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Worship Times

Saturday Vigil Mass, 4:00p
Sunday Mass 11:15a; En español, 1:00p
Daily Mass, Holy Days Consult bulletin
Sacrament of Reconciliation
Saturdays, 3:00-4:00p

Sunday Mass 9:00a
Communion Service Tuesdays, 12:15p
Holy Days 7:00p
Sacrament of Reconciliation
By appointment

Welcome, New Parishioners

We are a Stewardship Community, sharing our time, talent, and treasure, in the most life-giving ways possible. Parishioners are expected to participate in weekly worship, in our community life, and in our service among our dear neighbors.

Sacramental Life ~ Baptism, Confirmation, Eucharist, Matrimony

For Sacrament preparation, you must be a registered, active member and attend preparation sessions.

Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA)

For those who desire to explore the Catholic Faith, spirituality, customs, and practices.

Anointing of the Sick

For those with chronic illness or who are pre-surgery, contact Father John or Sister Janis

Feast of Christ Our King
November 26 2023



2023

Giving Tree & ECSchool ~ K-12

This year ECS is trying something different for our area Giving Tree.

128 youth will be gifted by the area churches. St. Stephen has been asked to donate **gloves/mittens & toboggan sets and colored pencils & sketch books.**

If you wish to participate in the year's Giving Tree, please purchase the item(s)

Add a tag with the age and gender of the Youth who will receive your gift.

Bring your gift(s) to church: December 10

Sister of St. Joseph

The Sisters of St. Joseph Refugee Housing Project:

Location:

*St. Helena Convent
6127 North Fifth Street
Philadelphia, PA 19120-1422*

If you are willing to help your refugee sisters and brothers, both old and young, who are in need, we have several opportunities for you:



We need volunteers

- ~ to help directly with the refugees
- ~ to help at the Center to provide donations of items that are needed for the residences of the refugees
- ~ gift cards
- ~ monetary donations

Thank you very much!

**Sister Eileen McNally, S.S.J.
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When I felt alone, you stood by my side.

You did it for me.

When making decisions became too difficult,
you helped me process my options.

You did it for me.

Whenever I felt overanxious,
your gentle presence calmed me.

You did it for me.

When I felt “naked” with fear,
you “covered” me in compassion.

You did it for me.

When my addictions imprisoned me,
your steadfast love freed me to choose life.

You did it for me.

When my deepest hungers seem unattainable,
you give me hope to strive for more.

You did it for me.

When my thirst for justice met with apathy,
you give me strength to advocate for the voiceless.

You did it for me.

When I experienced “homelessness”,
your love graced me with God’s love and yours.

You did it for me.

*Let’s honor Christ, our Savior and King,
by glorifying him with a life
lived in service of the Word.*



Morning Church!

On this last Sunday of Ordinary Time, also known as the *Feast of Christ Our King*, Jesus underlines, once again, his expectations for all who desire to be disciples of his gospel mission. In plainspeak, he gives us no option and leaves us no wiggle room when it comes to *Walking the Word*.

God’s Word is very explicit on what it means to tend, serve, and shepherd among our Dear Neighbors. Today’s gospel translates into generously living the Corporal Works of Mercy. *Corpus...body...how we attend to the basic needs of the Body of Christ:*

...feed, clothe, visit, befriend, house, advocate, welcome...

Today we celebrate the Rite of Welcome with Stephen Faust, Jacob Wagoner, and Ethan VanHorn. They have begun their faithjourney in RCIA to explore what it means to be a *Catholic* Christian. Their presence among us ought to cause us to examine our faithjourney, our prayer life, and how we *feed, clothe, visit, befriend, house, advocate, and welcome* our sisters and brothers in the Name of Christ, the King of the Universe.

Stephen, Ethan, and Jacob are visible grace among us. With and among us, they desire to follow Christ with all their hearts. With the love and supportive prayer of their sponsors, John Orta and Phillip Parrish, and ours as well, they will be *fed, clothed, befriended, and welcomed* among us in the Name of Christ, King of our Hearts and of the Universe.

God’s blessings,

You

You
who are
yourselves
a blessing

who know
the blessing
in welcoming
the stranger

and blessing
to visit
the prisoner:

Who

who know
that to feed
the hungering
is to bless

and giving clothes
to those
who have none

may the blessing
you have offered
now turn itself
toward you









Bless

and to give drink
to those who thirst
is to bless

who know
to care
for the sick
is blessing

to welcome
and to embrace you
at the feast
of the blessed.

