

32ND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME, YR B

November 8th, 2009

QUEEN OF PEACE CATHOLIC COMMUNITY
GAINESVILLE, FLORIDA
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1ST READING: 1 KINGS 17:10-16

Elijah said to her: "Do not be afraid."

PSALM 146

The Lord sets captives free.

2ND READING: HEBREWS 9:24-28

Christ offered once to take away sin

GOSPEL: MARK 12:38-44

He sat down opposite the treasury and observed how the crowd put money into the treasury.

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Let me ask you: what is 10% of 100?

10.

And what is 100% of 10?

10.

Yes, 10% of 100 equals 10 and 100% of 10 equals ten. It's the same amount but there is quite a difference for the widow in today's Gospel. Jesus noticed that she gave 100%, all that she had. What Jesus was admiring was her faith. She relied totally on God to provide. Jesus said another time, "Your heart is where your money is." What percentage do we give? If Jesus were measuring our faith by what we give, do you think he would be able to say to us: "Pick up your mat and walk, your faith has saved you?"