

ST. MARY'S CATHEDRAL

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32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

Small Things Done with Great Love Bring Justice.

In 1945, a Japanese girl named Sadako Sasaki was only two years old when the atomic bomb dropped on Hiroshima. Although she was too young to remember the war, every year she took part in the Peace Celebrations in Hiroshima because her grandmother died during the war. When she was 11 years old, Sadako was preparing for a big race when she became dizzy and fell down. She was diagnosed with the 'atom bomb disease' leukemia, a cancer caused by radiation fallout.

While she was in hospital, her best friend reminded her of an old Japanese legend that if she folded a thousand origami paper cranes, the gods might grant her wish to be well again. So, Sadako began folding. Although she only folded 644 cranes before she died, Sadako's bravery had a profound effect on her friends and classmates. Her school friends folded the remaining 356 cranes so that she could be buried with 1,000 paper cranes. Three years later, school children all over Japan collected money to build a statue to honour Sadako and all the children affected by the bomb. Her statue now stands in Hiroshima's Peace Park, holding a golden crane in outstretched arms. At its base a plaque reads: *This is our cry, this is our prayer, peace in the world.*

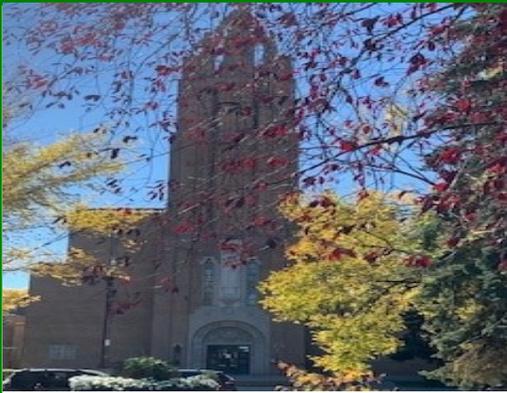
In today's gospel, Jesus' comment on the widow's donation is not a word of praise, but rather of lament: *Truly I say to you this poor widow has put in more than all those who are contributing to the treasury. For they all contributed out of their abundance; but she out of her poverty has put in everything she had, her whole living* (Mk 12:43-44). The Jewish religious leaders who knew the law very well, would have known about the primacy of care for the weakest in society, especially widows.

To be a widow in the time of Jesus was to be truly poor. The word for "widow" in Hebrew carries the meaning of one who is unable to speak. Men of the time played the public role, and women did not speak on their own behalf. As well, only men could own property. Having property meant that one could grow food and therefore sustain life. If the husband died, the wife had no rights to land and, therefore, could not sustain herself. Because widows were not included in Hebrew inheritance laws, their constant concern was simply living from day to day. Any resources this widow had were minimal at best.

The poor widow's offering was an indictment against those who used the offerings of the poor for their own glorification rather than the care of the poor. Nonetheless, her two small copper coins is an expression of her trust that God will care for her. She is remembered for speaking eloquently without words against a grave injustice, those who were the leaders of the community were responsible for the care of the forgotten.

Sadako Sasaki was also a victim of injustice, as the atomic bomb *devoured the houses* not only of widows but many other civilians, especially the young. Despite this, in her small way, Sadako trusted that small folds of paper could bring a miracle of health for her and the hope for justice and peace in the world. The paper cranes did not bring her health, but the small example has caused the world to think more seriously of the negative effects of nuclear weapons.

Paraphrasing a quote of Mother Teresa, the best way to speak out against the injustices of the world is quietly doing small things done with great love.



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SUNDAY MASS TIMES

Saturday 5:00 PM

Sunday 8:00 AM,

10:00 AM,

12:00 PM,

4:00 PM (St. Francis Xavier Chaplaincy)

WEEKDAY MASS TIMES

Monday - Friday, 7:30 AM & 5:00 PM

Saturday 9:00 AM

(Statutory Holidays during the week —
9:00 AM Mass only)

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Tues - Thurs & Sat. 4:30—4:50 PM

Friday 8:00-9:00 AM & 3:00-4:30 PM

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

Friday 8:00 AM—4:30 PM

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

Please contact Deacon Dennis at the
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OFFICE HOURS:

Monday to Friday

8:30 AM - 4:00 PM

Closed Statutory Holidays

Readings for November 14 (Thirty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time)

First Reading: (Daniel 12:1-3) At that time your people shall be delivered.

Second Reading (Hebrews 10:11-14, 18) By a single offering he has perfected for all time those who are sanctified.

