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St. John

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St. Stephen

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Theresa Martin Music

Mass Schedule

St. John

Saturday 4:00p
Sunday 11:15a English
1:00p en español
Wednesday 11:00a

St. Stephen

Sunday 9:00a
Communion Service
Tuesday, 12:15p
Holy Days 7:00p

Sacrament of Reconciliation

Saturday 3:00 - 3:45p *By appointment*

Welcome, New Parishioners: We are a Stewardship Community, sharing our time, talent, and treasure in life-giving ways.

To register and get more information: go to our website: www.StStephenNC.org

Sacrament Preparation (Baptism, 1st Communion, Reconciliation (Penance), or Matrimony)
Call S. Janis (336) 835-4542

Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA)

Offered for adults who desire to explore the Catholic Faith, spirituality, rites, and practices.

Sacrament of Anointing and Pastoral Care

If you or someone you know is desirous of God's healing and would like to receive the sacred anointing, contact S. Janis.

Thirty-second Sunday in Ordinary Time

November 10, 2024

Prayer After an Election

God of all nations,
Father of the human family,
we give you thanks
for the freedom we exercise
and the many blessings
of democracy we enjoy
in these United States of America.

We ask for your protection
and guidance for all
who devote themselves
to the common good,
working for justice and peace
at home and around the world.

We lift up
all our duly elected leaders
and public servants,
those who will serve us as president,
as legislators and judges,
those in the military
and law enforcement.

Heal us from our differences
and unite us, O Lord,
with a common purpose,
dedication, and commitment
to achieve liberty and justice
in the years ahead for all people,
and especially those
who are most vulnerable
in our midst.

Our Father, Hail Mary, Glory Be...
U.S. Catholic Conference of Bishops' Conference



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Thank you!



Tri-C Christian Crisis Ministries

NOV

Bar soap

DEC

Dry beans

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Adult Faith Formation Opportunity
Tues., Nov. 11, 5:00p
St. Stephen Family Life Center
Pre-planning Your Funeral Service
Sister Janis
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ALASKA FISH DINNER

Friday, Nov. 22

6:00p ~ Family Life Center

SIGN UP for LIMITED SEATING

**You bring the sides: small portions
of coleslaw, salad, dessert;
sweet and unsweet tea**

¡Buenos días, Iglesia!

Edwina Gately es autora de muchos libros, es líder de retiros, directora espiritual y fundadora del Movimiento Misionero Voluntario (1969) que envía misioneros a tres continentes. Fundó Genesis House (1983) en Chicago, que es una presencia de extensión para mujeres en prostitución. En su libro, *Soul Sisters: Women in Scripture Speak to Women Today*, ella comparte una experiencia personal de La Mitad de la Viuda proclamada en el evangelio de hoy y presagiada en 1 Reyes 17. Edwina trabajó como voluntaria durante tres años en Uganda, en el este de África. Esta es una reformulación de una historia de ese libro.

La Viuda del Evangelio me recuerda a otra mujer. Sus ojos eran profundos, como los de su viejo y pobre Santo Predecesor. Aquí la piel, toda seca y arrugada también. La conocí cuando vivía como misionera en Uganda, África Oriental, en una época turbulenta de guerras tribales que estrangulaban un país que alguna vez fue hermoso y fértil. El hambre y el miedo eclipsaron la tierra, dejando a su gente temblando.

La mayoría mientras la gente se iba (riqueza y privilegios son iguales). Algunos de nosotros nos quedamos solidarios con las personas a las que habíamos venido a servir. Sin embargo, fue difícil, no podíamos viajar para comprar comida y esas cosas. Entonces no teníamos mucho. Sin embargo, sabíamos que la gente local tenía mucho menos que nosotros; siempre lo tuvieron. Más aún ahora.

Un día, mientras estaba afuera de mi casita, vi a una anciana que se acercaba arrastrando los pies, agarrando un paquete bien envuelto en hojas de plátano. Ella me miró desde su posición encorvada y muy encorvada. Sus ojos eran profundos y húmedos, como los de su Santo Predecesor. A diferencia de ella, ella no tenía monedas, sólo el paquete de plátanos que me puso en las manos. Sus palabras, susurradas en un inglés entrecortado, todavía permanecen conmigo:

“Gracias por quedarte con nosotros”.

Luego, tropezó, sin nombre y misteriosamente, de regreso a los arbustos desde donde se arrastró.

Intrigado, quité las hojas de plátano. Allí encontré, todos acurrucados y calentitos, un regalo, un tesoro: tres pequeños huevos de gallina... Todo lo que ella tenía, me lo había dado, aunque yo lo tenía todo. Tres huevos diminutos: una fortuna para su pobreza.

