

32nd Sunday In Ordinary Time

In 1 Samuel, God advises the prophet Samuel not to observe as men see but as God sees. He tells him to "look to the heart." This is the movement of this Sunday's Gospel reading. "Beware the scribes," Jesus advises. He points out their public greetings and "seats of honor," which stands in sharp contrast to their private greed. For the Jewish people of Jesus' day, honor resides at the top. Power and prestige created a high profile back then as it still does today. After his warning, Jesus turns his disciples' attention elsewhere: a poor widow.

"She, from her poverty, has contributed all she had." While the scribes donated large sums to the temple, they did so "from their surplus wealth." This woman -- in her faith and devotion -- offers "her whole livelihood." Jesus invited his disciples to see with God's eyes, to recognize a holy life in people the world overlooks. Here -- in the poor, the vulnerable, the marginalized -- God waits hidden.

Today's Gospel begs a few questions. What do we see? Whom do we value? Are we impressed by the pomp and circumstance of modern day Pharisees? Do we ignore their self-righteousness because it looks impressive, even seems somewhat helpful? The point isn't to judge the scribes, of course. God can see their hearts as well, and those assessments are firmly his responsibility. The point is to turn our eyes from the typically honored to the rarely respected. Are we disinterested in the poverty of the modern day widows? Do we ignore their faith because we forget to look for it? This Sunday, consider the widows in your own life. Who can you see with God's eyes?

Sunday Collection

Sunday Collection for weekend of October 27/28, 2018 was \$3,120.00.

Town Hall Meeting

There will be a Town Hall Meeting for all Parishioners of Divine Mercy Parish,

Sunday, November 18, 2018

At 1 pm in St. Francis Auditorium.

Our accountant will be available to answer questions. All questions including pastoral and financial must be submitted in advance.

32o Domingo del Tiempo Ordinario

El punto de la enseñanza de hoy es muy adecuado para la sociedad moderna. En los tiempos antiguos, como ahora, la lucha de muchas personas estribaba en cómo prescindir del materialismo, de lo superfluo. Desear poco y ocupar poco es lucha y reto. El padre Pedro Arrupe, sacerdote Jesuita, expresaba lo innecesario de la siguiente forma: "Lo superfluo se torna conveniente, lo conveniente necesario, y lo necesario imprescindible." Jesús, enseña a la gente a estar alerta de no ser hipócritas como los maestros de la Ley. Decía: "Cuídense de esos maestros de la Ley a quienes les gusta pasear con amplias vestiduras, ser saludados en las plazas y ocupar asientos reservados en las sinagogas y los banquetes" (Marcos 12:39-40). El problema, no estaba en el vestir bien y ser notables en la sociedad.

Sino, en el maltrato que daban a las viudas. Eso era lo que Jesús condenaba severamente. Por lo tanto Él les explica lo que había visto en el Templo, sobre la ofrenda de la viuda. "Yo les aseguro que esta viuda pobre ha dado más que todos los otros. Pues todos han echado de lo que les sobra, mientras ella ha dado desde su pobreza; no tenía más, y dio todos sus recursos" (Marcos 12:43-44). ¿Cómo son las ofrendas que damos, de lo que nos sobra o de lo que nos duele dar? Recordemos que ahora tenemos el papel de discípulos misioneros de Jesucristo y se espera que la compasión y la misericordia brote del corazón que ama al Señor.

Readings for the Week of November 11, 2018

Sunday: 1 Kgs 17:10-16/Ps 146:7, 8-9, 9-10
[1b]/Heb 9:24-28/Mk 12:38-44 or 12:41-44

Monday: Ti 1:1-9/Ps 24:1b-2, 3-4ab, 5-6 [cf. 6]/Lk 17:1-6

Tuesday: Ti 2:1-8, 11-14/Ps 37:3-4, 18 and 23, 27 and 29 [39a]/Lk 17:7-10

Wednesday: Ti 3:1-7/Ps 23:1b-3a, 3bc-4, 5, 6 [1]/Lk 17:11-19

Thursday: Phlm 7-20/Ps 146:7, 8-9a, 9bc-10 [5a]/Lk 17:20-25

Friday : 2 Jn 4-9/Ps 119:1, 2, 10, 11, 17, 18 [1b]/Lk 17:26-37

Saturday: 3 Jn 5-8/Ps 112:1-2, 3-4, 5-6/Lk 18:1-8

Next Sunday: Dn 12:1-3/Ps 16:5, 8, 9-10, 11 [1]/Heb 10:11-14, 18/Mk 13:24-32

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A Message from Fr. Tom

We might be tempted to listen to the message today and think of it as being about our becoming morally stronger—giving more—and be like the example of the extraordinary women in our first reading and Gospel. However, the more I reflect upon it, the more I realize *the message is about trust*. Do we trust God? Do we really believe that our God is a personal God whose fundamental attribute is His benevolence? Does God see and know our circumstances? The answer without reservation is yes. Our Gospel story demonstrates to us not only the concrete good that our faith asks of us—generosity to those less fortunate—but also a spiritual dimension. Charity changes us. To be poor in spirit means that we trust not in our own strength and resources, but above all place ourselves in the hands of God. His power and generosity will sustain us. **Fr. Tom**