~ Jan Richardson

NOVEMBER	
 26	Feast of Christ Our King ~ <i>RCIA Rite of Welcome, 9a</i> ALL Faith Formation Families, Church, 10:30
 28	Adult Faith Formation, 10a ~ The Chosen Communion Service, 12:15p Adult Faith Formation, 6:45p ~ The Chosen Family Life Center Dedication (2010)
 29	RCIA, 6:00p; Choir, 7p
30	Feast of St. Andrew Christmas Novena begins
DECEMBER	
 03	1st Sun Advent Family Faith Formation
 05	The Chosen, 10a & 6:45p Communion Service, 12:15p
 06	RCIA, 6p; Choir, 7p
08	Feast: Immaculate Conception Mass, 7p
09	Parish Celebration ~ O.L. Guadalupe, 5:15p
 10	2nd Sun Advent Family Faith Formation
 12	O.L. Guadalupe, 4:00-8:00p Quiet prayer & Reflection The Chosen, 10a & 6:45p Communion Service, 12:15p

🌿 Mass Intentions	
26	RCIA Candidates & Sponsors + Charles Esserwein
03	+ Marjorie Dana; + Helen Purcell

Birthdays &

Anniversaries



25 Victor Bustos, Jr. 28 Stephen Faust
26 Victor Bustos, Sr. 29 Grace Jenkins

01 Jason LaCashio 04 Jocelyn Espino
02 Brylee Ange John Orta
 Jason McClamrock 05 Shayla Ange
03 Doris Watson 07 Gabriel Cancel

14 Arelis & Lee Hadfield

Christmas Flowers

Here is your opportunity to remember a loved one or honor a friend and help decorate the Christmas Season. An envelope for your Christmas Flowers are located in the pew pockets PRINT your info on the envelope's cover, and enclose your monetary gift. Print the names of those you wish to be remembered/honored on the back. Place the envelope in the collection.



CARE for CREATION
RECYCLE INK CARTRIDGES IN LOBBY CONTAINERS

In 1531, *Our Lady of Guadalupe* appeared to a 57 year old widower, *Juan Diego*. This a powerful reminder that God hears the cry of the poor. Mary's appearances held *vast significance for the Mexican people*.

While a number of them had converted to Catholicism before Mary's appearance, *nine million* Nahuan people became Catholic in a very short time afterwards.

Mary's feast (*December 12*) reminds all of us of God's *preferential option for the poor*.

Our Lady of Guadalupe, patroness of Mexico and the Americas, cries out to us to genuinely love our dear neighbors ~ the message of today's Gospel.



Our Lady of Guadalupe Parish Celebration
Saturday, December 9, 5:15p

Refreshments

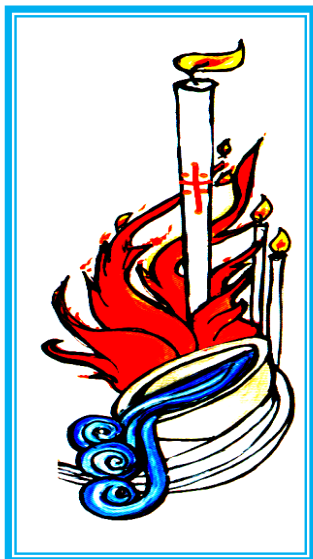
Tuesday, December 12, 4:00-8:00p

Evening of Quiet Prayer and Recollection



Celebración de Nuestra Señora de Guadalupe
Sábado 9 de diciembre, 17:15
Refrescos

Martes 12 de diciembre
Noche de oración silenciosa y recogimiento



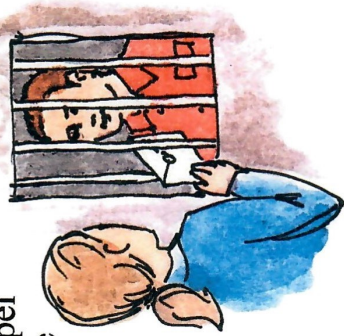
*In every place and time,
the blessed walk among us
There's a mighty throng
that stands at our side
The saints and beloved of God...
~ Dan Schutte*

