

The Widow's Offering



Today's Gospel pictures Jesus observing the crowd putting money into the temple's treasury. But more than the amount they offer, Jesus pays attention to their interior attitude. And the result is surprising for our human mindset: Jesus praises that widow who offers two small coins, because she contributed from her poverty her whole livelihood.

Over the last few weeks, we have conducted an Offertory Program, and today's Gospel offers us much insight about how to give. The first is our interior attitude. In the homily introducing the program I approached the pledge as a way to honor God's primacy in our lives. This widow is a model of giving God glory and praise through her gift. What counts in the gift are her love, trust and gratitude.

What is my interior attitude when doing my pledge to my parish? Do love, trust and gratitude to God inspire me when planning and offering my money? We can go to prayer, observe with Jesus the widow and let Jesus look at me and ask me: "And now, what about you?"

Second, even it was difficult for the widow, she gave with an interior spirit of freedom and joy. Generosity always brings peace and joy, even though the decision is difficult. The wealthy man "went away sad, for he had many possessions" (Mk 10:22). The widow went back home filled with joy and Jesus' blessing: "Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven" (Mt 5:3).

Finally, our pledge is a way to strengthen our belonging to our parish family. We commit because the parish is important for us and we take responsibility for it. In doing so, the culture of stewardship and discipleship is advanced bringing growth and a renewed outpouring of the fruits of the Spirit.

I would like to conclude giving thanks to all who already filled the commitment card. Thank you so much for your generosity. We will continue working to collect more commitment cards as a way to strengthen the stewardship culture in our parish. I wish that our pledge would be like that of the widow: a token of our love, trust and gratitude. "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" (Mk 12:43-44).

Nourishing Our Souls With Holy Scripture

Readings for Next Week:

Thirty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

Dn 12:1-3 Heb 10:11-14, 18 Mk 13:24-32(158)



Thirty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time Masses this Week

Monday, November 9: The Dedication of the Lateran Basilica

6:30 a.m. +Edith Bottonari
9:00 a.m. +Purificacion Mercado Floren and Agripina Espejo Mercado

Tuesday, November 10: St. Leo the Great, Pope and Doctor of the Church

6:30 a.m. All Souls' Novena
9:00 a.m. +Avelino Mercado

Wednesday, November 11: St. Martin of Tours, Bishop

No 6:30a.m. Mass (Veteran's Day)

9:00 a.m. +Raul Monillas

Thursday, November 12: St. Josaphat, Bishop and Martyr

6:30 a.m. +Josephine and Desire Messan
9:00 a.m. +Harold Baker

Friday, November 13: St. Francis Xavier Cabrini, Virgin

6:30 a.m. +Rosemary Byrne Greenbaum
9:00 a.m. +Mr. John Luddy

Saturday, November 14: Weekday

8:00 a.m. Deceased Members of the Legion of Mary
5:00 p.m. +Beatriz Dy-Liacco
7:00 p.m. +Carmen and Ramualdo Mendez

Sunday, November 15: Thirty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

7:30 a.m. +Stephen Tokar
9:00 a.m. +Edgar Teran
10:30a.m. Living & Deceased Parishioners
12:00p.m. +Robert Mayfield

Many Thanks to the 267 Parishioners Who Completed an Offertory Commitment Card Last Weekend.

The average pledge was for \$27.63 per week: a very generous offering to our parish! Confirmation letters will be mailed soon, with information about how parishioners might fulfill their offertory giving using *Faith Direct*.



Stewardship
a way of life

If you have not yet completed a Commitment Card, we kindly ask that you do so this weekend. You may use the following chart as your guide:

Annual Household Income	Giving 2% to Weekly Offertory
\$50,000	\$14/Week
\$75,000	\$30/Week
\$100,000	\$38/Week
\$150,000	\$58/Week

Thank you for your support of the parish through your generous offertory giving.

Please pray for the members of our parish who are ill

Silvia Serban, Joseph Covas, Glenda Delosier, Luta "Cornie" McGrath, Margaret Peiffer, David Stemcosky, Barbara Mazur, Irma Mori, Rita Sulit, Jason Banis, Emma Collins, Teresa Sabina Piecyk, Bridgetta Jenkins, Juana Mejia, Lisa Nyce, Monique Brooks, Debby Sprah, Consuelo Jocson, Cheryl McGlynn, Teresa Subalusky, Theresa Corcoran, Cordelia Carcamo, Donna Smith, Andres Encinas Fernandez, Sabrina Fernandez Numbella, Lula Tesfu, Monte Moyer, Joseph Luong Bui, Jeanie Miller, Carol D. Otani, Jean Seitz, Noah Mabaya, Robert McMurrer, Anne Jenkins.

