

THE WIDOW'S MITE: A MODEL OF STEWARDSHIP

In today's Gospel, Jesus praises the generosity of a widow whose gift, though small in monetary value, was of immense spiritual value. Although grieving a painful loss – one which left her both humanly and financially vulnerable – she still found it in her heart to be generous in supporting her community. What a wonderful steward she was!

Think of the different ways in which God has blessed you: your health, your education, your time, your talents, your family, your treasure. We too can find it in our hearts to share generously of these gifts once we realize that, in the end, none of these “belong” to us. Might it be possible that God, who is so generous with us, is calling us to a similar generosity in our own lives? That in “giving until it hurts”, we actually discover that giving feels good?

Last weekend, we welcomed back the families and loved ones of nearly 40 parishioners who have died in the last year, surrounding them with the prayer of the Church and a supportive community. This coming Wednesday, as we mark Remembrance Day, we will honour all who paid the supreme price by laying down their lives in the service of their country. *“There is no greater love than this: to lay down your life for your friends.”* And this coming Saturday morning, Deacon Richard Haber will moderate a panel discussion here at St. Monica's with founding director of the West Island Palliative Care Residence Teresa Dellar, physician Dr. Loraine Mazzella, and palliative-care nurse and spiritual director Jeannie Albert. They will speak to us of their “mission of mercy”: caring for the dying in a way respectful of their inherent dignity and value. All these people know, like the widow in today's Gospel, what it means to “give their all.”

If you have not yet filled in and returned the “time, talent, treasure” commitment card you received in the bulletin two weeks ago, please give it some thought and prayer this week. May we be inspired by the example of the poor widow in the Gospel, of the veterans who have given their lives in the defense of the cause of justice and peace, and of those who work generously with the sick and dying, to be generous in our response. Amen.

**NEXT WEEKEND
FAIR TRADE PRODUCTS**
(Coffee & Chocolate Bars)**ON SALE AFTER ALL WEEKEND MASSES.****(November 14-15)****LOONIES and SPARE CHANGE WILL ALSO BE COLLECTED****THE PILLARS TRUST FUND**

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Please Note: At the back of the church, you will find special envelopes for your donation to the Pillars Trust Fund. Each envelope includes a letter from the Archbishop of Montreal, a newsletter from Pillars Trust, a donation card and a special prepaid self-addressed envelope to mail directly to Pillars Trust. There will be no special collection taken for this campaign.

MASS INTENTIONS NOVEMBER 7 TO 15, 2015

Saturday, November 7: Our Lady's Saturday

4:00 Angelo Caucci By Teresa Caucci
 Giovanni & Palma Farinelli By the Farinelli Family
 Leonardo Zegarelli By his sister Mafalda Zegarelli

Sunday, November 8: 32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:30 In Loving Memory: Leona Clarke, Colombo & Emma Salvati,
 Luigi & Alba Paliotti, Jacqueline James-Hosten, Anna Bodalia.
11:00 Umberto Fontana By Dina, Luigi & Lorne
 For the Aiello & Lonardo Family By Carmelo Aiello
 Sterina & Luigi Monti By Silvia & Tony Supino

Monday, November 9: The Dedication of the Lateran Basilica

8:00 Umberta Fontana By Dina Fiori & Family
 Cruciano Nardinocchi By his Mother

Tuesday, November 10: St. Leo the Great

8:00 Anna & Lorenzo Forlini By Louise Forlini
 Giudi & Giuseppina & Ida Coruaro By Iolanda Corvaro

Wednesday, November 11: St. Martin of Tours (Remembrance Day)

8:00 Agnese, Martino & Antonio Gagliardi By the Family
 Carmela Saltarelli Di Lonardo By the children Filomena,
 Matthew & Domenic Antonio

Thursday, November 12: St. Josaphat

8:00 Italo Falcone By his Parents
 Jerry Vietri By the Family

Friday, November 13: Weekday Mass

8:00 Isa Mazzella By daughter
 Pasquale, Giovanna & Franco Albanesi By Amelia Albanesi

Saturday, November 14: Our Lady's Saturday

4:00 Isa Mazzella By daughter
 Iole Falciani & Tito Forlini By Falciani Family
 Vincenzo & Antonietta La Posta By Concetta La Posta

Sunday, November 15: 33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:30 Agnese & Guglielmo Teodori By Vivian Teodori
 Anna Maria Fiori By Livio & Family
 Francesco Supino & Lina Supino By Tony & Silvia Supino
 Di Giovanni
11:00 In Loving Memory: Deceased members Charles J. McDonald Family,
 Joseph Onesi, Luigi & Rosa Mammone, Flavio & Antonio Ricci.

Your Generosity: *Thank you for your on-going support of our parish...* Collection for the weekend of Oct. 31/Nov. 1 will be recorded in the Nov. 15, 2015 bulletin.

ADVENT PRAYER BOOKLETS AND CANDLES

The Advent prayer booklets and candles will be next weekend for you to purchase. The booklets are priced at \$2.00 each and the candles are priced at \$5.00 for each set. You will find these items at the main entrance of the church. Please put your payment in the **Missalette and Newspaper Payment Box.**



SPECIAL VIEWING OF MOVIE "STILL ALICE"

Join our Pastoral Home Care Visitors in viewing the film "Still Alice" starring Academy Award winner Julianne Moore. The film focuses on the family reality of early onset of Alzheimer's disease. Discussion to follow led by Cathy Macaulay on Wednesday, November 18, 2015 from 1:00 to 3:30 p.m. in the parish rectory basement. Snacks provided. All are welcome.

"ADULT FAITH ENRICHMENT UPCOMING EVENTS"

Care for the Sick and Dying:

A Mission of Mercy

We sometimes hear euthanasia and assisted suicide described as "mercy-killing". Many people are afraid of dying alone, in pain, or feeling that they are a burden to family and society. Palliative care invites us to truly care for the chronically or terminally ill with compassion, to relieve their suffering, and ultimately prepare them for their journey home. Join Deacon Richard Haber, M.D. and a panel of invited guests next **Saturday, November 14 from 10 a.m. to 12 p.m.** in the parish hall to learn about this merciful way of caring for the sick and dying. Transportation is available upon request at registration. Please register by **November 12.**

Please refer to our website and the posters at the Church entrances for additional information. If registration is required, kindly use the appropriate sign-up sheets at the main church entrance or contact Anna at the office.

HAVE YOU CHANGED YOUR ADDRESS?

Have you changed your address during the past year? If so, please call the office as soon as possible to let us know.

DON'T FORGET - GIVE US A CALL, SO THAT WE CAN UPDATE YOUR RECORD.

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