



All Will Be Well

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Many years ago, I spent a summer in rural Mississippi living and sharing life with the folks of that area. Annie lived on a hillside in the “hollers” of that part of the country. In many ways, she reminded me of Granny from TV’s *The Beverly Hillbillies*. Annie was thin and wiry, wore bib overalls, climbed barbed wire fences, swore like a trooper, and raised a henhouse of chickens in her backyard.

I once asked her what she did with all the eggs she gathered, whether she sold them to make a little money for a rainy day. She said to me, “Lord, no. I give them away, and then when I need something, they give to me. That’s the way we live.” Her generosity embarrassed me, for she lived with trust like the widows in today’s two Scripture readings, giving from their want and their need and finding God taking care of them.

When our day is stretched beyond the time we need, and we choose to share what little time we have with someone who needs our help, somehow our day works itself out. When someone comes in need of love, and we sense we have not even enough to care for ourselves, but still we reach out, we find there is enough love for them and for us. Whenever we give from our want, it always seems God is present amid the trust that all will be well. ●

Reflect

Have you ever shared with others, only to find yourself enriched?



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REFLECTIONS

Sensing God's Presence

One night a man came to Mother Teresa of Calcutta at her convent with the information that there was a family of eight who needed food. In fact, the man told Mother Teresa, the family had not eaten for several days.

Mother Teresa gathered some food and accompanied the man to visit the family. She gave the mother of the household a bag of rice. The woman thanked her, then proceeded to divide the rice into two portions. Then she left the house, taking one half of the rice with her. When she returned, Mother Teresa asked, "Where did you go?" The woman gave a simple answer, "To my neighbors; they are hungry also."

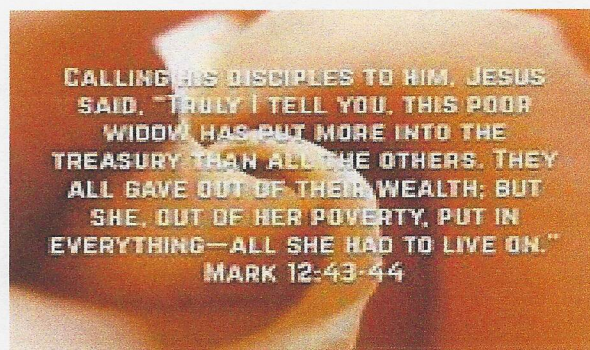
Mother Teresa noted that she was not surprised that the woman shared what she had. In her experience those who had the least were often the ones to share most readily. But Mother Teresa noted that she was surprised that the woman knew that the other family was also suffering from hunger. Why? She comments: "in general, when we are suffering, we are so focused on ourselves, we have no time for others."

How true for all of us. At some level we know that others suffer in many of the same ways that we do, but circumstances can intervene. We can become so lost, so overwhelmed with our own trials and challenges that we fail to recognize the same and other needs in other people. This is truly sad because when we acknowledge our own challenges and

those of others, we can accomplish so much good. People who are sensitive to others find their own hearts and lives filled with peace and joy. This joy and peace do not come necessarily from the removal of challenges, but from the fact of not allowing those challenges to prevent us from being people of a listening heart.

Jesus emphasizes that it is the poor, the disadvantaged, the challenged, the persecuted and the isolated who are truly blessed. Not because of their difficulties, but because if they are willing to see beyond those realities, they can sense God's abiding presence. Rejoicing in that abiding presence, we choose to share that blessing with others.

From Father Ken



*Share
Your
Blessings*

My Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

We have entered the Thirty-Second Week in Ordinary Time. Divine Mercy Ministry posted the following:

November is an Extraordinary example, a great balance, indeed the combination of Veterans Day, Thanksgiving, and our November remembrance of the Holy Souls in Purgatory is the combination of honor, gratitude, and thinking about such things that are part of our lives. November should be thought of as Happy November. God paints the world with Autumn colors – may he paint our lives with his blessings.

Once again we will be promoting the Giving Tree Project. This allows you to provide small Christmas gifts for members of our Chapel Family, Residents of SFV, and former SFV residents who are now in nursing facilities. Next week's bulletin will contain gift ideas and information on the focus of this important Christmas ministry.

In October, the Catholic Chapel made monetary gifts to various Catholic Charities. The donations included the SFV Food Pantry, Aid to the Church in Need, Divine Word Missionaries, Poor Clares of Perpetual Adoration, Sisters of the Society of Our Lady of the Most Holy Trinity (SOLT) of Corpus Christi, Saint Jude Children Hospital, Father Willie with the Federal Women's prison in Fort Worth, and SFV Residents. Thanks so much for your continued generosity, which enables the Chapel to support these ministries.

