

## PASTOR'S CORNER

### THIRTY-SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

I would never have imagined having to write this type of reflection. There seems to be some horrible rumors and gossip meandering amongst members of our parish. I am not sure about the origin of these rumors or the scope of them. I will be the first one to admit that I have shortcomings, some I can work on and some necessitating simply asking for help. I believe that I am very willing to listen and will seriously consider any concern. This does not mean that if you stop me in the middle of something else to talk about something. If it is important, please call or ask me for time, and I will find the quickest time to meet with you.

Talking about others or situations does not imply sinful gossip. If you are speaking to others to try to get a better understanding or resolution, this is not only necessary but the mature and right thing to do. If however the intent is to spread rumor in order to undermine or hurt someone else, this is evil. If, one is trying to get their way in a back handed way, this is evil. The idea of us vs them has no place in the Church, no matter how right we may feel we are. We are people of the light and not of the darkness.

These rumors have led to pain and suffering for Fr. Pedro and me. Fr. Pedro would have possibly been moved this summer out of normal course. However, because of rumors this has been made certain. People have gone to other priests, but have not had the decency to speak with him or me. He is now wondering whether he can remain till the summer. I am also close to writing my resignation.

I do not believe that this is only going on in the Hispanic community, but there are ongoing tensions. To address these issues and also balance our budget better I have made this suggestion to the Archbishop. That a bilingual priest be assigned to the 3 Hispanic communities on the west bank. Each parish will pay 1/3 of his salary and benefits. He will live here and we'll cover food, lodging and business allowance. He will work in collaboration with the 3 pastors. He will cover some English Masses. Depending on the willingness of the Hispanic community to share in parish planning, the community will share in the rights and privileges of all parishioners or be treated as a separate community. Love, Fr. Jimmy

The readings today provide us with two models of faith and generosity. The widow in the first reading is in dire straits. She and her son have no food but a handful of flour and a little oil. "When we have eaten it, we shall die," she tells Elijah heartbreakingly (1 Kings 17:12). Yet she will share the last of what she has with this stranger who makes promises on behalf of his foreign god. Elijah has such strong faith in the Lord that he promises this pagan woman that God would make sure that she would not run out of food. The widow's generosity, sharing the very last of what is keeping her alive, is rewarded. In the Gospel, Jesus lauds the same kind of generosity. Another unnamed widow take center stage. She gives "all she had, her whole livelihood" to the temple, to the Lord (Mark 12:44). Her faith and generosity are lauded. But the ultimate model of faith and generosity is Jesus. He is faithful to his Father's will. He gives his very life to save humankind. As we hear in the second reading, "Once for all he has ...taken away sin by his sacrifice" (Hebrews 9:26).

### GOSPEL FROM MARK 12:38 /12:41-44

In the course of his teaching Jesus said to the crowds, "Beware of the scribes, who like to go around in long robes and accept greetings in the marketplaces, seats of honor in the synagogues, and places of honor at banquets. They devour the houses of widows and , as a pretext, recite lengthy prayers. They will receive a very severe condemnation."

He sat down opposite the treasury and observed how the crowd 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. Calling his disciples to himself, he said to them, "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."

*How are you a model of faith and generosity to others? What are we willing to sacrifice for God and for our neighbor?*

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## Saturday, November 10th

4:00 p.m.

Richard Romaire, Sr., Philip J, Philip D, & Michael Saladino, Emile Hebert, Sr., Bernadette Parrino, Jake DeSalvo, Sr. & Jake DeSalvo, Jr., Rose Marie Cancinne.

## Sunday, November 11th

8:00 a. m.

Benjamin Hernandez & Marie Schouest, Margaret Talmadge, Mr. & Mrs. Rosolino Montagnino, Corrine Winter, Albert Townsend.

10:00 a.m.

Quentin McGuire, Bangon, Sr. Beth Lieux, Tawat, Marian Dolly Naquin, Frank Muscarello, Jr., Laura Lee Brown, Barbara Laurent.

12:00 p.m

Josefina Mejia

6:00 p.m.

