

November 7, 2021
THIRTY-SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

1 Kings 17: 10-16
Psalm 146
Hebrews 9: 24-28
Mark 12:38-44

Drudgery May Bring About the Kingdom.

On and on goes life! It is a drudgery! Over and over one is asked to do more, to serve and to do it without notice. One takes one more deep breath and goes on again. Serving God is like that, a drudgery. But there is a "break out" point. Eventually the kingdom opens up and we see it if only for a moment.

The widow in the first reading who has no man to provide for her or defend her is experiencing drudgery. Day after day she provides for her son and herself. As any single mother she labors in dedication for her child. It appears her life and that of her son is about to come to a whimpering end. The holy man of God, Elijah, asked her to serve him with what she has left. This will be the last act of her life. An act of service to the Lord.

Is it not the way that those with little often do much? It is the work of many that makes the world work. Many hands make a team that advances and enhances the Kingdom of God. The poor woman provides what is necessary for the prophet to continue his ministry. She and her son do not die. Her drudgery is revealed. Her food supply does not run out. It is a breakout moment.

God knows the struggle of humankind. Jesus, the second person of the Trinity of God, came in the flesh. Jesus went through the drudgery of life on earth. The next time he comes Jesus will lead us into the glory he already knows. The Lord has not and will not leave us alone.

Our drudgery is our "widows coin" mentioned in the Gospel story today. Jesus held her up as the example of piety and faith. Our coin might be at first appearance insignificant. Yet, by consistently offering of ourselves as the coin we advance the kingdom. We bring about the kingdom.

If you find yourself one who is immersed in the drudgery of life, endure. Call on God. Say, "Lord, Jesus Christ, have mercy on me a sinner". Just make that small gesture. The Lord will respond.

God's response may come through one of his prophets who might likewise be someone meek and humble as yourself. Be alert and aware. God's response might be in a moment least expected. You might get a call from someone who says, "I have some good news for you!"

And you find out a big gift comes your way. Don't underestimate the Lord.

On and on goes your life. Little by little your work performed with Faith in God builds the Kingdom of God. Your drudgery may do much.

NEXT WEEK'S READINGS

Dn12:1-3;Heb10:11-14,18;Mk13:24-32

Join in Scripture Sharing every Thursday evening, 7pm to 8pm.

STEWARDSHIP

Time, Talent, Tithing

Attendance last week:	252
Tithes Collected:	\$5,954.00
Online Giving:	\$165.00
Total:	\$6,119.00

Publix Cards

Please bring in Publix Gift Cards. This is our annual campaign to help the St. Vincent de Paul Society provide food for the holidays. Many people do not have the means to cook. Therefore, with the Gift Cards they may purchase food that is already prepared. The cards also help us provide supplemental food items to families in need throughout the year. Please provide the cards in \$10 increments. Again, please bring in Publix Gift cards in \$10 increments. Thank you.

Thanksgiving Day, November 28th
Liturgy at 10:00am

We will celebrate Mass at a special time. We will celebrate at 10:00am. It is a simple liturgy of about 40 minutes. You will be home in time for the football games. (The office will be closed that day and the day after.)

LITURGY FOR NOVEMBER 7, 2021
32nd Sunday Ordinary Time :Cycle B

- **SONG #1: GREAT THINGS** (Wickham/Myrin)
 1. Come, let us worship our King.
Come, let us bow at His feet.
He has done great things.
See what our Savior has done.
See how His love overcomes
He has done great things.
He has done great things.
 2. **O Hero of Heaven, You conquered the grace. You free ev'ry captive and break ev'ry chain.**
O God, You have done great things.
We dance in Your freedom, awake and alive.
O Jesus our Savior, Your name lifted high.
O God, you have done great things.
 3. You've been faithful through ev'ry storm.
You'll be faithful for evermore.
You have done great things.
And I know You will do it again
For Your promise is Yes and Amen.
You will do great things.
God, You do great things.

4. **BRIDGE:**

//Hallelujah, God above it all!
Hallelujah, God unshakable!
Hallelujah, You have done great things!//

• **PSALM 146:**

//Praise the Lord, my soul//
Praise the Lord, Praise the Lord
Praise the Lord...my soul

• **GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:**

Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

• **SONG # 2: THE LEAST OF THESE (Hurd)**

1. Lord, when did we see you hungry and forsaken, helpless and imprisoned, a stranger in need?
2. **What you do for the least of these, you have done for me. When you care for the least of these, you have cared for me, you have cared for me.**
3. When did I neglect you? Surely I'd have noticed if you had been wanting for anything.
4. Lord, when did I let you, let you be my scapegoat? When did I deny you? Lord is it I?
5. Lord, I want to help you carry your great burden; show you that I love you with all my heart.

• **SONG #3: THE SUPPER OF THE LORD (Rosania)**

Precious body, precious blood, seen as bread and wine; here the Lord prepares the feast divine. Bread of love is broken now, cup of life is poured; come, share the supper of the Lord.

