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WELCOME!

Thank you for celebrating with us today. We invite you to come and worship with us again. If you would like to be a member of our faith community, please take a moment to register. We would love to have you as our spiritual companion.

MASS SCHEDULE

SATURDAY

5:00 pm Vigil Mass (Vietnamese)

SUNDAY

8:30 am Mass (English)

10:30 am Mass (Vietnamese)

Livestream (Facebook and Youtube)

ANOINTING OF THE SICK MASS

1st Friday of the Month - 5:30pm Adoration
6:00pm Mass

CONFESSIONS

Saturday 4:30pm – 4:50pm
Sunday 8:00am – 8:20am
Also by Appointment

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PARISH OFFICE HOURS

Monday: Closed
Tuesday & Friday: Please Call for Appointment
Wednesday: 9:30am - 3:00pm
Thursday: 9:30am - 3:00pm
Please leave a message if no one answers and your call will be returned.

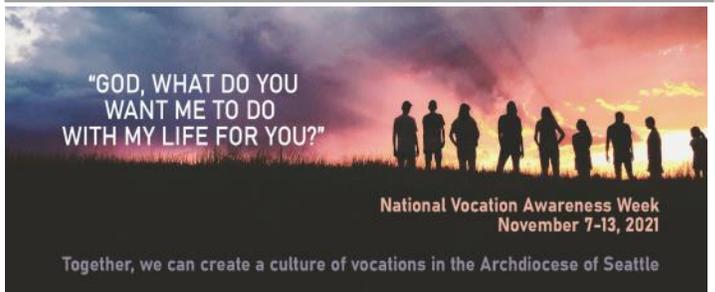
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FINANCIAL STEWARDSHIP:

Donation	\$5,524.00
Donation Online	\$1,077.00
Maintenance Fund	\$60.00
Debt Reduction	\$0
Children's Donation	\$0
Total Donation	\$6661.00

ALL SAINTS & ALL SOULS DONATIONS

\$3125.00



Vocations: The Priesthood! Saturday, Nov 13 at 2:00pm

Men in the Archdiocese of Seattle age 13-40 are invited to join Fr. Justin Ryan for a discussion about the priesthood, steps for discernment, seminary life, and more!



Sunday Readings

32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

1 Kgs 17: 10-16; Heb 9: 24-28
Mark 12: 38-44



"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."

Mark 12: 28-34

God Prefers Generosity from the Heart

There are two ways of being generous: the way of the scribes, and the way of the widow.

The scribes were the experts in interpreting the Law of Moses, and the Law of Moses was the core of Jewish culture.

And so the people of ancient Israel respected and revered the scribes.

But Jesus was unhappy with them.

- Without a doubt, they worked long, hard hours; they were always busy with worthy projects.
- But, unfortunately, their natural intellectual gifts and elevated social function had gone to their heads.
- Instead of exercising their leadership as a service to the nation and to their neighbors, they were flaunting it to stoke their vanity, increase their comfort, and enhance their reputation.
- The higher they climbed, the more they looked down on everyone else.
- They considered themselves superior because they gave more time, talent, and treasure to the Temple than anyone else.
- But this was a one-dimensional view of generosity.
- The scribes were forgetting that all those external things were actually gifts God had given them in the first place.

What God truly wants from us is something more, something deeper: he wants our love; he wants us to trust in him.

This is what the poor widow gave to him.

- She didn't just share some of her abundance; she handed over to God all of her wealth, saying to him: "Lord, you are my good shepherd, and I will follow wherever you lead."
- That was a prayer the scribes never prayed.
- They considered that they were doing God a favor by serving him; the widow understood that God was the one doing the favors.

That's the kind of generosity God wants to see flourish in each one of us: the generosity by which we give to God not just our stuff, but our heart.

Unless we gradually transform our self-centered, scribe-like tendencies into a Christ-centered, humble generosity like that of the widow, we will never be able to attain true Christian wisdom or experience true Christian joy.

We can ask God, every day, to purify our hearts, because without his grace we can do nothing (cf. John 15:5).

- True, life-transforming virtue can only be developed by conscious effort.
- It doesn't come from pills or feelings; it comes from exercise.
- And the best place to exercise heart-felt, selfless generosity is at home.

In fact, family life is designed by God to be a gymnasium for all Christian virtues.

- It is easy to put on the appearance of generosity, like the scribes, when we are interacting with people outside our family circle, because they only see us every once in a while.
- At home, our family members see us all the time, and so they know the good, the bad, and the ugly.
- And so, finding creative ways to serve our family members is a sure path to purify our hearts of selfish motives; they simply won't be impressed with our efforts – they know us too well.

There is little chance of family members praising us too much

- for helping with someone else's chores even when they didn't ask us,
- or for being the first to forgive after an argument or a fight, regardless who was at fault,
- or for leaving the last cookie for someone else without expecting any reward for ourselves.

God wants to give us the freedom and joy of a truly generous heart.

And he will, if we ask for his help, and if we do our part by practicing at home.

MASS OF REMEMBRANCE

For all who have died from Covid-19

November 8 | 7pm
St. James Cathedral
Archbishop Etienne presiding

Join us in person or livestream
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invitation to "journey together"

HEAR Bishop Elizondo's thoughts
on "where do the dead go"

LEARN how Catholic schools are
"building a culture of inclusion"

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