All Parishioners of Immaculate Conception

## Monday, November 12th

6:00 p.m.

Sam & Leah Paternostro, Mary Thompson & Vincent Baldassaro, Jr.

## Tuesday, November 13th

6:00 p.m.

## Wednesday, November 14th

8:30 a.m. Thanksgiving School Mass

Jamie David & Sal Monfra, Sr.

6:00 p.m.

Special intentions of Walter Danner

## Thursday, November 15th

6:00 p.m. Mass

Laura & Guy Adams

## Friday November 16th

6:00 p.m.

Dewey & Keith Waguespack



## SANCTUARY CLEANING

Nov 17-Connie Amaya, Arvella Lesnak, Elaine Lesnak, Katie Liljeberg

Nov 24- Suyapa Martinez, Joyce Vicario

## SCHEDULE: MINISTERS OF THE EUCHARIST

**4:00 PM Mass Nov 17 & Nov 24**— Donna & William Bentel, Elaine Klibert, Katie Liljeberg, Kim Ransom, Del Woolsey.

**8:00 AM Mass Nov 18 & Nov 25**- Rhonda Aucoin, Etienne Cloutet, Clifton D'Aquin, Ray Lamy, Cynthia Lasserre, and Melanie Verdin.

**10:00 AM Mass Nov 18** – J. Bellanger, C. Blanchard, D. DiMarco, R. Hebert, R. Rawle, F. Stevenson.

**10:00 AM Mass Nov 25** – P. Camardelle, L. D'Aquin, J. Mailhos, S. Nguyen, C. Nguyen

**6:00 PM Mass Nov 18 & Nov 25**— Frank Lipovsky, Gail Smith, Sharon Verret, D. Guise.

## SCHEDULE: MINISTERS OF THE WORD

**4:00 PM** Nov 17—L.. D'Aquin Nov. 24 –G. Richard

**8:00 AM** Nov 18 –M. Totten Nov. 25 –C. Lasserre

**10:00 AM** Nov 18– C. Cuartas Nov. 25 –P. Simon

**6:00 PM** Nov 18 H. Smith Nov. 25 –A. Gongora

## VIGIL LIGHTS



This week the vigil light at the Blessed Sacrament is in loving memory of Frank Muscarello, Jr.



This week the vigil light at the St. Joseph Statue is for the special intentions of Walter Danner.



This week the vigil light at the Blessed Mother Statue is in loving memory of Marvin J Reed.



*Remember those who have died, that they may find peace with God and for their families, that they may feel the love of*

*God through the confort that they bring each other.*



*Thanksgiving Mass on November 22 will be at 9:00 a.m. only, there will be NO 6:00 p.m. Mass.*

## EL RINCÓN DEL PASTOR

Nunca imaginé tener que escribir este tipo de reflexión. Parece que hay rumores horribles y chismes serpenteando entre los miembros de nuestra parroquia. No estoy seguro sobre el origen de estos rumores o la medida de ellos. Yo seré el primero en admitir que tengo deficiencias, algunas en las que puedo trabajar y otras que requieren simplemente pedir ayuda. Creo que estoy muy dispuesto a escuchar y a considerar seriamente cualquier preocupación. Esto no significa que hablen conmigo cuando estoy en medio de algo. Si es importante, por favor llámenme o pregúnteme con tiempo, y encontraré el tiempo más rápido para reunirme con ustedes.

Hablar de otros o situaciones no implica chismes pecaminosos. Si usted está hablando con otros para tratar de obtener una mejor comprensión o resolución, esto no sólo es necesario, sino lo maduro y lo correcto de hacer. Si la intención es de regar rumores con el fin de debilitar o herir, esto es malo. Si alguien trata de conseguir su camino detrás de espaldas, esto es el mal. La idea de decir nosotros contra ellos no tiene un lugar en la iglesia, aunque pensemos que estemos correctos. Somos gente de la luz y no de la oscuridad.