1. This is the bread of God coming down from heav'n, giving life to us, to all the world.
2. "I am the living spring of eternal life; you that drink from me shall not thirst again."
3. "I am the bread of heav'n giving life to you; you that eat this bread shall never die."
4. "All those who feed on me have their life in me, as I have my life in the living God."
5. All praise to you, O Christ, present in this feast; in this bread, we share in one life, one Lord.

• **SONG # 4: ALL SHALL BE WELL (Bridge)**

1. All shall be well. All shall be well, and all manner of thing, all manner of thing shall be well.
2. I lift up my eyes to the mountains; from where shall come my help? My help will come from God, my creator, from God who made heaven and earth.
3. God will keep your feet from stumbling and guard you as you rest; for God never slumbers nor sleeps. God is with you by day and by night.
4. For God will always guard you from evil and keep your soul from harm; and God will guard your coming and going, both now and forevermore.

• **SONG # 5: : YOUR GRACE IS ENOUGH (Maher)**

1. **Your grace is enough, your grace is enough, your grace is enough for me.**
2. Great is your faithfulness , O God; you wrestle with the sinner's restless heart. You lead us by still waters into mercy, and nothing can keep us apart. So remember your people, remember your children, remember your promise, O God.
3. Great is your love and justice, God of Jacob; you use the weak to lead the strong. You lead us in the song of your salvation, and all your people sing along. So remember your people, remember your children, remember your promise, O God.

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MASS INTENTIONS

- Saturday, November 6
4:00 p.m. † All Souls Novena
- Sunday, November 7
9:00 a.m. † All Souls Novena
10:45 a.m. † All Souls Novena
- Monday, November 8
8:00 a.m. NO MASS
- Tuesday, November 9
8:00 a.m. † All Souls Novena
- Wednesday, November 10
8:00 a.m. † All Souls Novena
- Thursday, November 11
8:00 a.m. † Cindy Allwardt by Moses & Meadows Family
- Friday, November 12
8:00 a.m. † Souls in Purgatory by Richard & Margaret Schmelz
- Saturday, November 13
4:00 p.m. † Mary & Louis Michel by Anthony & Rosemary
Fr. Don Tranel by Daniel Murphy
- Sunday, November 14
9:00 a.m. † Denise Sicoli by St. Vincent de Paul Society
10:45 a.m. † Monica & Witold Gincas by Family
† Joseph Brutko by Martin & Frank

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Consulting the People of the World

Thank you for even pausing long enough in your busy day to read this page!

What is this? Synod? It is an ancient Tradition of the Christian Church which is the path along which the People of God walk together. Equally, it refers to the Lord Jesus, who presents Himself as “the way, the truth and the life” (Jn 14:6), and to the fact that Christians, His followers, were originally called “followers of the Way” (cf. Acts 9:2; 19:9-23; 22:4; 24:14-22)

This synod is both a gift and a task. It is the way the Church is to proceed, and this is the way set out for us by the Second Vatican Council (1963-65). Obviously, we have journeyed a very long way already since Jesus rose from the dead and ascended to the Father and sent the Holy Spirit. Thus, we reflect on what we have personally experienced. By responding to the broad questions presented below we will learn from one another’s experiences and perspectives, guided by the Holy Spirit.

What to do then. First pray for God’s guidance.

Note there are three sets of questions to guide your reflection. For the majority of them all keep your response short. Carefully think through your response to each question. Focus in on what “jumps out” at you or appears most strongly as your experience or perspective on the topic of the question. It may be a word, phrase, or sentence (or two sentences). Your response may be made in a string of one-word answers that come to mind. Print this on the sheet that has the question written on it. Please answer in this brief manner. Your carefully chosen word, phrase or sentence may be very powerful. More so than writing a paragraph. The authors are looking for key concepts and thoughts that surface most often among all the responses (worldwide). Long paragraphs may make your experience or perspective be lost in too many words that those who must distill all the responses to manageable inputs/data.

The two questions within “Question 1” may be answered by a phrase or sentence or a string of words.

The first three questions within “Question 2” may be a simple “yes” or “no”. Your response to the final (fourth) question may be the short two or even three sentences or a string of words. You see? Right to the point leading to possible solutions.

The three questions within “Question 3” may take one to two sentences each.

Keeping it simple will have the most impact and get you heard.

Thank you again for your help!

Please mail the question and answer sheet back to:
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Or drop it off in church on the weekend.

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The Questions
Please contain your responses to the space provided.

Question 1

a. What fills you with joy about the Catholic Church?

b. What causes you concern about the Catholic Church?

Question 2

a. Are you encouraged to speak up courageously and responsibly about challenges and concerns?

b. Do you feel heard? C. Do you listen to the voices of others?

d. How can we create greater opportunities for people to be heard in Church and in the public square?

Question 3

a. What type of support do you need to grow in your personal relationship with Jesus and His Church?

b. What type of support do you need *to help others* to enter into a personal relationship with Jesus and His Church?

c. How can the Catholic Church *accompany and support* you with these?

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