

Daily Homily
Last Week in Ordinary Time, Monday
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These last days of the Church Year turn our minds to some last things to consider before entering into the great season of Advent!

Today the thought is... how relative the concept of “more or less.”

We know this from a child’s perspective. When a child makes a card for us, doesn’t matter the occasion, sometimes it’s just a card they wanted to make without any occasion in mind. But the thought, the words, the time, the attention, the care that went into that card is more than any Hallmark or American Greetings card could ever express. The big card companies would say the child’s card is less, but in the hands of its’ recipient – a mom or dad, a teacher or parish priest – the card is so much more.

A Gospel woman gives. She gives not from the comfort of her surplus, knowing that she will go home and have her “more.” She gives her livelihood. She gives everything. She will go home with “less.” However, Jesus sees her and sees something different. In all that she gave, in the giving of her all ... even though it was a measly amount ... still, the thought, the gesture, the care expresses more than any huge donation ever could. In Jesus’ view, she walks away with more, not less.

This woman is praised in Scripture. And who is she? Well, she is anyone who gives their all and gives it all with meaning.

Ultimately...

She is Jesus as he gives his all on a cross and comes forth from a tomb.

She is Jesus as he gives his all to us in the measly amounts of bread and wine today.

She is Jesus as he places into the treasury of our lives every grace and blessing that we need to help us through any of our times and circumstances.

Ultimately...

Since she is Jesus, she is also us as well, as we give our all to prayer and to faith... as we give our all to the One who gives us everything. And in doing this we always walk through life with more, never less.