Estos rumores han provocado dolor y sufrimiento para el Padre Pedro y para mí. El Padre Pedro hubiera sido trasladado este verano fuera de curso normal. Sin embargo, debido a los rumores esto se ha hecho seguro. La gente ha ido a otros sacerdotes, pero no han tenido la decencia de hablar con él o conmigo. Él ahora se pregunta si se puede quedar hasta el verano. Yo también estoy cerca de escribir mi renuncia.

No creo que esto sólo esté sucediendo en la comunidad Hispana, pero siempre hay tensiones constantes. He hecho esta sugerencia al Arzobispo sobre estas cuestiones y también balancear nuestro presupuesto. Que un sacerdote bilingüe sea asignado a las 3 comunidades Hispánicas en el Westbank. Cada parroquia pagará 1/3 de su salario y beneficios. Él vivirá aquí y nosotros cubriríamos la comida, habitación y subsidio de negocios. Trabjará en colaboración con 3 otros Padres. Él celebrará algunas misas en Inglés. Dependiendo en la respuesta de la comunidad Hispana a compartir y planificar en parroquia, la comunidad Hispana compartirá los derechos y privilegios con todos los feligreses o será tratado como una comunidad separada.

**Con amor, Padre Jimmy**

### Trigésimo Segundo Domingo del Tiempo Ordinario

En las sociedades patriarcales en las que vivieron estas dos viudas la viudez era una condición particularmente peligrosa. Cuando una mujer se casaba dejaba la seguridad de su familia para depender de su esposo. Si moría su esposo, no sólo perdía a su compañero, sino también su fuente de ingresos, su estrato económico, su apoyo social y probablemente sus derechos de herencia. No en balde las viudas están relacionadas con la pobreza extrema y se usan como ejemplos de aquellos que viven en una existencia marginal. Estas dos viudas claramente se ajustan a esta descripción. Como una indicación definitiva de lo poco que tenían, y a pesar de su prominencia en el relato, ni siquiera se dicen sus nombres.

Estas mujeres son modelos estupendos de sacrificios semejantes al de Cristo. La viuda de la primera lectura espera sin duda morir de hambre. Toda la región donde vivía había sufrido una sequía severa y era difícil para todos conseguir comida, mucho menos para una viuda y su hijo. Sin embargo, ella está dispuesta a dar lo último que le queda para ofrecérselo a un extraño necesitado. Ella no es judía, sino una pagana que adora a Baal, el dios a quien honraban en esta región. Para ella, Elías es un extranjero por su nacionalidad, cultura y religión, pero eso no la disuade en lo absoluto. Al igual que Jesús ella se sacrifica por "otras personas".

Se nos dice que la viuda del Evangelio no tiene más que esas dos moneditas. Jesús dice que ella "ha echado todo lo que tenía para vivir" (Marcos 12, 44). Ella le ha ofrecido todo lo que tenía a Dios. Ella tiene fe en que Dios proveerá. Al igual que Jesús, ella es un modelo completo de generosidad y fe.

### Pregunta de la Semana

La semana pasada escuchamos que el amor a Dios y el amor al prójimo son los primeros de todos los mandamientos. Hoy escuchamos tres ejemplos de sacrificio. ¿Qué estamos dispuestos a sacrificar por Dios y por nuestro prójimo?

**El Comité Hispano** está celebrando 30 años de Nuestra Señora de Guadalupe aquí el 12 de diciembre. Hemos estado recaudando dinero a través de ventas de tacos, tamales y sociales sin embargo no hemos levantado lo suficiente para cubrir nuestros gastos. Nos gustaría pedirles su ayuda con donaciones monetarias para poder comprar tarjetas de oración y para poder imprimir folletos. Si pueden ayudarnos, por favor llamen a la oficina parroquial. Muchas gracias por su ayuda para poder celebrar La Virgen de Guadalupe.

