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Dear Parishioners,

In today's Gospel passage we meet the poor widow who gave not from abundance but from scarcity. Whereas the rich gave large sums from their surplus wealth to the Temple treasury, the poor widow gave a few meager cents, her whole livelihood. As Jesus noted, she held nothing back. Today we observe Veteran's Day, a day to honor those who held nothing back. They gave from their treasury of time, talent, and determination. A willingness to risk everything in service to our country. Let us thank our service men and women who have given so much of themselves for us.

Grace and Peace,

Fr. Tom

MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday: 5:00 pm - Sunday Vigil **Sunday:** 9:30 am

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We Remember Our Loved Ones

*Sophie & Joseph Zapatoczny
and their Children Frances, Ed, Helen, Estelle, Charles, Walt, Peter,
May & Stan
Bill Stockman
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Skibinski Family
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PARISH CALENDAR

November

Sunday the 11th

–Last day for Shoe Box donations for the children!

Sunday the 18th

–Rabbi Ron to talk about Chanukah during coffee hour after Mass. Come with your questions!

–Parish Council Meeting after Mass.

December

Saturday the 1st 9am to 3pm – Annual Christmas Fair

BY THE WEEK

Sundays: Mercy Tabernacle Church
12:30 - 2:30 pm

Tuesdays: Mercy Tabernacle Church
6:00 pm - 8:00 pm

Wednesdays: AA meeting 12:00 pm
Irish Dance, 5:30 – 7:00pm

Thursdays: AA men's meeting 7:30 pm

For news input in the weekly bulletin, please contact Father Tom by Wednesday: frtpwalsh@gmail.com

READERS ROSTER

November 4 November 11 November 18

Jean Macionus Joe Pelland Nancy Sirois



PRAYER INTENTIONS

Fr. Tom and Yvonne for all the veterans who have given so selflessly of themselves, especially remembering their sons Gregory and Matthew.

For those intentions that we hold in our hearts known to God alone.

NEWS AND EVENT

Donation of Walmart Gift Cards

For the past several years member churches of the Stratford Clergy Association have collected \$25 Walmart gift cards for distribution to the regulars at the Lord's Kitchen. The goal this year is for each member church to consider donating 10 gift cards, at a total cost of \$250. It is estimated that 100 cards are needed this year. If you would like to donate to this cause, please see Fr. Tom.

Winter is Coming!

The cold weather is coming and there are many people who need warm clothing. If you have winter items you won't be using, please bring them here to St. Joseph's. Your extra clothing, boots, blankets, etc., will be brought to Blessed Sacrament Church and will help the less fortunate stay warm. Thank you for your generosity.

St. Joseph's Christmas Fair Saturday, December 1, 9am – 3 pm

The Christmas Fair is fast approaching! Saturday, December 1, will be here before we know it, and your help is needed to make this fun day successful. A sign-up sheet is in the foyer for you to indicate how you are willing to participate. Please be sure to spread the word of the Fair around to your family, friends, and neighbors. For more information, see Joe Pelland or contact him at 203-377-4655 or joepell639@aol.com.

Christmas Baskets

The Ladies Society is collecting donations of non-perishable food items for the Christmas Baskets. Please bring your donations to the classroom. Thank you for your generosity!

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Sunday Readings

First Reading

1 Kings 17:10-16

A reading from the First Book of Kings

In those days, Elijah the prophet went to Zarephath. As he arrived at the entrance of the city, a widow was gathering sticks there; he called out to her, "Please bring me a small cupful of water to drink." She left to get it, and he called out after her, "Please bring along a bit of bread." She answered, "As the LORD, your God, lives, I have nothing baked; there is only a handful of flour in my jar and a little oil in my jug. Just now I was collecting a couple of sticks, to go in and prepare something for myself and my son; when we have eaten it, we shall die." Elijah said to her, "Do not be afraid. Go and do as you propose. But first make me a little cake and bring it to me. Then you can prepare something for yourself and your son. For the LORD, the God of Israel, says, '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.'" She left and did as Elijah had said. She was able to eat for a year, and he and her son as well; the jar of flour did not go empty, nor the jug of oil run dry, as the LORD had foretold through Elijah.

**The word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.**

Responsorial Psalm

Praise the Lord, my soul!

Second Reading

Hebrews 9:24-28

A reading from the letter to the Hebrews

Christ did not enter into a sanctuary made by hands, a copy of the true one, but heaven itself, that he might now appear before God on our behalf. Not that he might offer himself repeatedly, as the high priest enters each year into the sanctuary with blood that is not his own; if that were so, he would have had to suffer repeatedly from the foundation of the world. But now once for all he has appeared at the end of the ages to take away sin by his sacrifice. Just as it is appointed that human beings die once, and after this the judgment, so also Christ, offered once to take away the sins of many, will appear a second time, not to take away sin but to bring salvation to those who eagerly await him.

**The word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.**

Alleluia, Alleluia

Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

Alleluia, Alleluia

Gospel

Mark 12:41-44

A reading from the Holy Gospel according to Mark

Jesus 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."

**The Gospel of the Lord.
Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ.**