Gospel: (Mark 13:24-32) The Son of Man will gather the elect from the four winds.

Stewardship of Treasure Oct. 23 - Oct. 29, 2021

General Collections

Envelopes/Loose/Debit/etc.

Last Week

\$4,627.

Together in Action

Together in Action is an annual diocesan-mandated parish charitable appeal that funds diocesan, local, national & international initiatives: www.catholicyc.ca/tia.html

Goal: \$41,552.

Donations to date: \$15,414.

Some employers offer a charitable **donation matching program**, please contact Lillian at the parish office for more information about this (Lillian@stmaryscalgary.ca or 403-228-4170, ext. 222)

Thank you for your financial support to St Mary's Cathedral during this difficult time. It is now possible to make a donation through a variety of means. Please visit stmaryscalgary.ca/content/donations to make an online donation. If you have questions about charitable giving, please contact the parish office.

Bishop McGrattan calls on all of us to join him in the important journey leading up to the 2023 Synod. Summoned by the Lord Jesus and rooted in the Holy Spirit, together we will listen to answer these fundamental questions: How is this "journeying together" happening today in our local Church? What steps does the Spirit invite us to take in order to grow in our "journeying together"?

For more information and to sign up for updates on the Synod on Synodality in our Diocese: catholicyc.ca/synod.

In order to be good stewards of the Cathedral's finances, we are switching over to a new phone system ... We thank you for your patience with some bumps during this transition! If you are unable to reach us by phone or voicemail, please consider emailing us: Michelle@StMarysCalgary.ca. We plan to have the issues resolved this week.



Offering Envelopes: We are preparing our data base for those who would like to use weekly offering envelopes. During COVID we have **not automatically generated envelopes**, therefore if you would like to regularly use envelopes once again, please contact Lillian@stmaryscalgary.ca or call 403-228-4170. We would also be pleased to assist you with any questions you might have about beginning a direct debit/credit donation either weekly or monthly. Direct debit/credit forms are available at the main entrance of the Cathedral.

On November 6/7 we celebrate **Catholic Education Sunday**. It is a day meant for all of us - parents, grandparents, alumni, students, friends, and community members to come together to celebrate and give thanks for Catholic education. We welcome members of St. Monica's School and thank them for sharing their gifts with us during Mass!

Mass Intentions FOR THE WEEK

Monday, Nov 8

7:30 am J. Ojeada (INT)

5:00 pm G. Kanagalingam (INT)

Tuesday, Nov 9

7:30 am Chris Humphrey (RIP)

5:00 pm Francesca Sacromanno (RIP)

Wednesday, Nov 10

7:30 am Nery Taberdo (RIP)

5:00 pm Olive Arges (RIP)

Thursday, Nov 11

9:00 am Tamara Herrera (INT)

5:00 pm (no Mass—Remembrance Day)

Friday, Nov 12

7:30 am All Souls

5:00 pm Richard Roe (INT)

Saturday, Nov 13

9:00 am All Souls

5:00 pm Shirley Arges (INT)

Sunday, Nov 14

8:00 am Louie Sandiford (RIP)

10:00 am Paulina Nacorda (RIP)

12:00 noon St. Mary's Parishioners



PRAYER CORNER INTENTIONS: For the sick, the suffering, the elderly, the lonely and all who find themselves on the margins of society, that they may be empowered by God's special care of them. In particular, let us remember Tamara Herrera, Ian Griffin & Laura Meier. For those who have died in Christ, especially Bob Ferrari, that they may be resurrected with Him into eternal life.

THE BOOK OF REMEMBRANCE: November is the month the Church remembers all the faithful departed. Please write the names of your beloved deceased in the Book of Remembrance, which you will find by the main entrance in the church. Or we can add them to the book for you if you email their names to: Lillian@stmaryscalgary.ca.



REMEMBRANCE DAY MASS at 9:00am
"Canadians pause today in silence to remember those who died in war and to pray for victims of aggression and inhumanity throughout the world. This is a day to pray for peace, to consider what we are doing as individuals, as a community and as a nation to bring God's peace into the world... a day when a believing community should rededicate itself by prayer and action to the ideals Jesus gives us in the Beatitudes."
- Ordo, Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops, 2021

BOOK OF THE MONTH: The Gift Booth is featuring November's Spiritual Book of the Month: *The Practice of the Presence of God*, by Brother Lawrence of the Resurrection.

SUNDAY MISSALS for 2021-22 are now available at the Gift Booth.

Please note: Fr. John will be away until Tues, Dec 7.