2021 NATIONAL VOCATION AWARENESS WEEK HOMILY HELPS

32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

NOVEMBER 7, 2021

Diocese of Palm Beach Office of Vocations and Seminarians

1st Reading: 1 Kings 17:10-16

The Lord invites us to give wholly of ourselves even when we think there is nothing else to give. When we are willing to give ourselves wholly, the Lord supplies for our sustenance.

Responsorial Psalm: 146:7-10

"The LORD keeps faith forever." He is never outdone in generosity. When we entrust ourselves to Him in our own weakness and littleness, He provides for us.

2nd Reading: Hebrews 9:24-28

Christ, the true High Priest, gave Himself fully to the Father and thus won for us our salvation.

Ordained priests are called to be an extension of this saving sacrifice, not as "new priests" but acting in the person of Christ the High Priest.

Gospel: Mark 12:38-44

Vocations in the life of the Church are not for the sake of honor and recognition, but for the sake of service to God and His people; to bring Him honor and recognition!

"Calling his disciples to himself..." As Jesus calls us to Himself to follow Him as disciples, He doesn't ask us to just give a part of ourselves ("surplus wealth"). He rather invites us to give our entire lives to Him. Regardless of our vocations, we are called to make of our lives a total gift to the Lord, placing our complete and total trust in Him and His goodness.