Ella es la Ácaro de la Viuda sin disfraz revelado a mí.



¿Qué debemos decir o hacer ante tanta bondad? ¿Qué me puede hacer el regalo, dado mi millón de ácaros? ¿Cómo puedo personificar la generosidad en ese pequeño regalo que me desafía a la grandeza? ¿Cómo te atreves, Jesús, a desear que tu visión penetrante, tus palabras incómodas, me dejen luchando en tal espacio! ¿Cómo te atreves, Mujer Africana, a dejarme tus tres preciosos huevos, agobiándome con tus tesoros!

No puedo ni abandonarlos ni olvidarlos. Tus óvulos, como las monedas que dio tu Santa Hermana, están eternamente guardados dentro de mí. Aún más profundamente, encerrados en mi conocimiento más profundo están tus ojos, hermana. Son como luces encendidas que me llaman a deshacerme y compartir mi generosidad, mis “huevos”, a cambiar mis bienes acumulados por un espíritu más rico, transparente en sencillez, hermoso en desnudez – ¡pero, oh, tan vulnerable!

¿Me atrevo, hermana, a cambiar mis tesoros por un alma empapada de gracia? ¿O mis tesoros se encuentran no tanto en las monedas o en los huevos mismos, sino en el deseo de conservarlos? ¿Las riquezas que debo compartir son gracias del espíritu más que bienes de la tierra?

Son mucho más valiosos que la plata o el oro, o las acciones y participaciones. ¿Me atrevo a cavar en mi corazón para generar bondad, compasión y amor más allá de las expectativas, más allá de la razón, para que fluya como un río a mi alrededor, calmando y refrescando los espacios secos y solitarios que se mantienen ocultos en las almas humanas? ¡Ah, eso es todo! ¿Debo volverme como Dios, todo vacío, todo compasivo, abriendo mi corazón para derramar quién soy? ¿Es eso todo? ¿Es eso, hermana del alma? ¿Me convertiré en ti?

En comunidad,

Edwina

Reflexionando sobre la Palabra

¿Recuerda algún momento en el que dio libre y generosamente, aunque también estaba en necesidad?
 ¿De qué manera la generosidad de estas tres viudas te atreves a ser más generoso?

Morning, Church!

Edwina Gately, is an author, retreat leader, spiritual director, and founder of the *Volunteer Missionary Movement* (1969) that send missionaries to three continents. She founded *Genesis House* (1983) in Chicago, an outreach presence for women in prostitution.

In her book, *Soul Sisters: Women in Scripture Speak to Women Today*, she shares a personal experience of *The Widow's Mite* prefigured in 1 Kings 17 and proclaimed in the gospel. Edwina volunteered for three years in Uganda, E. Africa. The following is a retelling of one of her stories from that book.



The Unnamed Widow in today's gospel reminds me of another poor woman who had deep, old eyes and skin all dried and wrinkled, like her Holy Predecessor. I met her when I lived as a missionary in Uganda, East Africa, in a troubled time of tribal wars that strangled a once lovely, fertile country. Hunger and fear eclipsed the land, leaving its people trembling.

Most white folk left (wealth and privilege equal choice). Some of us stayed in solidarity with the people we had come to serve. It was hard, though, we couldn't travel to shop for food and stuff. So we didn't have much. Yet we knew that local folks had a lot less than us – they always did — and even more so now.

One day as I stood outside my little house, I saw an old woman shuffling towards me, clutching a package all wrapped tightly in banana leaves. She looked up at me from her bent and badly stooped position. Her eyes were deep and moist, like her Holy Predecessor. Unlike her Holy Predecessor, she had no coins, just a banana parcel which she thrust into my hands. Her words, whispered in broken English, remain with me still:

"Thank you for staying with us."

Then, off she stumbled, remaining mysterious and nameless, back into the bushes from where she crept.

Intrigued, I peeled away the banana leaves. I found, all snuggled and warm together, a gift, a treasure – three tiny chicken eggs...All she had, she'd given to me, though I had all. Three tiny eggs – a fortune against her poverty.

She is revealed to me as
the unmasked *Widow's Mite*.



What am I to say or do before such goodness? What is the gift to do for me, given my million mites? How can I ever personify the generosity in that little gift that dares me to greatness? How dare you, Jesus, wish your penetrating vision, your discomfiting words, leave me struggling in such a space! How dare you, African Woman, leave me your three precious eggs, weighing me down with your treasures!

