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#### **Mission Statement:**

Established in the Spirit of Jesus Christ with an Afro-centric focus, Blessed Sacrament Chapel is committed to spreading the "Word" through fellowship and good works.

## Sunday Mass: 10:00AM Reconciliation: 1st Sunday 9:30AM

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Thirty-second Sunday in Ordinary Time November 11, 2018

The Lord keeps faith forever, secures justice for the oppressed, gives food to the hungry.

#### **TODAY'S READINGS**

First Reading — The widow of Zarephath had only a handful of flour and a little oil, but made a little cake for Elijah (1 Kings 17:10-16).

**Psalm** — Praise the Lord, my soul! (Psalm 146).

**Second Reading** — Christ will appear a second time to bring salvation to those who eagerly await him (Hebrews 9:24-28).

**Gospel** — This poor widow put in more than all the other contributors (Mark 12:38-44



## God will not be outdone in generosity.



## From the desk of Father Sinoj

Dear friends in Christ,

Greetings! This weekend we have the mite of the poor widow in the Gospel for reflection. It gives us another opportunity to reflect on one of the significant aspect of Christian life, the aspect of giving. Jesus contrasts the external signs of honor sought by the scribes with the humble, sacrificial offering of a poor widow and declares that she has found true honor in God's eyes. This reflects God's love in giving His only Son for us, and Christ's lovein sacrificing himself on the cross.

Real giving must be sacrificial. The amount of the gift never matters so much as its cost to the giver, not the size of the gift, but the sacrifice. Real generosity gives until it hurts. For many of us it is a real question if ever our giving to God's work is any sacrifice at all. Few people will do without their pleasures to give a little more to the work of God.

Real giving has a recklessness in it. The woman could have kept one coin. It would not have been much but it would have been something, yet she gave everything she had. There is a great symbolic truth here. It is our tragedy that there is so often some part of our lives, some part of our activities, some part of ourselves which we do not give to Christ. Somehow there is nearly always something we hold back. We rarely make the final sacrifice and the final surrender.

This Gospel message becomes very significant as we try to share our Time, Talent and Treasure with the Church. We are the stewards of the Church. We are expected to take up responsibility in the life of the Church. We may feel that we have not much in the way of material gifts or personal gifts to give to Christ, but, if we put all that we have and are at his disposal, he can do things with it and with us that are beyond our imagination.

("···'") Always ··.,(""···'") Keep (""···'"),..' Smiling! Fr. Sínoj Pynadath,

## **November Birthdays**

- 1—Austin Gough
- 7—Lennox Williams
- 8-Audrey Mezur
- 11-Jeff Sanford
- 16—Joyce Moorman, Greg Gough
- 19—Ron Moorman, Barbara Bisel
- 22—Trey Hatchett
- 25—Payton Sanford



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If you know anyone who is not enrolled, please encourage them. Thanks.

## Mass Intentions:

November 1—Bernice Williams

November 4—Barbara Horsley

November 11—Jerry Mezur

November 18—Kenneth Higgs

November 25—Donald Moorman

Let us remember to pray for those who have recently died or those who are in the process of dying. Remember to pray for the poor souls in purgatory.

Our thoughts and prayers are with: <u>SICK\_Martha Kramer, Dorothy</u>
Fulton, Ruth Coble, Carol Hatchett, Loretta Wathen, Beverly Chilton,
Larry Clark, Greta Beal, Shelby Webster, Frank Adams, Rose Chapman,
Father Pat Ryan, Charlene Meadows, Larry Leachman, Philip Moorman, Sr., Camilla Greer, Jim Moorman, Louise Johnson, Larry Allen,
Phillip Moorman, Jr., Linda McDonald If you know of anyone seriously
ill who is in need of prayer or visitation, please notify the office.

## THE HOMEBOUND:

Ruth Coble is at Heritage Place on Buckland Square. Dorothy Fulton and Beverly Chilton are in their homes but can no longer join us for Sunday Mass and activities. A phone call or a card can cheer the homebound if you can't visit.

