



Weekly Mass Schedule

Tuesday, November 13 8:15 AM
(Saint Frances Xavier Cabrini, Virgin)
 † Norman & Orman Rambo

Wednesday, November 14 8:15 AM
 For All Those Who are Battling Cancer

Thursday, November 15 8:15 AM
(Saint Albert the Great, Bishop and Doctor of the Church)
 Pace Family

Friday, November 16 8:15 AM
(Saint Margaret of Scotland; Saint Gertrude, Virgin)
 † Paul Penchi Sr.

Saturday, November 17. 8:15 AM
(Saint Elizabeth of Hungary, Religious)
 Kim Kubatzke
5:00 PM
 † Kimberly Myers
7:30 PM
 Safety of All Hunters

Sunday, November 18 7:30 AM
Thirty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time
 People of Our Parish
9:30 AM
 † Makayla Hore

RECONCILIATION

Before Daily & Sunday Masses
Saturday at 4:00 PM

Face-to-face reconciliation by appointment only.

OFFICE HOURS:

Mondays, Tuesdays & Wednesdays:
 9 am to 5 pm
Thursdays & Fridays:
 9 am to 2 pm

STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE

November 3 & 4

Church Support Envelopes \$5774.00
 Offertory Cash \$490.00
 Children's Offertory \$73.00
 Weekly Electronic Giving \$988.00
 All Saints' Day Collection \$414.00
 1st of Month Electronic Giving . \$1,040.00
Total \$8,779.00
 Budgeted Offertory for October \$34,172.00
 Offertory Received in October . . \$8,779.00
Budgeted Amount Still Needed ..\$25,393.00

Monthly Offertory Comparison

October 2018 (5 weeks) \$33,772.00
October 2017 (5 weeks) \$38,286.00

From Our Pastor:

God speaks to us this Sunday about two holy women and their witness to generosity, to selfless self-giving love, to love of God and love of neighbor, the two Great Commandments.

In the first reading (1 Kings 17:10-16), the Lord sends Elijah to Zarephath in Sidon to be cared for by a widow – and even though the widow, her son and the region were suffering from famine, she gives some of the last of her food to the Prophet Elijah. She trusted in the Lord's message: "The jar of flour shall not go empty, nor the jug of oil run dry, until the day when the Lord sends rain upon the earth." And His promise was fulfilled (Luke 4:25-30).

In the Gospel (Mark 12:38-44), we find Jesus in the Temple watching people put money into the treasury. "Many rich people put in large sums. A poor widow also came and put in two small coins worth a few cents." From our human viewpoint, the widow's gift had little importance. Yet for Jesus, this gift had great significance. As the poor widow was leaving the Temple, Jesus pointed her out to His disciples: "Amen, I say to you, this poor widow put in more than all the other contributors to the treasury. For they have all contributed from their surplus wealth, but she, from her poverty, has contributed all she had, her whole livelihood." The Lord praises acts of generosity for the sake of the Kingdom – selfless, self-giving love, done with a pure heart. Jesus values the disposition of the giver more than the gift received – Saint John Chrysostom has said that Jesus looks not only on the amount given, but into the very heart of the giver.

Almsgiving is a work of mercy that pleases our Lord. It is not just for Lent – it's always in season. When we are generous with our time, talents and treasure (all gifts from God) for the good of those who are in need, we're giving alms. Saint John Vianney would often say: "A house of charity will never be poor." The good habit of giving alms, of being charitable, summarizes many of the virtues. And Jesus Christ will reward our generosity, for He does not want us to be miserly with our gifts of time, talents and treasure, as *the Lord loves a cheerful and generous giver* (2 Corinthians 9:6-8) – contrast this with the miserly, selfish rich man who was sent to eternal punishment for his cold indifference to Lazarus (Luke 16:19-31).

May we think today of the generous poor widow returning to her home filled with great joy. What a surprise would be in store for her at the end of her life! She would finally see the look of love that Jesus had when he looked at her that ordinary morning in the Temple – for God the Father, Son and Holy Spirit watches all of our actions with concern, affection, love and mercy. May we respond with selfless self-giving love, in our love for Him and for our neighbor.

With peace and prayers in Christ,
Fr. William

ST. CLEMENT.....ON FORMED!

Yes, our parish of St. Clement has a FORMED subscription that allows everyone access to great studies, movies, books and podcasts. If you haven't registered or begun to use it, do so now! It's a terrific resource for yourself and your family. But did you know that our own patron saint, St. Clement I, Pope and Martyr, whose feast day is on November 23, is also on FORMED? Learn more about his life, and that of other early Church leaders who lived shortly after the Apostles, by watching the study, "IN THE FOOTPRINTS OF GOD," and then choosing the segment, "Apostolic Fathers." To make this easier to find, we have added it to the Community area of FORMED. To register on FORMED, go to www.FORMED.org. Click on "Enter Code" and enter our parish code: **DHYNXC** and follow the instructions. If you have any questions, please contact the parish office.

"Great holiness consists in carrying out the 'little duties' of each moment."
 -- Saint Josemaría Escrivá, 1902-1975 (The Way, 813-817)