I can neither abandon nor forget them. Your eggs, like the coins your Holy Sister gave, are eternally held within me. Even more profoundly, locked in my deepest knowing, are your eyes, Sister. They are like burning lights calling me to divest and share my bounty, my "eggs"; to trade my accumulated goodies for a richer spirit, one transparent in simplicity, lovely in nakedness, and oh, so vulnerable!

Dare I, Sister, trade my treasures for a grace-soaked soul? Or are my treasures found, not so much in the coins or eggs themselves, as in the desire to hold them? Are the riches that I must share graces of the spirit rather than goods of the Earth?

They are far more precious than silver or gold, or stocks and shares. Dare I dig into my heart to bring forth kindness, compassion, and love beyond expectation, beyond reason, to flow like a river all around me, soothing and refreshing the dry and lonely spaces kept hidden in human souls? Ah, that's it! Must I become as God ~ all emptying, all compassionate, cracking open my heart to pour out who I am? Is that it? Is that it, Soul Sister, will I become you?

In CommUNITY,

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*Reflecting on the Word*

Recall a time when you gave freely and generously, even though you were in need, too?

*In what ways does the generosity of these three Widows
dare you to be more generous?*

NOVEMBER	
01	<i>All Saints Day</i> Mass, 7p
03	<i>All Souls Day / Dia de la Muertos</i>
03	31st Sun OT Faith Formation ~ Parents & Youth, After Mass, FLC
05	Communion Service, 12:15p; RCIA I, 6:30p
06	RCIA II, 6:30p; Choir, 7p
10	32nd Sun OT Faith Formation ~ Parents & Youth, After Mass, FLC
11	Adult Faith Formation <i>Pre-planning Your Mass of Christian Burial, 5p</i> ~ FLC
12	The Chosen, 10a Communion Service, 12:15p; RCIA I, 6:30p
15	<i>Remembering the El Salvador Martyrs</i>
16	Men's Breakfast, Cracker Barrel, 8:30a
17	33rd Sun OT Faith Formation ~ Parents & Youth, After Mass, FLC
18	Give Blood Elkin Rescue Squad, 1:30-6:00p Ladies Guild, 5p
19	The Chosen, 10a Communion Service, 12:15p; RCIA I, 6:30p
20	RCIA II, 6:30p; Choir, 7p
21	Wise Ones @ Theo's, 1p; Jane & Rob W. hosting
22	Alaska Fish Dinner, 6:00-8:00p, FLC
24	<i>Feast of Christ, King of the Universe</i> Faith Formation ~ Parents & Youth, After Mass, FLC
26	The Chosen, 10a Communion Service, 12:15p; RCIA II, 6:30p
27	RCIA II, 6:30p; Choir, 7p
28	Happy Thanksgiving!

NOV MASS INTENTIONS	
03	+Michael W. Golden; deceased family members, parishioners, and Sisters of St. Joseph
10	Marianne McQuade All Veterans, living and deceased

Birthdays & Anniversary



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|---|--------------------------|
| 02 Jackie Wagoner | 14 Veronica Trinidad |
| 03 Eric Barrientos
Barbara Rhinehart | 18 Ania Trejo |
| 04 Bill Bresse
Arelis Hadfield | 21 Ronnie Krakovsky |
| 05 Shayla Ange | 22 America Lopez |
| 09 Debbie Parrish | 18 Athena Spicer |
| 10 Richard Bernabe | 24 Lupe Hernandez-Reyes |
| | 25 Victor Bustos, Jr. |
| | 26 Victor Bustos, Sr. |
| | 28 Stephen Faust |
| 04 Roseamelia & Matthew Kelly | 13 Ayda & Sheldon Chanes |
| 07 Rosa & Gerardo Parral | 16 Ramona & Jim Doyle |
| | 17 Epi & Julian Cortez |

¡MUCHAS GRACIAS!
¡MANY THANKS!

...blessings and gratitude to our newest Cantor, Melia Orta...and grateful, too, to Theresa and our faithful Choir whose gifts enhance our worship every Sunday....to our newest Eucharistic Ministers, Margarita, Memo Lara, and David Serafin...*Thank you!*

...bendiciones y gratitud a nuestra nueva Cantora, Meliá Orta...y agradecidos, también, a Teresa y a nuestro fiel Coro cuyos regalos realzan nuestra adoración cada domingo...a nuestros nuevos Ministros Eucarísticos, Margarita, Memo Lara y David Serafin...*¡Gracias!*



S. Barbara Glennon, SSJ
November 28, 1933 ~ November 6, 2024
73rd Year as Sister of St. Joseph

S. Anna Marie Herron, SSJ
November 6, 2024
64th Year as Sister of St. Joseph

GIVE + SHARE = L♥VE

In the first reading, from the *Book of Kings*, a stranger asks a widow for water and a small cake made from her last bit of flour. The stranger is one of *God's prophets*, Elijah. God blesses the widow for her generosity to Elijah.