Celebrate Thanksgiving by Helping Someone in Need

Thanksgiving Day Feeding of the Homebound of DMP & Homeless

On the morning of Thanksgiving Day, Thursday, November 22nd, Divine Mercy Parish will make home visits to distribute meals to feed our homebound and also offer meals and winter clothing to the homeless of our neighborhood. If you are interested in helping, please call the rectory office (718-387-0256) or the number on the insert in the bulletin regarding volunteers for Thanksgiving. (646-247-3290). **Fr. Tom**

St. Michael the Archangel Prayer

On October 13th, 1884—exactly 33 years to day prior to the final apparition of Fatima—Pope Leo XIII after celebrating private morning Mass turned pale and collapsed as if he was dead. His assistants were able to revive him. It was no fainting spell. Pope Leo XIII had a vision. In this vision he clearly heard the voice of Satan speaking as he approached the throne of God boasting and debating with Jesus that he could destroy the Catholic Church. The Lord affirmed that the church was imperishable, and asked him what he needed to accomplish this claim. Satan said grant him 100 years of power over those who give themselves to him—the Catholic priesthood. Jesus granted him this. When Pope Leo was brought back to consciousness, he went into his study and created the exorcism prayer to St. Michael the Archangel. This vision speaks of an attack

coming from within and outside of the church in the 20th Century. The warning at Fatima, Akita & O.L. of Good Success all confirm this danger. Pope Leo required that this prayer be said at every Mass. We need extra prayers and protection at this time. St. Michael the Archangel defend us in battle.

Recent Public Safety Issues

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Major Restoration Work in DMP

As was announced by me earlier this year, Divine Mercy Parish has been granted a 3 million dollar loan to address some urgently needed deferred maintenance.

St. Nicholas—Stained Glass Repair & Façade Pointing

St. Francis—Stained Glass Repair & Ceiling and Grotto Restoration

St. Cecilia—Stained Glass Repair & Boiler Replacement

I am happy to report this work is now underway at St. Cecilia's. We can see the beautiful work Botti Studios has done resealing and painting the frames of the windows in the Cloister Walk on Herbert Street. This work will be done on ALL stained glass windows in St. Cecilia and St. Nicholas churches—quite an undertaking. Please continue to be generous to your parish.

Divine Mercy Parish Concert Series

Andrea Domenici Trio

Friday, December 14, 2018 7 PM

St. Francis of Paola Church

New Stuff- New Music for Cello

with Dan Barrett

Friday, January 18, 2019 7 PM

Green Door Gallery

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**GIFTS OF LOVE EMERGENCY FOOD PANTRY
AT DIVINE MERCY PARISH
ALL ARE WELCOME**

This is a good time to remember and embrace the words of Blessed Mother Teresa of Calcutta “At the end of life we will not be judged by how many diplomas we have received, how much money we have made, how many things we have done. We will be judged by “I was hungry, and you gave me something to eat. I was naked and you clothed me. I was homeless and you took me in.”

Specific items needed this week **canned sweet potatoes, gravy stuffing mix**
Food Pantry Coordinator and Volunteers

**Mass Intentions for the Week
St. Francis of Paola Church**

Saturday, November 10, 2018

5:00pm Deceased Members of the Don Bosco Columbiettes

Sunday, November 11, 2018

8:00am For the Recovery of Agnes He by Joseph Sun
11:30am Deceased Members of Our Lady of the Snow Society

Monday, November 12, 2018

7:45am Felicia Nicodemo by Marion & Theresa

Tuesday, November 13, 2018

7:45am Tutti Sandi by Raffaella Morena

Wednesday, November 14, 2018

7:45am Basilia & Joseph Scala by Family

Thursday, November 15, 2018

7:45am Brina & Giuseppe Ruggiero by Daughter

Friday, November 16, 2018

7:45am Rose Marie Ciorciari by Kathryn Miller

Saturday, November 17, 2018

7:45am Angelo Libretto
5:00pm Lawrence & Mary Frasca by Family

Sunday, November 18, 2018

8:00am Anthony Biondo by Pietro & Michela De Sarno
11:30am Rae & Luigi Strazzulli by Family

**St. Francis of Paola Church
Memorial Gifts – November 11, 2018**

ST. JOSEPH CANDLES

Martin Bavuso by Marie & Joseph Bavuso

Mass Book 2019 / January to June only

The 2019 Mass book is open for intentions

The stipend for Masses is:

\$20.00 for weekend Masses

\$15.00 for weekday Masses

The 9:30 am Sunday Mass at St. Cecilia, the 10:30 am Sunday Mass at St. Nicholas and the last Sunday of the month at the 11:30 am Mass at St Francis will all be collective Masses.