Mark your calendar for Father Ken's Advent Retreat. It is on Monday December 2nd after the 9:00 AM Mass. Two Reflections will be shared during the Retreat. The Reflections will be followed by lunch in the A & B Activity Rooms at 11:30 AM. Please join us. The sign-up sheet is at the Chapel Entrance.

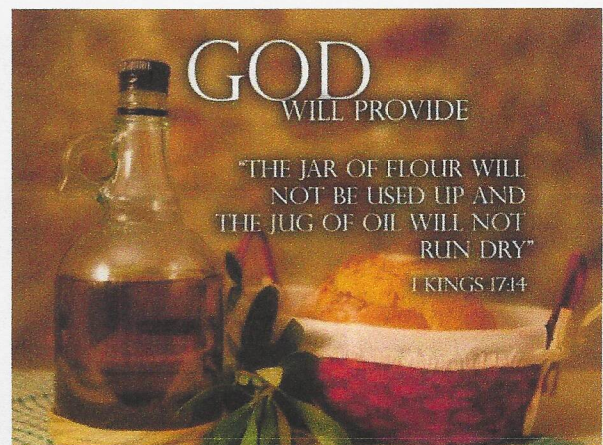
If you haven't already done so, please fill out The SFV Catholic Chapel contact information sheets at the front of the Chapel. We are updating contact and volunteer information. You may place the completed forms in the suggestion box or take them to Cat in the Chapel office.

In closing I came across the following November Blessing:



May Christ's will be done on earth as it is in heaven.

*God Give You Peace
Mike Pierson*



Mass Intentions	
<u>Nov. 10, 2024</u>	SFV Catholic Chapel Community
<u>Nov. 11, 2024</u>	Repose of the Souls of Helen Wolfe, Elizabeth Freeman, Elizabeth Herring & William Miller By SFV Board of Directors
<u>Nov. 12, 2024</u>	Father Bob Strittmatter
<u>Nov. 13, 2024</u>	Repose of the Souls of Jonathan & Devin Massey By Mel & Julie Miller
<u>Nov. 14, 2024</u>	Repose of the Soul of Mabel Groh By Jim Groh
<u>Nov. 15, 2024</u>	Repose of the Soul of Rose Donahue By Pat Donahue
<u>Nov. 16, 2024</u>	Repose of the Souls of Deceased Members Of the Knights of Columbus 2813 (5:00 PM Vigil Mass)

Dear Padre,

TV's "The Chosen" portrays St. Peter as married. What does the Catholic Church say about this?

Scripture gives evidence about earliest Church practice when it says bishops, presbyters (priests), and deacons should be "married only once" (see 1 Timothy 3:2, 12). That means some of them must have been married! Still, the discipline of celibacy for the sake of the kingdom was encouraged from apostolic times as a way to follow the example of Christ. In the 300s, decrees concerning celibacy of the clergy indicate it was becoming the norm.

Peter is the most frequently mentioned disciple of Jesus in all four Gospels. This Galilean fisherman—introduced to Jesus by his brother, Andrew (see John 1:40–42)—became a spokesman and figure of central importance among the other Apostles.

Of the Twelve, some, like Peter, were married. His wife was from Capernaum and their family household may have included his in-laws. According to Scripture, "Jesus entered the house of Peter and saw his mother-in-law lying in bed with a fever. He touched her hand, the fever left her, and she rose and waited on him" (Matthew 8:14–15; see also Mark 1:30–31 and Luke 4:38–39). Moreover, Jesus—who may never have owned a home of his own—made the house of Peter his headquarters when he ministered in Capernaum (see Matthew 4:12–13). This house of Peter and his family was venerated by early Christians. Today, the Church of St. Peter's House sits over the original dwelling. ●

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Monday

November 11

St. Martin of Tours, Bishop

Ti 1:1–9

Lk 17:1–6

Tuesday

November 12

St. Josaphat, Bishop and Martyr

Ti 2:1–8, 11–14

Lk 17:7–10

Wednesday

November 13

St. Frances Xavier Cabrini, Virgin

Ti 3:1–7

Lk 17:11–19

Thursday

November 14

Weekday

Phlm 7–20

Lk 17:20–25

Friday

November 15

Weekday

2 Jn 4–9

Lk 17:26–37

Saturday

November 16

Weekday

3 Jn 5–8

Lk 18:1–8

Sunday

November 17

Thirty-third

Sunday in

Ordinary Time

Dn 12:1–3

Heb 10:11–14, 18

Mk 13:24–32

A WORD FROM POPE FRANCIS

Let us ask ourselves, it will help us: do we want to be appreciated and gratified by what we say and what we do, or rather to be of service to God and neighbor, especially the weakest? Let us watch out for falsehood of the heart, for hypocrisy which is a dangerous illness of the soul!

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