

**OUR LADY OF PROMPT SUCCOR CATHOLIC CHURCH
CHACKBAY, LOUISIANA**

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Thirty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

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Pastor's Corner...

⊕ **Giving it all...** Two mites, so who cares? It was just two coins in the offering plate, right? But this tiny offering oddly reminds us of the woman anointing Jesus with the an entire bottle of expensive perfume. In both cases what causes astonishment is the lavishness of the gift, the extraordinary gesture of giving not just part, but *everything*. No thought of leaving a little aside for tomorrow, or for somebody else. No thought of the price. The *lavishness* of the gift is the essential point of the story. That is what moved Jesus so much. Consider these examples as you share your time and treasure with God this week. Are you giving correctly, generously.... Or at all??



⊕ **Thoughts on the Sunday Gospel**

... *Mk 12:38-44*... **A little or a lot?...**

Nobody said life was fair. Some of us were born with the proverbial silver spoon. Others have to pay a toll at every fork in the road. But don't worry if you have less to offer than the guy living on easy street. We're not expected to keep up, just to keep on giving. Let me explain: God knows each of us has different skills, abilities and fortunes in this life. So when He does His tally sheets, His books aren't

based on strict arithmetic. God is into *higher* math. He looks into our hearts, our hands, and yes, our wallets to see if what we give is equivalent, not equal. For those blessed with much, much is expected. For those not so blessed, God grades on the curve. He wants to see an equivalent amount of sacrifice, not an equal dollar or time amount. The widow's mite in today's lesson wasn't equal to a governor's tithe, but it was huge in comparison to her everyday earnings. That's the blessedness of our Father's kingdom. He can make miracles happen with the smallest of gifts. All we have to do is remember this one truth: When is a little a lot? When it's all you've got. ©Copyright 2008 C L Enterprises

- ⊕ **Prayer for Peace...** “Immaculate heart of Mary helps us to conquer the menace of evil, which so easily takes root in the hearts of the people of today, and whose immeasurable effects already weigh down upon our modern world and seem to block the paths toward the future. From famine and war, deliver us. From nuclear war, from incalculable self-destruction, from every kind of war, deliver us. From sins against human life from its very beginning, deliver us. From hatred and from the demeaning of the dignity of the children of God, deliver us. From every kind of injustice in the life of society, both national and international, deliver us. ... Accept O Mother of Christ, this cry laden with the sufferings of all individual human beings and the sufferings of whole societies. Help us with the power of the Holy Spirit to conquer all sin, sin in all its manifestations. Let there be revealed once more in the history of the world the infinite saving power of the redemption: the power of merciful love. May it put a stop to evil. May it transform consciences. May your Immaculate Heart reveal for all the light of hope. Amen!

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OUR THANKS

- ⊕ **November 11 - Veteran's/Remembrance Day... G. K. Chesterton wrote...** “Courage is almost a contradiction in terms. It means a strong desire to live taking the form of a readiness to die.”
- ⊕ **Thanksgiving Mass...** To give praise, honor and thanksgiving to God for all the many blessings and graces we received last year and this year please come to the Holy Mass of Thanksgiving and the Blessings of the Food on Thursday, November 26, 2009, at 8:00am. Please bring a food item to be blessed during the Mass, which hopefully you will share at your family dinner. Let the Holy Mass be part of your Thanksgiving Celebration. Begin your Thanksgiving with the greatest Thanksgiving meal of all, the most perfect prayer and the highest form of worship to our God ---the Holy Eucharist! Please do not forget to bring a food item for the Blessing of Food.
- ⊕ **Safe Environment for the Protection of Children and Young People...** In response to the Charter for the Protection of children and Young people from the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops, the Diocese of Houma-Thibodaux has made the following provision for anyone who has been hurt or sexually abused by anyone who works for the church. The Diocese of Houma-Thibodaux has set up an Outreach Line for all victims/survivors of sexual

abuse. In continuing our commitment to support and healing, we invite and encourage people who have been hurt or sexually abused recently or in the past by clergy, religious or other employees of the Diocese of Houma-Thibodaux, to call the outreach line. The Outreach Line operates from 8:30am-4:30pm daily Monday through Friday. A trained mental health professional responds to the line. Individuals are offered additional assistance if requested. The Diocese of Houma-Thibodaux Outreach Line telephone numbers are: 985-873-0026 or toll free 1-866-444-4241 or victims/survivors and/or their families may call the diocesan Victim Assistance Coordinator at 985-850-3129.

⊕ **St. Joseph... pray for us!**

⊕ **Our Lady of Prompt Succor... hasten to our help!**

Remembering Day

All the soldiers marching along
 All the children singing a song
 All the flowers dewy and sweet
 All the flags hung out in the street
 Hearts that throb in a grateful way
 For this is our Remembering Day
 M W Saunders

32nd SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



Nov 8 THIRTY-SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

1 Kgs 17:10-16

Ps 146

Heb 9:24-28

Mk 12:38-44

Nov 9 Dedication of the Lateran Basilica in Rome

Readings from Common of Dedication of a Church

Nov 10 Leo the Great

Wis 2:23--3:9, Ps 34, Lk 17:7-10

Nov 11 Martin of Tours

Wis 6:2-11, Ps 82, Lk 17:11-19

Nov 12 Josaphat

Wis 7:22--8:1, Ps 119, Lk 17:20-25

Nov 13 Frances Xavier Cabrini

Wis 13:1-9, Ps 19, Lk 17:26-37

Nov 14 Weekday, BVM
Wis 18:14-16; 19:6-9, Ps 105, Lk 18:1-8



...and remain in me

All for the Greater Glory of God!

Fr. Robert ☺