Ordinary Time: 32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time
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Lead Story Headline:
The Poor Widow

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Gospel: Mark 12:41-44

"One day as Jesus was near the temple, he saw the people coming to put money into the collection box. Many rich people came and put in a lot of money. But a poor lady, who was a widow, came and put in only two small coins. It was worth only one penny. When Jesus saw this, he said to the disciples, ‘This poor widow has given more to the collection than all the others. The rich people gave money that they didn’t really need. For them, it was extra money. But this poor widow has very little money and she needs all of it to live on. Yet she gave everything she had.’"

This is the Good News of the Lord.


"...this poor widow has very little money and she needs all of it to live on. Yet she gave everything she had."

Mark 12:44

What Do You Think?

1. What do you think would happen if we were all more careful about using earth’s gifts?

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2. What are some ways you can respond to God’s love for you?

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Now Act:

Head to Philippians 2:5-11 and read about what St. Paul said about Jesus. Then ask people that you know what role Jesus plays in their lives. What role does Jesus play in your life?


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Ball-Boruff, K., DuQuaine, M., Carza, T., et al. (2020). Celebrating the Lectionary for Primary Grades, Year B. Chicago, United States of America: Liturgy Training Publications.
Activity: Generous Woman

Jesus watched people put money into the temple treasury. He saw rich people give a lot, but it was only a small part of what they had. He saw a poor woman give only two coins, but it was all of what she had. Because she gave from her poverty, Jesus said that she 'put in more than all the other contributors' (Mark 12:43). Find and circle five things in the picture on the right that are different from the picture on the left.


By The Way:

Do you know who the pope is today? The pope's name is Pope Francis and he has been the pope of the Catholic Church since 2013. Look up Pope Francis and see what you can learn about him. Do you know what the pope does? The pope is also sometimes called the bishop of Rome. Peter, one of Jesus' disciples, is traditionally named the first bishop of the Church. Pope Francis is one of St. Peter's followers in this job.


"I praise you, O God, for your faithful love. I praise you, O God, for all that you do."

Psalm 146
Inside Scoop: Praying the Mass

The Mass is a very special celebration for Catholics. It is a way that we can live out the Last Supper in which Jesus shared bread and wine with his disciples before he died. Although people may go to Mass a lot, often times they don’t know the different parts and sections of the Mass or understand why they are doing it. There are 5 parts of the Mass which include the Introductory Rites, the Liturgy of the Word, the Liturgy of the Eucharist, and the Concluding Rites. The Introductory Rites include the Greeting, the Penitential Act, the Glory to God, and the Collect. The Liturgy of the Word includes the First Reading, the Responsorial Psalm, the Second Reading, the Gospel Acclamation, the Gospel, the Nicene Creed, the Apostle’s Creed and the Prayers of the Faithful. The Liturgy of the Eucharist includes the Preparation of the Gifts, the Eucharistic Prayer, the Words of Consecration, the Memorial Acclamation, the Communion Rite, the Sign of Peace, the Lamb of God and Communion. Finally, the Concluding Rites are when the assembly gets a blessing and a farewell until the next Mass. We are asked to go in peace and live out the Good News at the end of Mass. This is so we make sure we live as Jesus has taught us and be witnesses to Christ’s love. The parts of the Mass may sound complicated right now but the more you go to Mass the more you can understand the parts and start to remember the different prayers and what you are supposed to do during each part. See if you can start by identifying the Introductory Rites while you are in Mass and once you get that down, continue to the next part. Once you start to remember all the parts it makes it easier to understand what is happening during the Mass!


"You free the oppressed and save the poor. The hungry are fed, the blind can see. Happy are all who hope in you!"
Psalms 146