



WEEKLY GOSPEL REFLECTION



32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time, Cycle B

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This reading about the poor widow who put in two small copper coins in the temple treasury, worth a penny, draws us to consider the obligation of financial contributions to our Parish Community and other charitable organizations. Jesus commented that she out of her poverty put in everything she had, all she had to live on.

Good stewardship involves sharing our treasure as well as our time and talent. How intentional are you about discerning this decision with your household? Bringing your family together to discuss the time, talent and treasure you each have, and how best to share these gifts, is a way to increase the bonds of love between each other.

Reflect on how your spiritual life is connected to your practical day to day living. How consolation and joy rise from your actions and the actions of your household in supporting the corporal and spiritual needs of those within your Parish and Community.

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As he taught, he said, "Beware of the scribes, who like to walk around in long robes, and to be greeted with respect in the marketplaces, and to have the best seats in the synagogues and places of honor at banquets! They devour widows' houses and for the sake of appearance say long prayers. They will receive the greater condemnation."

He sat down opposite the treasury, and watched the crowd putting money into the treasury. Many rich people put in large sums. A poor widow came and put in two small copper coins, which are worth a penny. Then he called his disciples and said to them, "Truly I tell you, this poor widow has put in more than all those who are contributing to the treasury. For all of them have contributed out of their abundance; but she out of her poverty has put in everything she had, all she had to live on."