In the *Gospel*, Jesus honors a widow who puts her last two pennies in the Temple treasury.

God invites us to share what we have with those who in need, too. As we follow Jesus, he will ask us to be as generous and kind as the two widows.

Our talents, and everything we have, come from God. God wants us to share generously with others. This is what being a *good steward* means.

What does Jesus want you to share with others?

How can you become a *good steward* of the gifts and talents God has entrusted to you?

How can you become a *good steward* of the Earth?



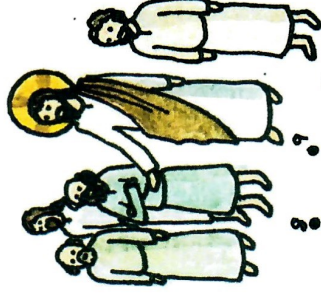
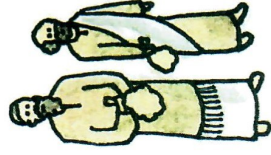
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Answers to True or False: 1. True. 2. False. 3. False.
4. True. 5. True. 6. True. 7. False.

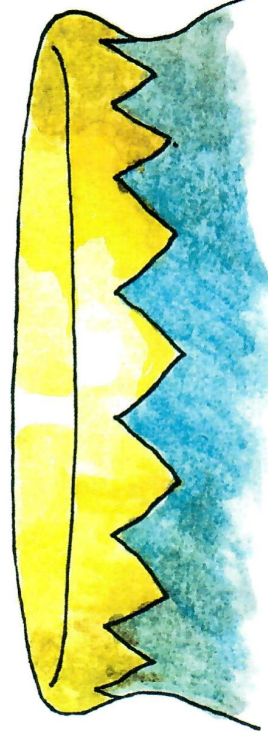
The Kids' Bulletin

32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

November 10,, 2024



Mark 12:38-44



In today's Gospel reading Jesus saw a poor woman putting everything she had into the Temple treasury. How much was it? Connect the dots to find out!

Saint Charles Borromeo

November 4

CHARLES WAS THE SON OF AN ITALIAN COUNT IN THE 1500'S. THE FAMILY WAS FAMOUS AND RICH, BUT ALSO GENEROUS AND PIOUS.

Never sit down to eat without giving alms first.

WHEN HIS UNCLE BECAME POPE HE MADE CHARLES A CARDINAL AND PUT HIM IN CHARGE OF THE PAPAL STATES.

I think I can trust you for this job.

CHARLES BECAME A PRIEST AND AN ARCH-BISHOP.

STILL HE WAS KIND AND GENEROUS TO EVERYONE.

HE WOULD TAKE THE TIME TO TEACH PEOPLE, AND HE ALSO STARTED MANY SCHOOLS.

Our Father.

CHARLES WAS NOT A VERY GOOD SPEAKER, BUT HE SPOKE SO WISELY THAT EVERYONE LISTENED TO HIM.

Do not spend your time in useless chatter.

He needs to rest!

WHEN THE PLAGUE BROKE OUT IN HIS CITY, CHARLES CARED FOR THE SICK. FINALLY HE ALSO BECAME ILL, BUT HE CONTINUED TO SERVE HIS PEOPLE UNTIL HE DIED.

ST. CHARLES WAS AN EXAMPLE TO PEOPLE OF HIS TIME OF HOW EVEN RICH AND IMPORTANT PEOPLE CAN LOVE GOD AND BECOME SAINTS. HE KNEW THAT THE TRUTH AND BEAUTY OF GOD SHOULD COME TO PEOPLE THROUGH THE CHURCH. HOW CAN YOU SHARE THE TRUTH AND BEAUTY OF GOD WITH OTHERS?

The Greatest Commandment Puzzle

Use the words from the list to fill in the blanks and use the letters in boxes to fill in the blanks at the end.

One of the scribes came to Jesus and asked him, "Which is the first of all the commandments?" Jesus replied, "The first is this:

Hear, O Israel! The Lord our God LORD
 is alone! You shall HEART
 the Lord your God with all your YOUR
 all your soul, SECOND
 with all your , and with all LOVE
 your . The YOURSELF
 is this: You shall love WITH
 neighbor as STRENGTH
 MIND

What is the order of importance of those we must love?

1. 1 2 3

2. 4 5 6 7 8 9