

TRINITY NEWS

PENTECOST 25. NOVEMBER 11, 2018



THE AUDACITY OF GENEROSITY

As I read this Sunday's gospel, I remembered the multiple meals we shared with the small communities during our recent visit to Palawan. I was seized to see the poor neighbors bringing to the priests and their guests some dishes that were necessary for their living. They were doing these in a spirit of hospitality and with whole heart. They gave what they needed to live. It is so with this widow that Jesus is observing. She gives two coins that she takes on her poverty and not on her superfluity. It's a striking gesture. And Jesus commented: "she gave everything, all she had to live", in other words, she gave what she is.

Like the widow, poor, weak and vulnerable, it is from our indigence that we have to give and not only from our wealth. To know what we need to give, let's not start with our wealth, but with our poverty, with what we already lack: Time; Attention; Love.... From there, we will experience the true solidarity and especially the blessing of the Lord that accompanies our generosity.

With blessings,
Fr. Bert



Hello from Deacon Mary!

Leading toward Remembrance Day and on the shirttails of All Soul's day, my thoughts led me toward the following words, spoken by Bishop John Ford, as he anointed a candidate during a service of Profession to single consecrated life within the society of St. Francis.

"May her life deserve our praise, without seeking to be praised.

May she give you glory by holiness in sorrow, her patience in adversity, her riches in poverty, her food in fasting, and her remedy in sickness. She has chosen you above all things, may she find all things in possessing you."

I was deeply moved by these words which has led to my own prayer for everyone at Holy Trinity right now.

'May God be all these things to you' Amen.

It is wonderful to have Fr. Peter back with us and I look forward to seeing everyone in December!

NEXT SUNDAY'S READINGS:

Daniel 12:1-4a; Hebrews 10:31-39; Mark 13:14-23

CALENDAR DATES:

NOVEMBER:

- Nov. 14. Bible Study, 10:30a.m.
- Nov. 18. Wedding, 3:00p.m.
- Nov. 18. Ecumenical Thanksgiving Service at Santuario de San Antonio, 7:15pm.
[NOTE: CHT will provide salad]
- Nov. 19. AWCP, SLMC Blood Letting, 10:00a.m.-3:00p.m., Parish Hall

DECEMBER

- Dec. 2. Wedding, 2:00p.m.
- Dec. 6. Wedding, 3:00p.m.
- Dec. 8. Wedding, 1:30p.m.
- Dec. 9. Nine Lessons & Carols, 9:30a.m.
- Dec. 16. Norway Advent Service, 5:00p.m.
- Dec. 23. Wedding, 3:00p.m.
- Dec. 24. Christmas Eve.