospel of today demonstrates very well this message that God sees the inner heart and actions of everyone. Let us, like the widows we encounter in today's reading, open our heart to the spirit of generosity.

Happy Sunday to you all.

Fr. Tony Okolo C.S.Sp., V.F.

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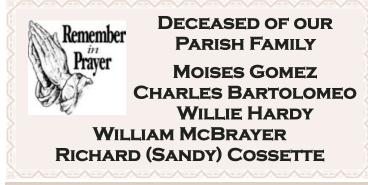
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Mass Intentions & Readings

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| Sunday | November 10 | 1 Kgs 17:10-16 Heb 9:24-28 | | 8:45 am 10:30 am 12:30 pm | All Souls All Souls Parishioners All Souls All Souls |
| Monday | November 11 | Ti 1:1-9 | Lk 17:1-6 | 8:30 am | All Souls |
| Tuesday | November 12 | Ti 2:1-8, 11-14 | Lk 17:7-10 | 8:30 am | All Souls |
| Wednesday | November 13 | Ti 3:1-7 | Lk 17:11-19 | 0.00 0 000000 | All Souls All Souls |
| Thursday | November 14 | Phlm 7-20 | Lk 17:20-25 | 8:30 am | All Souls |
| Friday | November 15 | 2 Jn 4-9 | Lk 17:26-37 | 8:30 am | All Souls |
| Saturday | November 16 | 3 Jn 5-8 Dn 12:1-3 Heb 10:11-14,18 | Lk 18:1-18 Mk 13:24-32 | 0.10 0 11111 | All Souls All Souls |
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Sunday November 17 Dn 12:1-3 Mk 13:24-32 Heb 10:11-14,18 7:00 am All Souls 8:45 am All Souls 10:30 am All Souls 12:30 pm Parishioners 5:00 pm All Souls



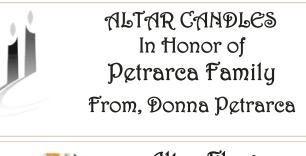
Christ the King Eucharistic Procession

On Sunday, November 24, 2024 at 3:30 pm we will have a Eucharistic Procession in honor of Our Lord Jesus Christ the King of the Universe. With the Blessed



Sacrament leading the way, we will process around the Church with song and prayer as we remember and honor our Lord as Christ the King of the Universe followed by Mass.

Join us in St. Joseph Hall after the Mass for pizza and drinks.





Altar Flowers In loving memory of Pat Bucchino & From, Krong & Cynthia

November Schedule

Veterans Day, Monday, November 11, 2024 Our Lady of the Lake Catholic school will be **closed.**

The School and the Parish Office will also be closed Wednesday November 27th at noon, Thursday November 28th, and Friday November 29th in observance of Thanksgiving. In the event of an emergency, please call 928-855-2685.



Scan and Visit us on our Facebook & YouTube Pages!



www.ourladylhc.org



Volunteer Appreciation

Please join us on Saturday, November 23, 2024 at the 4:00 pm Mass to say thank

you to all our volunteers for their time & talents! A country themed barbeque will follow in St. Joseph Hall. Come dressed in your cowboy boots or come as you are. *Please call the Parish Office at 928-855-2685 to RSVP.*



Youth Ministry Session Calendar Location: St. Joseph Hall

High School Nights

Sunday Nights - 5:00 pm to 8:00 pm November 10 SE (Mandatory), 17 (Bake Sale), 24

Junior High Nights

Wednesday Nights - 5:30 pm to 8:00 pm November 13, 20, 27



Our Lady of Guadalupe Celebration

We are looking for volunteers to help organize the Our Lady of Guadalupe celebration that will take place on December 11th.

If you would like to help please contact Martha at the parish office at 928-855-2685.



Celebración de Nuestra Señora de Guadalupe Estamos buscando voluntarios para organizar la celebración de La Virgen de Guadalupe que se llevara acabo el día 11 de Diciembre.

Si a usted le gustaría ayudar por favor llame a la oficina de la parroquia y comuníquese con Martha al 928-855-2685.

