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Tenth Sunday in Ordinary Time – June 5, 2016

Dear Parish Family,

The widow was regarded in ancient times as among the most helpless in society. Women did not work outside the home. They were not the ones who provided crops or game for food. If the widow lost her children, then she was completely at the mercy of others.

In both the Old Testament reading for today and in the Gospel, we are presented with sad stories of widows such as these. One of the key manifestations of the presence of the Messiah is the healing he effects. Who among us is not broken in some way? Just when we feel secure and confident does it not often happen that an illness or circumstance beyond our control thrusts us back into desperate dependence on the mercy of God?

We are longing for good leadership these days; but it seems to me the most effective leader is the one who honestly admits his or her need for the Savior!

Yours in Christ,

Rev. Bill Foley

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