The Saints and Beloved of God of St. Stephen

Irene Krakovsky	August 10, 2007	Mary Elizabeth Collins	September 22, 2016
Herbert Weibel	September 13, 2007	Mary Lockhart	August 17, 2017
Wallo Clark	March 25, 2008	Ella May LeBlanc	November 17, 2017
Lawrence Watson	August 6, 2008	Ruth Harris	December 14, 2016
David Balzer	September 10, 2008	Adrienne Lux	March 13, 2018
Danny Smitherman	November 15, 2008	Marcia Morrey	March 22, 2018
Anthony Stammetti	December 2, 2008	Sally Bianco	April 18, 2018
Lori Knowles	May 17, 2009	Helen Purcell	December 5, 2019
Infant McKinley Orta	March 10, 2021	Gloria Garcia Barrientos	December 27, 2017
Phil Altemueller	October 25, 2010	Faith Balzer	January 25, 2019
Clarence Brandenburg	January 11, 2011	Joseph Krakovsky	March 17, 2019
Infant Arturo Sanchez	April 10, 2011	Ramona Schaufenbuel	August 14, 2019
Eleanor Golaszewski	April 10, 2011	Robert Ackerman	August 3, 2019
Mary Adari	May 28, 2011	Ruth Weibel	March 25, 2020
Earnest Blevins	March 8, 2014	Fay Burgoon	August 15, 2021
Infant Jael Jesus Rodriguez	March 31, 2015	Stanley Ring	September 11, 2021
John Cahill	April 17, 2016	Octavio Rodriguez	September 11, 2021
Gregory Collins	September 15, 2016	Thomas Lux	January 1, 2023

Whatever you do to others...

Jesus is a fair king. In today's Gospel reading, He tells us how He will judge people at the end of time. Those who were good to God will be saved, and those who were not good to Him will be condemned. Whoever is good to others is good to God, and whoever is unkind to others is unkind to God.



Our Lord cares so much about His people that He will judge us according to how we treat each other.

Jesus is the Good Shepherd and the King, and He cares about every one of us specially. Imagine a king who came to see every one of his subjects to make sure that they were doing okay. Well, Jesus does more than that- He died for us on the cross! He looks after us all the time, and He says that anyone who is unkind to us will be judged as being unkind to Him.



Christ the King is the just judge. How do you think you will be judged when you die, or at the end of time? Are you kind to others? Do you ever think about how you would treat Jesus if He were here? Do you treat other people the way you would treat Jesus?

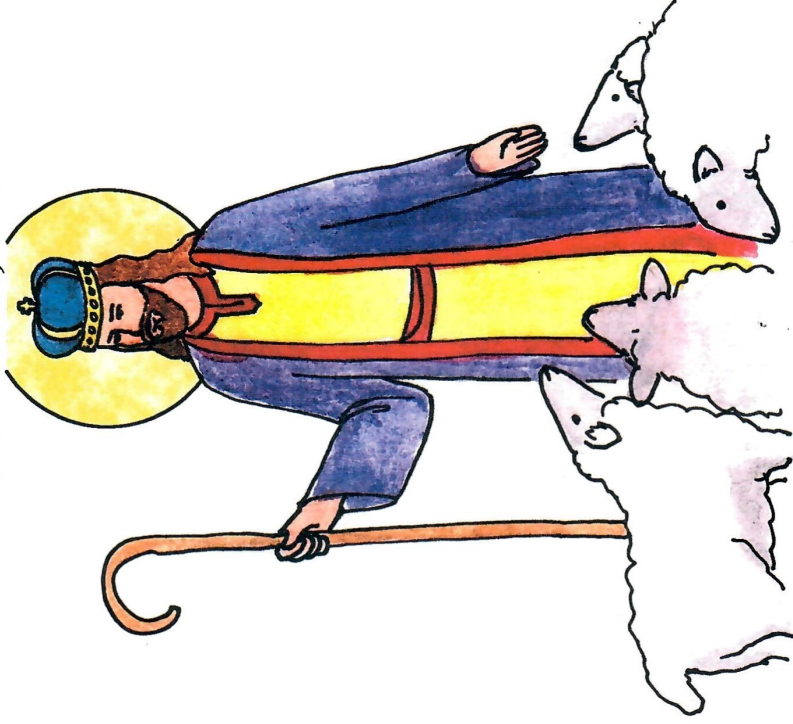


Answers to match-up puzzle: 1. you gave me food, 2. you gave me drink, 3. you welcomed me, 4. you clothed me, 5. you cared for me, 6. you visited me.

