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SALT OF THE EARTH AND LIGHT OF THE WORLD:  
CELEBRATING, LISTENING AND WALKING TOGETHER IN A SPIRIT OF  
COMMUNION, PARTICIPATION AND MISSION (MATTHEW 5: 13-16).

*“Even if you have to die, keep faithful, and I will give you the crown of life for your prize.”*

Revelation 2:10



SCRIPTURE  
of the DAY

- 1 Kings 17: 10-16
- Psalms 145: 6-10
- Hebrews 9: 24-28
- Mark 12: 38-44 or 12: 41-44

She gives not out of abundance, but from her own need, reflecting a core teaching about true generosity: the willingness to share what little we have, even in times of scarcity.

Similarly, in the Gospel of Mark, Jesus observes a poor widow who contributes two small coins to the temple treasury. He highlights her offering as greater than the larger sums given by the wealthy because she gave all that she had. Jesus emphasizes that **the value of a gift lies not in its monetary amount but in the spirit with which it is given.**

Both stories invite us to reflect on our own attitudes toward generosity. They challenge us to consider what it means to give of ourselves, not just materially, but also emotionally and spiritually. In a world that is guided by appearances and status and often judges people by their possessions, these readings encourage us to shift our focus from what we have to what we can offer, even when we feel we have little to spare.

The widows’ act of sacrifice and self-giving demonstrates a deep faith and trust in God, who never fails to provide our needs. Their faith inspires us to trust in God's providence and to approach our own giving with a spirit of humility and love, recognizing that our contributions whether of time, talent, or monetary aid can enrich the lives of others and reflect the heart of our faith.✚

MONTHLY FOCUS  
REMEMBERING THOSE WHO HAVE  
GONE BEFORE US

## Generosity of Spirit

We often hear the saying: “It is the thought that counts”. Today, we learn the deep meaning of this saying through the example of two widows. In the first reading from 1 Kings, we encounter the widow of Zarephath, who, despite her own desperate situation, shares her last meal with prophet Elijah.

