

November 10-11, 2018
Thirty-second Sunday in Ordinary Time - Veteran's Day Weekend
First Kings 17:10-16 Hebrews 9:24-28 Mark 12:38-44

In most families with small children, it is not uncommon that the REFRIGERATOR DOOR becomes the display area for precious drawings and crayon-scrawled words of affection from tiny kids to their mom and dad. Along with occasional school or sport photos, the REFRIGERATOR DOOR serves double time as a trophy display space for report cards, achievements and assorted accomplishments. The citation, achievement or 'item' itself may not actually be that important...but the placement upon the REFRIGERATOR DOOR is HUGE. This weekend, Jesus takes note of the SMALL donation offered by a poor widow, an offering of just a few cents...but measured against her poverty, it was a substantial gift. The gift of the poor widow has been FOREVER HIGHLIGHTED upon the REFRIGERATOR DOOR of God....precisely because it was GENUINE, offered from her heart and constituted, for her, a substantial gift. As we prepare to close out this Liturgical Year, how GENUINE is our giving of ourselves to Jesus. Are there assorted GODS (of our own making) that impede us from being truly focused on Jesus....do we love, listen and follow Jesus exclusively or is our devotion filtered through politics, economics, social standing, personal pleasure or personal desires? Is the giving of ourselves to Jesus based on what is LEFT OVER after we take care of all the other 'SUPPOSEDLY important' stuff or is it our first and foremost endeavor? Are we on God's REFRIGERATOR DOOR?

Thank you for sharing this Veteran's Day weekend with our Santa Clara Community. Please keep our High School Youth on Retreat in your hearts throughout this weekend so that their lives may be open to the promptings of the Holy Spirit. For those of you who ADOPTED an Immaculate Heart of Mary family last weekend, you are encouraged to return your WRAPPED and MARKED gifts to the Parish Office promptly as our Heart and Soul Ministry will be delivering the gifts right after Thanksgiving. This weekend we accept a SECOND SPECIAL COLLECTION which benefits the Catholic Campaign for Human Development, The Catholic Communications efforts, the Catholic HOME Missions (here in the United States) and the Catholic University of America. Thank you for your consideration of these outreaches and your generosity. Next weekend CONCERN AMERICA will present, offering their third-world crafts and artisanal goods for purchase...perfect timing as hostess gifts for Thanksgiving or stocking stuffers for the holidays. To all of you who have served within our branches of the Military, THANK YOU for giving of your life and energy on behalf of the United States....**on this VETERAN'S DAY WEEKEND.... we SALUTE YOU!!!** Lastly, with the smell of pumpkin and apple pie getting stronger and stronger, please remember, you are loved. FKB