Answer to front page: I myself will pasture them.

The Kids' Bulletin

Feast of Christ the King
November 26th, 2023



A E F H I L M P R S T U W Y
△ □ > ■ I - ▲ O ● < + U N X

What does God say about His people in the first reading?
Use the code to find out some of what He said.

I ▲ X < □ - > N I - -
O △ < > + U ● □ + ■ □ ▲

Saint Charles de Foucauld

December 1

CHARLES WAS BORN IN FRANCE IN 1858. HIS PARENTS DIED WHEN HE WAS SIX, SO HE AND HIS SISTER WERE RAISED BY THEIR GRAND-FATHER.

Come along! Mass is in ten minutes!

WHEN HE WAS A TEENAGER HE LOST HIS FAITH. HE JOINED THE FRENCH FOREIGN LEGION.

This should be a great adventure!

WHILE IN NORTH AFRICA HE BECAME INTERESTED IN THE MUSLIM FAITH.

These people really believe in a god...

My God, if you exist, let me come to know You!

WHEN HE RETURNED TO FRANCE HE PRAYED TO GOD TO GIVE HIM FAITH.

CHARLES CAME BACK TO THE FAITH AND BECAME A RELIGIOUS BROTHER.

AFTER LIVING IN SEVERAL MONASTERIES CHARLES WAS ORDAINED AND WENT TO THE SAHARA DESERT.

What do you want?

HE LIVED NEAR A MUSLIM TRIBE AND LEARNED THEIR LANGUAGE. AFTER SPENDING 15 YEARS PRAYING AND WORKING HE WAS MURDERED BY ENEMY TRIBESMEN.

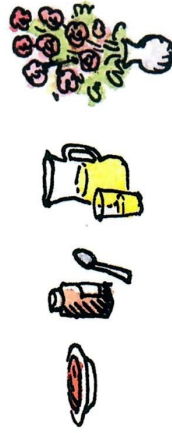
WHEN HE WAS YOUNGER, SAINT CHARLES CARED ONLY ABOUT HAVING FUN. BUT GOD PUT IN HIS HEART A DESIRE TO KNOW HIM. THEN WHEN CHARLES PRAYED, GOD GAVE HIM THE GIFT OF FAITH. DO YOU KNOW PEOPLE WHO DON'T KNOW GOD? CAN YOU PRAY AND DO A SACRIFICE FOR THEM TODAY?

Gospel Match-Up

In today's Gospel reading, Our Lord tells the people how they will be judged. What did the righteous people do when they found people in need?

See if you can match up the needs on the left with the help on the right!

1. I was hungry and •
 2. I was thirsty and •
 3. a stranger and •
 4. naked and •
 5. ill and •
 6. in prison and •
- you welcomed me,
 - you clothed me
 - you gave me drink,
 - you cared for me,
 - you visited me.
 - you gave me food,



We pray
for our sisters and brothers
in Maui, Morocco,
Middle East, (Oct. 7, 2023)
and Libya... and the 32 places
where war is being raged now.



Our Lady of Protection
Ukrainian Madonna

FEBRUARY 24, 2022
21 months

Ukrainian Catholics dedicate their country
to *Our Lady of Protection*,
interceding to Mary to wrap their country
with her mantle of loving protection.

With the fast pace of communications these days, it's easy to become
overwhelmed and wearied by the barrage of news.
As Catholic Christians, you realized you are intimately tethered
to every Dear Neighbor locally and globally.
When you're feeling overwhelmed and weary, think of and pray for your
Ukrainian sisters and brothers who are overwhelmed and wearied by the barrage
~ not of news ~
but by daily bombings, death, family separation, and the other forms
of collateral damage of war since February 24, 2022.

Our Lady of Protection, pray for us!

**Do you know the number
of U.S. Mass
shootings and
gun-related deaths
so far in 2023?**



**WHEN IS
ENOUGH,
ENOUGH?**



Tri-C Almsgiving
Thank you so much !!

NOV

Bar soap

DEC

Dry beans