This Week in Our Parish

Sun., November 8:

School 9-10:15a.m. Religious Education
Hannan Hall 2-5:30p.m. Ghana Group

Mon., November 9:

Parish Office 7-8p.m. RCIA

Tues., November 10:

Hannan Hall 10-11:30a.m. Bible Study
Choir Room 7:30-9:30p.m. Choir Rehearsal

Wed., November 11: *Parish Office Closed (Veteran's Day)*

Hannan Hall 9:30a.m.-12:30p.m. Women's Group
Hannan Hall 7-9p.m. Ghana Prayer Group

Thurs., November 12:

Hannan Hall 6:30-7:45p.m. High School Bible Study
Parish Office 6:30-8p.m. Legion of Mary
Church 7:30-8:30p.m. Holy Hour

Fri., November 13:

Chapel 11a.m.-12Noon Children's Adoration Hour
Cupertino Room 7-9p.m. Hispanic Legion of Mary
Hannan Hall 7-8p.m. "Reviewing the Synod" Talk

Sat., November 14:

Hannan Hall 10a.m.-12:30p.m. Ghana Community Meeting
Hannan Hall 1-5p.m. Couples for Christ
School 4-6:30p.m. Spanish Prayer Group
Choir Room 7-9p.m. Ghana Choir Rehearsal

Sun., November 15: *PTO Pancake Breakfast*

School 9-10:15a.m. Religious Education
Hannan Hall 2-5:30p.m. Ghana Group

Veteran's Day Schedule—Nov. 11

The Parish Office will be closed on Wednesday, **Nov. 11**. There will be no 6:30a.m. Mass on this day. Thank you and God bless all the men and women who have served our country!



Adoration Chapel Hours The Adoration Chapel will close on Tuesday, **Nov. 10** at 10p.m. and will reopen on Thursday, **Nov. 12** after the 6:30a.m. Mass.



Women's Group Meeting—Nov. 11 The next Women's Group meeting will be Wednesday, **Nov. 11** in Hannan Hall after the 9a.m. Mass. Come meet QofA School principal, Kathy Littlefield, our program speaker. Mrs. Littlefield invites us to revisit the QofA School programs and learn about new initiatives for 2015-16, especially the Spring auction to kick off the school's 50th anniversary celebration. Come be entertained by video, audio, and oral presentation, and be amazed by the awesomeness of our QofA Catholic School!

Thank You! The Women's Group wishes to thank all who helped to make the Craft Sale a success. Our appreciation goes to all who donated crafts and those who purchased items at the Sale. The proceeds will be used to support the church, school and community charities.



QUEEN OF APOSTLES CATHOLIC SCHOOL

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Discover Catholic Schools Week Queen of Apostles School will host two open houses during Discover Catholic Schools Week: Sunday, **Nov. 15** from 10:30a.m.-1:30p.m., and Monday, **Nov. 16** from 9-11a.m. Come learn more about registering your child in our parish school for the next school year. For more information, contact the school at (703) 354-0714 or visit our website at www.queenofapostlesschool.org.

PTO Pancake Breakfast—Sunday, Nov. 15

The QofA School PTO will be offering a Pancake Breakfast featuring pancakes, sausage, OJ, coffee, and hot chocolate after the 7:30a.m., 9a.m., and 10:30a.m. Masses on **Nov. 15**. All are invited to attend! Free will offerings will be gratefully accepted.



Nazareth Group Parish youth, grades 4-8, are invited to join Nazareth on the first and third Friday of the month from 3:45-5:30p.m. in Hannan Hall. Grow in your faith and in grace - share some fun and snacks - make new friends! See you on **Nov. 20**!

Altar Servers Meeting—Friday, Nov. 13 There will be a mandatory meeting for altar servers on Friday, **Nov. 13** from 6-8p.m. Please meet at the Parish Office (4329 Sano St.); the meeting will conclude in the Church.

Blessing of Altar Servers—Nov. 14-15

Queen of Apostles is blessed to have over 40 altar servers. To encourage this important ministry and recognize the young men who serve the altar, servers will receive a special blessing during Masses next weekend, **Nov. 14-15**.



Confirmation Retreat—Saturday, Dec. 12 Students who desire and are preparing to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation are required to attend a retreat. The QofA Confirmation Retreat is scheduled for Saturday, Dec. 12, 8:30a.m.-3:30p.m. in Hannan Hall and the School Gym.

A sponsor must be an active, practicing Roman Catholic who will serve as an excellent role model for the student. Below is a review of Diocesan regulations and Canon Law outlining the minimum requirements of serving as a Confirmation sponsor: Receives the Sacraments of Holy Communion and Penance regularly; If married, his/her (present) marriage is a valid Catholic marriage. If single, is living a Christian life in accordance with the laws of God and the Catholic Church; Is at least 16 years old and is not the student's mother or father; Has received the Sacraments of Baptism, Penance, Eucharist and Confirmation; Attends Mass every Sunday and Holy Days of Obligation. A Certificate of Eligibility is obtained from the parish where you are registered. Please plan ahead and contact your parish about a Sponsor Certificate. Certificates are due **Jan. 24, 2016** from students preparing to receive Confirmation in April 2016 at QofA. A student chooses **one** person to serve as his/her Confirmation sponsor.

Attention Parents of R.E. Children Who are Not Baptized

On **Nov. 15** at 9a.m., Fr. Juan will meet with RE parents of children who are **under** the age of 7 years old and who are not baptized. On **Nov. 22** at 9a.m., Fr. Juan will meet with RE parents of children who are **over** the age of 7 years old and who are not baptized. The meetings will take place in the Multipurpose Room of the School. Do you have a faith question for Fr. Juan? Please submit your questions in advance to s.gray@queenofapostles.org.

Thank you for your generous contribution to the Poor Box. This weekend, the collection will go towards **ACCA** and the **Little Sisters of the Poor**. Next weekend, the collection will go towards **Christ House** and the **Missionaries of Charity**.