

# November 7<sup>th</sup> - Thirty-second Sunday in Ordinary Time



## MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

**Saturday, November 6**

9:00am † *Ernesto Genoves*

4:30pm † *Jeanette Beeler*

**Sunday, November 7**

8:00am † *Jeanette Beeler*

10:00am † *Ramona Murray*

12:00pm † *Alejandro Gaitan*

**Monday, November 8**

9:00am † *Eduardo Genoves*

**Tuesday, November 9**

9:00am *Marge Silva (hlng)*

**Wednesday, November 10**

9:00am † *Gualberto Espino Jr.*

**Thursday, November 11**

9:00am *Filmar Roguel (bdy)*

**Friday, November 12**

9:00am

**Saturday, November 13**

9:00am † *Esperanza Buenconsejo*

4:30pm † *Rufino Labari*



### Daylight savings ends

Remember to turn your clocks one hour on Sunday, November 7, 2021

### Parish Office Closed

The Parish Office will be closed on Thursday, November 11<sup>th</sup> in observance of Veteran's Day. We will re-open on Friday, November 12<sup>th</sup>.

### SECOND COLLECTION

Today's Second Collection is for the **Reserve Fund** of St. John the Evangelist. This account was established to help fund the on-going major maintenance and needs of the Parish of St. John. Thank you for your continued generous support.

### LAST WEEK'S COLLECTION

**COLECTA DE LA SEMANA PASADA**

**October 25<sup>th</sup> - October 31<sup>st</sup>, 2021**

Weekend Offering.....\$ 2,560.65

SVDP.....\$ 1,022.11

### From the Desk of the Pastor ....

With regards to gifts we have a saying that goes: 'It's the thought that counts.' Yet in practice we often forget this and use a different criterion. We judge a gift by its size, and at times, by its cost.

But this can be so unfair. Christ did not fall for it. He said that the poor widow, who gave a single penny, gave more than anyone else. Jesus looking into the hearts of the people around him knew why. The poor widow gave all she had.

- She gave from her poverty and not from power, privilege or excess. She gave every thing, even that little penny, all that was left to live on.
- The rest of the donors gave from what they had: power, privilege and excess! They may have shared something from among their wealth and riches.

We give but little, when we give from our surplus possessions. It is only when we give of ourselves, that we truly give. There are people who have little and who give it all. They are really great. Through the hands of such people God cares for his people, and through their eyes, he smiles on the world.

We may feel that we do not have much to give. However, we can give little things and give them with great love and care. Then we will be imitating the poor widow, who was able to look beyond her own need, because she placed her trust in God.

We often judge our own contribution and that of others by standards other than those of the Gospel.

In the world we live in, prizes, certificates and recognitions are given not for trying, but for results. It is a culture where results matter. According to this line of thinking, the best team is always the one that wins. Best is defined by results, what and who performs better, which company returns a profit and a larger margin of benefits.

But Jesus does not judge according to appearances or by results. He has a different yardstick. He says: "No, it is not the result that counts, but the spirit shown. It is not what has been attained but the price that has been paid that matters.

As T.S. Eliot once said: "It is the 'trying' that matters ... the rest is not our business".

The rest is for God.

## PARISH COMMUNITY NEWS

### The Church is open for Masses

**Weekday masses at 9:00am Monday through Saturday**

**Saturday Vigil Mass at 4:30pm and Sunday Masses at 8am & 10am in English and 12 noon en español**

**The church** is open for personal prayer and Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament on Sundays from 7:30am to 1:00pm.

We pray the rosary at 9:30am in English and at 11:30am in Spanish. Come and join us in praying the rosary.

The Parish thanks the Knights of Columbus, Council 615 and our liturgical ministers who generously offer their time, talent and treasure in faithful stewardship every weekend, keeping watch in the church and taking care of the church.

### Thank you

The Parish of St. John the Evangelist thanks Mary Alfonso, Aida Grona, Flaviano Redublado, Henry Falcon, Paul Limpin, and Sonia Urquilla and all those who magnanimously worked to organize and generously supported the celebration of the nine day-novenas and the Feast of San Lorenzo Ruiz of Manila.

Your efforts raised a total offering of \$3,135.00 to help install a new heating system for the church. It has been transferred to the Fixing God's House account. Thank you for your generosity.

The Temple in Jerusalem was the center of Jewish worship in the time of Jesus. It was expected that observant Jews would make pilgrimages to the Temple to offer prayer and sacrifices. Pilgrims were also expected to make a financial contribution to the temple treasury. Jesus observes that those who were rich contributed large sums to the treasury. Those with less means made smaller contributions. Jesus calls attention, however, to a poor widow who makes the smallest of contributions—two coins of little value. Jesus upholds the poor widow's offering for his disciples' consideration, commending her because her small offering was an act of profound generosity, giving from her livelihood rather than her surplus.

To give from our livelihood is not only an act of generosity, it is also an act of trust in God. We can only give from our need if we trust that God will provide for us. Jesus himself demonstrates the ultimate act of generosity and trust in God as he gives his life for us on the cross.