Parish Office Closed

The Rectory will be closed on Monday, November 12, 2018 in observance of Veterans Day.

Please Join In

Honoring Armistice Day

Monday November 12, 2018 at 11AM

At Memorial Gore (corner of Humboldt St. and Metropolitan Ave.) With: Friends of Memorial Gore, St. Nicks Alliance, Concerned Citizens of Withers St, Divine Mercy Parish, The Scouting Units of Divine Mercy Parish, NYC Parks, Dept. NYC Transit.

Centennial year of Peace

Turn to Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament

St. Cecilia Chapel: Open 7:00am to 3:00pm
Monday—Friday

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The Don Bosco Columbiettes

will be sponsoring their “Annual Christmas Penny Sale” on Fri., Dec. 7, 2018 in the Auditorium of St. Francis 200 Woodpoint Road. Doors open at 6:00pm, calling starts at 7:00 pm. Admission is \$6.00 adults, \$3.00 for children 12 and under. Coffee & cake served. For reservations call Theresa Favuzza. 718-389-0799.

PRAY FOR VOCATIONS

NOVEMBER 11, 2018

Mass Intentions for the Week

St. Nicholas Church

Sunday, November 11, 2018

10:30am Souls in Purgatory
In Thanksgiving to St. Anthony
Deceased Members of the Remache and
Perez Family

Wednesday, November 14, 2018

7:00pm Marie Mechaluk

Sunday, November 18, 2018

10:30am Rae & Luigi Strazzulli by Family

Pray For the Sick: Wanda Zadwarny, Nancy Gonzalez, Vincent Gonzalez, Jackie Elsasser, Christopher Floria, Paula Scala, John Colasanti, Lucy Corbisiero, Eliot Roldan, Rae Pacifico, Dolores Mulcahey, Jamie Castro, Cathy Leonick, Susan Gernert, Theresa Scala, Eleanor Heck, John Porcelli, Anthony DeSena

Pray For the Recently Deceased: Barbara Sieburt, Anthony Biondo, Fred DeLuca, Robert Schmitt

Transfiguration Men's Shelter

We are once again asking for volunteers to provide a hot meal for the men of the Transfiguration men's shelter, our Parish will be serving the week of

December 9th to December 15th, 2018

For more information or if you are interested in providing food or helping with serving please contact Angela Scotti at 718-782-3881 or the Parish Office at 718-387-0256.

Can You Help: A young family active in DMP is seeking to purchase a modestly priced house in the neighborhood to set down roots.

If you or someone you know are aware of anyone selling a property and are open to forego the current real estate market price to help them stay in the parish, call Leo Fiorica at 917-675-7461 or email LFiorica@hotmail.com

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St. Cecilia Church

Sunday, November 11, 2018

9:30am for the People of Divine Mercy Parish
7:00pm Paul J. Capobianco, Sr.

Monday, November 12, 2018

8:30am Rev. James Krische; Living Intentions

Tuesday, November 13, 2018

8:30am Marie Ferzola

Wednesday, November 14, 2018

8:30am John Curcio

Thursday, November 15, 2018

8:30am Carol Washack O'Reilly

Friday, November 16, 2018

8:30am Norma Brogan

Saturday, November 17, 2018

8:30am Anthony Salzano

Sunday, November 18, 2018

9:30am Washack Family
John & Josephine Manzollilo
Rose Cirone
Eliot Roldan
Angel Reyes
7:00pm Rose Marie Ciorciari

NOTICE: LACK OF HEAT IN ST. CECILIA'S—over the next few weeks the Church of St. Cecilia will be without heat. We are sorry for this inconvenience. The resolution of many code violations took longer than expected. We will keep you informed when the more precise dates of the outages is known. Bring an extra sweater to Mass. **REMEMBER**—you are part of a community with three churches. You have the option of worshipping in not one but TWO church which do have heat and are a short walk away. If you are sensitive to the cold, please consider attending Mass at St. Francis or St. Nicholas. **Fr. Tom**

Rosary Society of Divine Mercy Parish

Christmas Extravaganza

Saturday, December 1, 2018

6:30 PM – St. Cecilia's Auditorium

Tickets \$25.00 dinner included

50/50, Raffles, Money & Door Prizes

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Also note that a local community meeting is held on the first Wednesday of each month with local police to receive your input at 155 Milton Street, Brooklyn, NY 11222 at 7pm