Thank you for your Stewardship



Plate Collection for Month of October 2024

Envelope, Loose Checks & Cash \$46,715

Online Giving Month of October 2024 Plate Collection

(Please visit www.lhc.org to establish an online giving account.)

| Regular | <u>\$24,497</u> |
|-----------------------------|-----------------|
| TOTAL COLLECTED FOR OCTOBER | \$71,212 |

Budgeted plate for the month of October 2024 \$78,000

Month Deficit:

\$6,788

THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY



Corporate Communion

for the Catholic Daughters and the Knights of Columbus will be Sunday, November 17, 2024 at the 8:45 am Mass.



REMEMBERING OUR LOVED ONES

By tradition, the Catholic Church dedicates the month of November to the Holy Souls in Purgatory, those faithful Christians who have

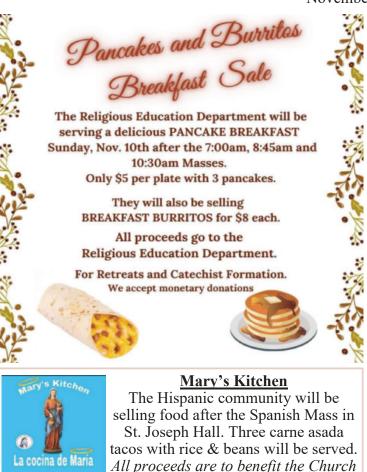
died and gone before us but who still must atone for their sins. The time they spend in Purgatory cleanses them so that they may enter heaven free from all effects of sin.

Praying for the dead, especially for those we have known, is part of Christian charity. Our prayers and sacrifices can be offered up to relieve their suffering.

The parish will offer over 40 Masses this November for all the faithfully departed whose names are written in the Book of Memory located in the Narthex of the church. This is a wonderful opportunity for you to pray for and remember your parents, children, grandparents, family and friends.

Envelopes are available for your sacrificial offering to pray for the deceased.

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Cocina de Maria

La comunidad hispana estará vendiendo comida saliendo de la misa de español en el salón de San José. Van a servir plato con tres tacos de asada, acompañados con frijoles y arroz. Acompañado de bebida, y postres. *Todo lo recaudado es para la Iglesia.*



SAFE ENVIRONMENT RENEWAL 2024

The deadline is November 30, 2024

Anyone that has not renewed as of July 1, 2024 is required to renew by November 30, 2024.

Website: phoenix.cmgconnect.org Please call Laura at the Parish Office 855-2685, if you have any questions.



Loss of a Child During the month of November we remember our loved ones who have gone before us. On Monday,

November 11th at 6:30 pm we will have the Mass for those who have lost a child. All will be given a candle to remember your child. A reception will follow in the Narthex after Mass.



Lost Spouse Mass

During the month of November we remember our loved ones who have gone before us. On

Saturday, November 16th, at 10:00 am we will have the Mass for those who have lost a spouse. We ask that you bring a flower for your loved one and during Offertory you may bring your flower to the Altar. *A reception will follow the Mass in St. Joseph Hall.*



St. Vincent de Paul Fall Food Drive

Today a representative from St. Vincent de Paul will be handing out empty donation bags at the doors of the Church. Please remember to

pick up a donation bag and return it filled with your donations on Saturday, November 16th or Sunday, November 17th. This is St. Vincent's semi-annual food drive to help all those who are in need. Thank you for your generosity.





Catholic Daughters of the Americas Court #2213

CDA Monthly Meeting

Thursday, November 14, 2024 Social time: 10:00 am General Meeting:10:30 am Our Lady of the Lake Roman Catholic Parish St. Joseph Hall

For those interested in becoming a member of CDA, please contact Regent Sandi Garcia at 951-675-5086.



after all Masses on Saturday, November 16th & Sunday, November 17th. Funds raised will go to support our teen Retreat fees and weekly expenses! Questions? Contact Elliott Seidel at eseidel@ourladylhc.org or call 928-302-4412

Funeral Ministry Needs You!

The Funeral Reception Ministry provides a reception after services for a deceased parishioner; a ministry greatly appreciated by our church family. We are seeking new volunteers to help with set-up and serve and/or with providing side dishes and desserts. If you are interested in learning more about this ministry and how you might help, please call Diane Chichinsky at 928-453-5941. *Thank you for your consideration*.