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## MASS INTENTION NVELOPES

Brian Hebert, Mary Richard, Dennis Richard, Virgie & Lou Fos, Bernard Dearstine, Josephine Alstott, Eugene Dearstine, Anna Schultz, Blanche Gervais, amede Gervais, Fernando Hernandez, Romona Payero, Dominga Genao, Saturnino Cruz, J. Chighizola & Family, M Blanchard & Family, S. & C Talamo, Anthony & Rosalie Ditta, Joseph Ponthieux, Ella Ponthieux, Health for the Vieira Family & food for the poor, Ray Stauter, Lucy B Galiano, Patrick J Galiano, Jr, Eusebe Galiano, Dianne G. Bollingham, M/M Walter Pajak, M/M Charles Deniskiewich, Anthony Pajak, amelia Garboski, Forrest Plaisance, Suzanne Plaisance, Constant Family, Rodriguez Family, Tommy Waguespack, Rosalie Waguespack, Bernard & Nazie Callegan, Tonnie J & Lena Lyle, Jessie & Hayes Breaux, Sr., Paul Breaux, Willie Farve, Jr., Bernadette Parrino, Mamie Parrino, Orlando Parrino, Bernadette & Vic Cortez, Sam DiBartolo, Michael DiBartolo, Mabel Bergeron, Bill Bergeron, Casa y familia, M/M Robert Michel, Lucille Boudreaux, Brigit Rouchon, Marius Rouchon, Edia Danos, Duval P Danos, For all Saints, Klibert Family, LaJaunie Family, Bordelon Family, Betty Capdeville, Charles Capdeville, Myrtle Dantin, Leon Dantin, Milton A Stockton, Jr., Rosalie W. Stockton, Dorothy Stockton, Lynn Montecino, Wayne Montecino, Bernard J Dearstine, Albert Rampanelli, Frank Rampanelli, M/M Lino Rampanelli, Joseph T Simon, Jr., Eugenie S. Bourgeois, Roy A Tomino, Sr., Deacon Rodolfo J Martinez, Otilia Ochoa Welson, Jorge Casanova, Raul Thomas, Myra B LaChute, Blanchard & Bellanger Families, Msgr. Vigliero, Bishop Jeanmard & Boudreaux, Broussard, Robeaux, Ronquille & Maise Families.

**Beginning Experience of New Orleans**  
Is offering a 10 week session entitled Coping with Life Alone. This session begins Wednesday, November 28th at 7:00 p.m. at St. Angela Mercy in Metairie, LA. Invitation is for widowed and divorced men and women. The cost is \$35.00. If you are interested please contact Bette Armentor at 504-339-7776.



## EVERY MONDAY MORNING

Come out and share the Word of God with friends! Join Sr. Angela Ashbey, SLW Monday mornings from 10:00 a.m. until 12:00 noon at Margaret Andrus' home, 5225 August Avenue, in Marrero. Everyone is welcome to attend. Bring a friend. If more information is needed call 340-2816.



## ALTAR SOCIETY NEWS:

The Altar Society will have its annual Fall Cookie Bake beginning at 8:00 a.m. Wednesday, November 28th at the Knights of Columbus Hall on Avenue D. Members and guests are invited to join us in baking delicious Italian cookies. Donations of supplies and money to purchase supplies are always welcomed. **Cookies will be sold the weekend of December 1st & 2nd. Advance orders will be accepted** by completing an order form located in the rear of the church, that is available this weekend. Please submit your order, payment and Mass time in an envelope marked ALTAR SOCIETY and place it in the collection basket.

## Weekly Collections

Sunday, November 4, 2018  
Weekly Collection

Envelopes.....	\$5,857.00
Loose.....	\$1,548.00
<b>Total Collection.....</b>	<b>\$7,405.00</b>
Insurance Support Collection.....	\$2,121.00

Thank you so much for your generosity.



**THE HISPANIC COMMUNITY** will be selling tamales the weekend of November 17th & 18th. The proceeds of this event is to help defray the cost of our 30th Anniversary of celebration here at Immaculate Conception's Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe Mass and reception. This event is scheduled for December 12th at 6:30 p.m. Your support is necessary to make our celebration a success, please consider purchasing our delicious tamales, they will be on a first come first serve bases.

