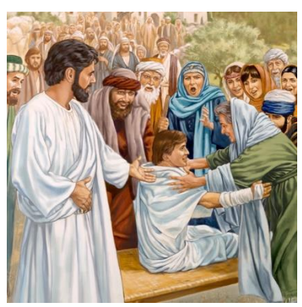
Tenth Sunday in Ordinary Time — June 29, 2025

From the Desk of Fr. Leo

Most widows in the time of Jesus were in dire straits. There was no help from the state; no pension, no welfare, no social security, and generally only meager opportunities, if any, for employment. When Jesus came upon the funeral cortege in this Sunday's Gospel, we may assume that someone informed him of the circumstance; a widow was about to bury her only son.

St. Luke very lovingly observes that Jesus was moved with pity upon seeing her. His sympathy went out mainly to the woman, not primarily to her dead son. Jesus understood that this widow's most difficult time was not now, but later when after the burial she would have to return alone to an empty house. He realized that her sorrow would be deepened by fear about the future and how she could possibly survive. Most of all in his mind's eye, Jesus could see another widow in a year or so after a crucifixion following the lifeless body of her only son to the tomb. He said to the widow, "Do not weep." From us these words would have sounded hollow but from him they gave both comfort and hope. Jesus spoke those compassionate words to the widow as his own mother.



Jesus touched the litter which supported the body of the dead man. The bearers sensed that Jesus meant them to stop. The woman waited in anticipation of what Jesus would do. Then she heard words which were full of compassion as well as power: "Young man, I bid you get up." All eyes turned to the dead man. He sat up and began to speak. But that was not the climax. Jesus compassion, after all, was for the widow. And so St. Luke carefully adds, "Jesus gave him back to his mother."

St. Paul remarks on how favored he was that God revealed his Son to him so that he might spread the Good News. And how favored we are that through this Gospel according to St. Luke, we have had revealed to us the Good News of the love of the Lord. This Lord raised us from from the death of sin and presented to us our spiritual mother, the Church, who now nourishes us through the word of Sacred Scripture and the sacrament of the Holy Eucharist.

We will one day die. Jesus will not touch our coffin or tell the pall bearers to halt. Instead he will reach out his powerful hand to lift us up from the dead on the day of resurrection. And then we will indeed praise Jesus, the compassionate Lord life

Fr. Leo Alban Asuncion

Mass Intentions for the Week

Tues.	**July 1**	**11:00AM**
Thanksgiving		Lolo & Lola
Wed.	**July 2**	**11:00AM**
Special Intentions		
Thur.	**July 3**	**11:00AM**
Special Intentions		
Fri.	**July 4**	**11:00AM**
Special Intentions		
Sat.	**July 5**	**4:30PM**
Marleana Airoldi †		Donna & Dennis Hoffman
Sun.	**July 6**	**9:00AM**
William Michael Banaban †		Chris & Evelyn
Port Costa		**11:00AM**
People of our Parish		

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