VETERANS: Please join us for a day of prayer in tribute to you on Wednesday, Nov. 14 from 10 AM. to 1 PM. at Mount St. Joseph Conference and Retreat Center. Veterans gave up so much for us; now we hope to give to you. The retreat director is Rev. Pat Dolan, chaplain and veteran of Louisville. There is no cost and lunch will be provided. Please call 270-229-0206 or email retreatcenter@maplemount.org

# Coming Events CALENDAR



## **Blessed Sacrament Chapel**

Nov. 18 Thanksgiving Dinner 12-2 PM

**Dec. 7** Feast of Immaculate Conception

6 PM Mass at BSC

**Dec. 8** Mass and Celebration of service For Deacon Curry 9 AM at SSC

Dec. 16 Christmas Soulful Concert 2 PM

## **Diocesan Happenings**

**Dec. 2** Advent begins

**Dec.** 4 Art of Accompaniment for parish

staffs Madisonville 9-3



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## Thank you

In the name of Jesus, I would like to thank everyone that has prayed for me and has given me gifts out of kindness as I continue my journey at Western KU.

Love Yasmeen

Several other of our college students have verbally expressed thanks for your prayers and the items in the Care Bags that we sent. Your thoughtfulness is greatly appreciated.

"Stewards" share love with others through offering of time, talent, and treasure. What comes to mind when you hear the words "time, talent, and treasure" or "stewardship"? Do you think it's all about money, or a dreaded obligation on an endless list of tasks? Does it apply to others but not something you have time to "do?" Our lives are so overcrowded that living as a steward may feel like something to be postponed until "the kids are grown," or "I'm retired," or "when I get that promotion."

Or, do you believe that embracing stewardship is a way of life, an opportunity to express your gratitude for God's blessings? As disciples, we are called to:

- receive God's gifts gratefully, cherish and tend them responsibly, share them in justice and love, and return them with increase to the Lord;
- share our gifts in proportion to the blessings we receive

#### **READINGS FOR THE WEEK**

Monday: Ti 1:1-9; Ps 24:1b-4ab, 5-6;

Lk 17:1-6

Tuesday: Ti 2:1-8, 11-14; Ps 37:3-4, 18,

23, 27, 29; Lk 17:7-10

Wednesday: Ti 3:1-7; Ps 23:1b-6; Lk 17:

Lk 17:20-25

Friday: 2 Jn 4-9; Ps 119:1-2, 10-11,

17-18; Lk 17:26-37

Saturday: 3 Jn 5-8; Ps 112:1-6; Lk 18:1-8

Sunday: Dn 12:1-3; Ps 16:5, 8-11;

Heb 10:11-14, 18; Mk 13:24-32

## SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSER-VANCES

Sunday: Thirty-second Sunday in Ordinary Time; Veterans Day; Remembrance Day (Canada)

Monday: St. Josaphat

Tuesday: St. Frances Xavier Cabrini

Thursday: St. Albert the Great

Friday: St. Margaret of Scotland; St.

Gertrude

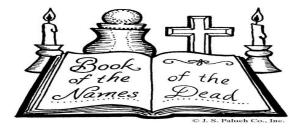
Saturday: St. Elizabeth of Hungary



#### THE CALL TO DISCIPLESHIP

The core vocation in the Gospel of Mark is the vocation, or call, to discipleship. To-day's Gospel passage provides us with one last example of what the vocation to discipleship means, and one example of what it doesn't mean. A destitute widow shows us that discipleship means following Jesus' way of service, even if it requires giving one's livelihood (or life). The scribes show us by their bad example that discipleship should entail a vocation to extend God's care to those who are most in need.

In our reading from the book of Kings another widow and her son are close to death. They too give what little they have, but they are rewarded by Elijah with food enough for a year. And the reading from the Letter to the Hebrews reminds us that Jesus sacrificed his life "to bring salvation to those who eagerly await him" (Hebrews 9:28



#### A GOOD STORY

Christianity is the story of beggars who tell other beggars where to find bread.