Our Lady of the Lake has been chosen to be a part of a new program! We have been selected by the USCCB (United States Conference of Catholic Bishops) to participate in: "The Catholic Family Survey".

Taking this survey will provide useful information to assist in the creation of a parish plan for supporting parents to engage their entire family in faith formation.

Please scan the QR code to fill out the survey, it only takes about 8 minutes!



Thanksgiving Meals

Our Lady of the Lake Parish and the Knights of Columbus are blessed to provide a delicious Thanksgiving meal to be served at the Columbian Hall, located at 186 London Bridge Road on **Thanksgiving day from 12:00 pm to 2:00 pm**. Please call the Parish office at 928-855-2685 for homebound delivery **before 12:00pm on Monday November 25th.**

Please leave your name, home address, phone number and the number of meals you need.



Did you know that a donation at Albertson's can help Our Lady of the Lake Soup Kitchen?

Yes! When Albertsons' ask if you would like donate \$1, \$3, \$5, \$10, or other amount to a local charity during the months of November and December, that money stays right here in Lake Havasu City!

All donations (100%) are converted into Albertson's gift cards which are given to local food banks, including the Our Lady of the Lake Soup Kitchen. We share these gift cards with our guests and also use them to purchase necessary food to prepare our meals.

Since December, 2021 up until February, 2024, we have received \$62,500.00 in gift cards from Albertson's! So, just say YES, to even a \$1.00 donation. *Thanks in advance from the Soup Kitchen!!!*



La Encuesta Familiar Católica ayudará a su parroquia a comprender mejor a su familia y su vida como padre. Los resultados de la encuesta son muy importantes.

Se utilizarán para crear un plan parroquial para apoyar a los padres de niños y jóvenes, y para involucrar a toda la

familia en la formación en la fe, desde el nacimiento hasta la graduación de la escuela secundaria. La

encuesta solo tardará entre 8 y 10 minutos en completarse.

¡Agradecemos su tiempo y contribución! Por favor tome el tiempo de participar y apoyenos!



We're Hiring

Piano Accompanist - Part time Position Thursday Evening/Sunday Morning - no benefits

Our Parish seeks to employ a **piano/keyboard accompanist** for the Choir at the 8:45 am Mass. A part-time position, the candidate should be competent at reading piano music, willing to follow

instructions from the Choir Director, supporting both skilled and lesser-skilled singers, as well as attending all Choir Rehearsal practices (currently scheduled for Thursday evenings) and 8:45 am Sunday Masses (arriving at 8:15 am). Compensation will be measured upon the applicant's skill level. Interested applicants may contact Choir Director,

Terri McGrath at tmcgrath@ourladylhc.org.

Did you know? There are more than 48,000 homeless veterans in the United States. Catholic Charities' Veterans Services in Northern Arizona serves low-income men, women and families who are facing a housing crisis to obtain stable housing.

Help support Catholic Charities' Veteran Services Program this summer by donating these items:

- Sleeping bags/sleeping pads
- Tents
- Tarps
- Cases of water
- Camelbacks/canteens
- Cooling cloths
- Sunscreen
- Wet wipes
- Visors/hats/caps

From Catholic Charities to all veterans, THANK YOU FOR YOUR SERVICE!





To learn more or to donate, call 1-855-256-9419 or visit us at CatholicCharitiesAZ.org "Open your mouth, judge justly, defend the needy and the poor." Proverbs 31:9



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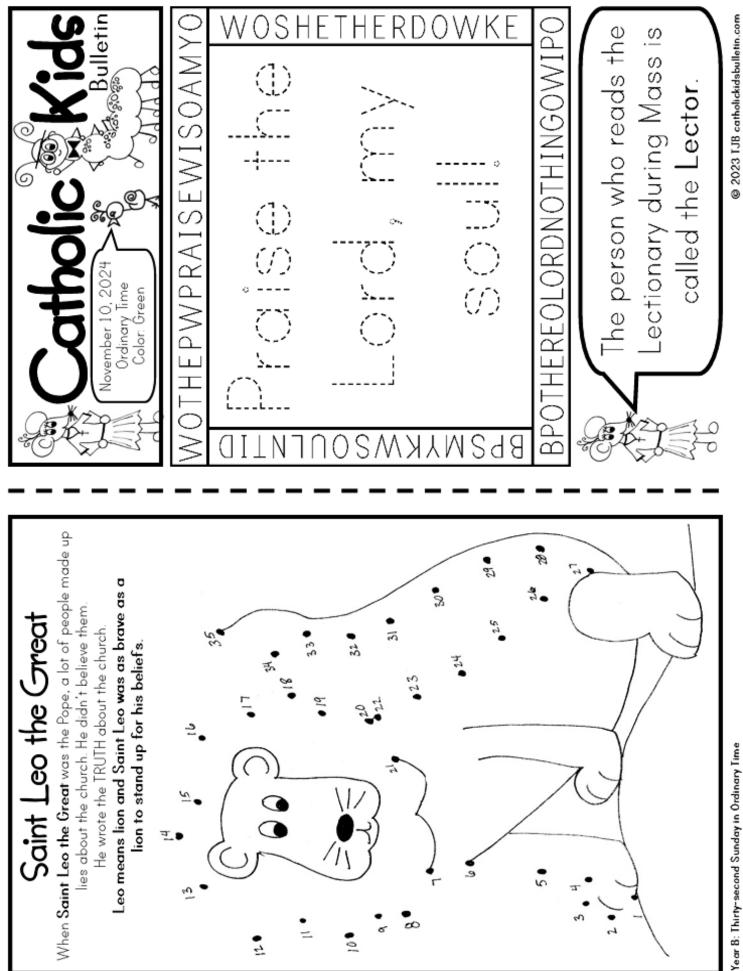
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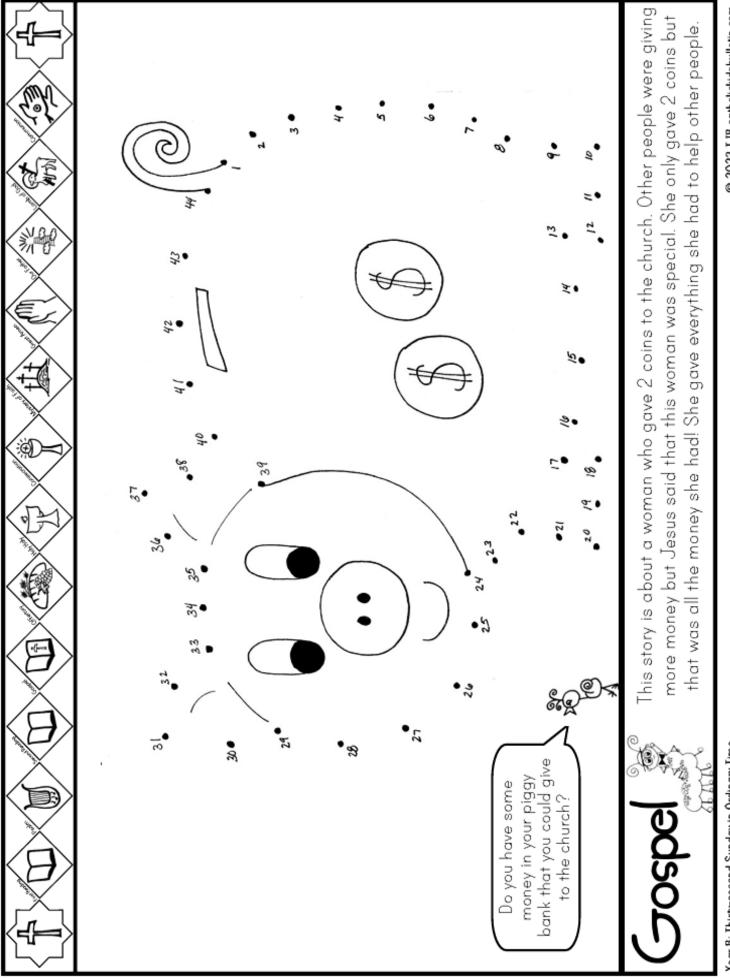
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Sunday, November 10, 2024

Time 9:30am to 9:30pm



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