Anonymous

Pray for the souls in Purgatory. We are their gate to heaven. Nov. 18: Marsha Allen

Greg Gough

Nov. 25: Austin Gough

Jacques Williams

## **Eucharistic Ministers**

Nov. 18: Charlene Meadows

Cathy Kramer

Karen Leachman

Nov. 25: Payton Sanford

Mary K. Gough

Vivian Higgs

## Offertory/ Ushers

Nov. 18: Yvonne Mundy

Pam Wilson

Nov. 18: Jeff Sanford

Dylan Sanford

#### **PRAY FOR THE DEAD**

Let us not hesitate to help those who have died and offer our prayers for them.

—St. John Chrysostom

Pray for the people in your life who have passed away, remembering with gratitude any good examples they set for you.

—Pope Francis

## National Black Catholic History month, celebrated in November, provides the opportunity to

brated in November, provides the opportunity to honor the holy men and women who inspire the faithful to this day.

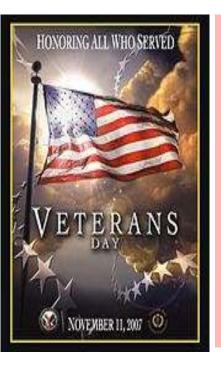
That history traces far back to the Acts of the Apostles (8:26-40), when St. Philip the Deacon converted an educated, high-level Ethiopian official in charge of the treasury for the Ethiopian queen. The baptism of the African treasurer was one of the first times an Apostle evangelized outside of Jerusalem, and is thus considered the sowing of the seeds of the universal church. Several saints of African descent have since influenced Christians. Those holy ones include; Saints Anthony of Egypt, Cyprian, Moses the Black, Pachomius, Maurice, Athanasius, Pisentius, Mary of Egypt, Cyril of Alexandria, Monica of Hippo, Augustine of Hippo, Perpetua, Felicitas, Thecla and Zeno. Three sainted popes came from Africa. Additionally, Northern Africa is considered the cradle of Western monasticism.

The Catholic Church does not yet have any African-American saints. There is focus on five African-Americans whom are considered worthy of the cause for sainthood: New Or-leans' Venerable Henriette Delille, founder of the Sisters of the Holy Family; Buffalo's Venerable Pierre Toussaint, a slave from Haiti who eventually gained his freedom in New York City and became a philanthropist to the poor of that city; Baltimore's Servant of God Mother Mary Lange; Denver's Servant of God Julia Greeley; and Chicago's Servant of God Father Augustus Tolton. The Diocese of Jackson, Miss., is seeking a cause for canonization of a sixth — Servant of God Sister Thea Bowman.

#### TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

Veterans Day began with the signing of a symbolic treaty between the Allies and Germany ending World War I (then called the "Great War") on the eleventh hour of the eleventh day of the eleventh month. The auspicious date was actually a well-established religious holiday, the feast of Saint Martin of Tours, a beloved soldier saint of the army of Rome. After World War II, Armistice Day was changed to Veterans Day in the United States and Remembrance Day in Britain, but of course the feast of Saint Martin endures.

Martin was named after Mars, the god of war, and against the advice of his parents he went on his own to church. He became a catechumen at the age of ten. By fifteen he was enlisted in the cavalry in France. Coming across a poor man, Martin had an impulse to divide his bright red soldier's cape and clothe him. He later had the insight that he had served Christ, and the other half of his cape became a lifelong sign to him of his duty to serve the poor. Housed in a tiny church *capella* or "chapel," the cape became a great object of pilgrimage on the way to Compostella, and a favored place for the prayers of soldiers. Martin was not so eager to serve as bishop as he had been as a soldier, and legend says that he hid in a barn filled with geese to avoid episcopal election. To this day, the customary meal for November 11 is goose! Traditionally, this is the last feast day before winter closes in, and begins a period of fasting once known as "Saint Martin's Lent" or "Martinmas," that later developed into the season of Advent.



Dear Lord, Today we honor our veterans, worthy men and women who gave their best when they were called upon to serve and protect their country. We pray that you will bless them, Lord, for their unselfish service in the continual struggle to preserve our freedoms, our safety. and our country's heritage, for all of us. Bless them abundantly for the hardships they faced, for the sacrifices they made for their many different contributions to America's victories over tyranny and oppression. We respect them, we thank them, we honor them, we are proud of them, and we pray that you will watch over these special people