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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

18th Sunday in Ordinary Time
July 31, 2022



ITALIAN ~ AMERICAN CUISINE

The Crave Restaurant
August 18th, 1:00p
854 South Main Street
Sparta NC
Hosts: Judy & Frank Simon
(336) 372-5798



**Men's Breakfast
Third Saturdays**

August 20, 8:30a
Cracker Barrel
Jonesville NC



**Our Lady,
Queen of Peace, pray for us!
Feb. 24, 2022 - July 31, 2022
5 months
103 days
2,304 hours
138,240 minutes
of war and inhumanity.**

George Carlin “My Stuff”

Actually, this is just a place for my stuff, ya know? That's all; a little place for my stuff. That's all I want, that's all you need in life, is a little place for your stuff, ya know? I can see it on your table, everybody's got a little place for their stuff. This is my stuff, that's your stuff, that'll be his stuff over there.

That's all you need in life, a little place for your stuff. That's all your house is- a place to keep your stuff. If you didn't have so much stuff, you wouldn't need a house. You could just walk around all the time. A house is just a pile of stuff with a cover on it. You can see that when you're taking off in an airplane. You look down, you see everybody's got a little pile of stuff. All the little piles of stuff. And when you leave your house, you gotta lock it up. Wouldn't want somebody to come by and take some of your stuff. They always take the good stuff. They never bother with that crap you're saving. All they want is the shiny stuff. That's what your house is, a place to keep your stuff while you go out and get...more stuff! Sometimes you gotta move, gotta get a bigger house. Why? No room for your stuff anymore.

Did you ever notice when you go to somebody else's house, you never quite feel a hundred percent at home? You know why? No room for your stuff. Somebody else's stuff is all over the goddamn place! And if you stay overnight, unexpectedly, they give you a little bedroom to sleep in. Bedroom they haven't used in about eleven years. Someone died in it, eleven years ago. And they haven't moved any of his stuff! Right next to the bed there's usually a dresser or a bureau of some kind, and there's no room for your stuff on it. Somebody else's shit is on the dresser. Have you noticed that their stuff is shit and your shit is stuff? God! And you say, "Get that shit off of there and let me put my stuff down!"

Sometimes you leave your house to go on vacation. And you gotta take some of your stuff with you. Gotta take about two big suitcases full of stuff, when you go on vacation. You gotta take a smaller version of your house. It's the second version of your stuff. And you're gonna fly all the way to Honolulu. Gonna go across the continent, across half an ocean to Honolulu. You get down to the hotel room in Honolulu and you open up your suitcase and you put away all your stuff. "Here's a place here, put a little bit of stuff there, put some stuff here, put some stuff- you put your stuff there, I'll put some stuff- here's another place for stuff, look at this, I'll put some stuff here." And even though you're far away from home, you start to get used to it, you start to feel okay, because after all, you do have some of your stuff with you.

That's when your friend calls up from Maui, and says, "Hey, why don'tcha come over to Maui for the weekend and spend a couple of nights over here." Oh, no! Now what do I pack? Right, you've gotta pack an even smaller version of your stuff. The third version of your house. Just enough stuff to take to Maui for a coupla days. You get over to Maui- I mean you're really getting extended now, when you think about it. You got stuff all the way back on the mainland, you got stuff on another island, you got stuff on this island. I mean, supply lines are getting longer and harder to maintain.

You get over to your friend's house on Maui and he gives you a little place to sleep, a little bed right next to his windowsill or something. You put some of your stuff up there. You put your stuff up there. You got your Visine, you got your nail clippers, and you put everything up. It takes about an hour and a half, but after a while you finally feel okay, say, "All right, I got my nail clippers, I must be okay." That's when your friend says, "Aaaaay, I think tonight we'll go over the other side of the island, visit a pal of mine and maybe stay over." Aww, no. NOW what do you pack? Right- you gotta pack an even SMALLER version of your stuff. The fourth version of your house. Only the stuff you know you're gonna need. Money, keys, comb, wallet, lighter, hanky, pen, smokes, rubber and change. Well, only the stuff you HOPE you're gonna need.

S T U F F

Morning Church!

Although most of his monologues never merited a PG rating, George Carlin crafted a insightful harangue called, “My Stuff.” In his schtick, Carlin masterfully explores the processes of why we humans have a skilled propensity for accumulating. When our relatives and neighbors accumulate *cooler* stuff, he says, we want to have their “stuff”, too. The next step, in the snowballing process of entanglement, is storing and protecting our accumulating “stuff.” Doesn’t this sound like the “*build bigger barns*” storied in the gospel? You have heard the old cliché, “*Ya can’t take it with ya.*” More truth than cliché!!

When your air conditioner goes on strike. is it possible to endure this oppressive heat wave without those manufactured cool currents? Most of us who are Northern-born waded through summer’s heat and humidity with the mere relief of a window or ceiling fan ~ and lived to tell the tale! Vanities of vanities! How pitifully low is the human threshold for *any* discomfort, inconvenience, or minor aggravations!

As you encounter the inconveniences of life, take time to reflect on the well-defined division between what is essential and what is transient. Your use of and attitude towards “your stuff” is an indicator of your grasp of the fleeting, fragile nature of things, and your relationship to them. All of us have an abundance of “stuff”! *We have* what you *have*. *Having* is not a problem. Being possessed by our possessions is. Once this happens, keeping your faithlife in balance is impossible. Building bigger barns are never the answer.

As you grow spiritually, you’ll discover your “stuff” is a blessing
that is meant to draw you to share your abundance gratefully.
All that you have comes from the Divine Giver.
Opening yourself to the Divine Giver graces you
shut down a clinginess and idolatry of stuff that possesses so many.

The human tendency is to *build barns*. Through disciplined prayer and letting go you *can* take one giant, grateful step in faith each day to rid yourself of nonessentials. Pray to hold all your “stuff” with open hands, rather than a tight grasp. Spend time each day in grateful prayer for all that you are and will be in Christ.

If you missed donating to our Yard Sale this year, you can start now to assess your possession, the ones you haven’t used in the past year or even longer. Set them aside and for next year’s Yard Sale. Your donations will benefit others and free you from the unnecessary clutter in your “barns” in your home, garage, and shed.







God’s blessings!

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🌱 *Reflecting and Acting on the Word* 🌱

Readings <https://bible.usccb.org/>

*Scan your possessions. What can you **really** live without?
What do you **really** need to live fully, without the burden of dragging your stuff,
your physical and emotional paraphernalia along on your faithjourney?*

| J U L Y | |
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| 31 | 18th Sun OT Marriage Renewal Cindy Whitle & Ozzie Martinez |
| A U G U S T | |
| 02 | Communion Service, 12:15p  |
| 05-06 | ELKIN REEVESTOCK  |
| 07 | 19th Sun OT |
|  08 | SSJ CGG, Charlotte Ladies Guild, 7p |
| 09 | Communion Service, 12:15p |
| 14 | 20th Sun OT |
| 15 | Feast: Assumption (not a holy day) |
| 16 | Communion Service, 12:15p |
|  18 | Wise Ones The Crave Restaurant, Sparta Hosts: Judy & Frain Simon |
| 20 | Men's Breakfast @ Cracker Barrel, 8:30a  Marriage: Adelajda Gonzalez & Christina Pipkin, 2p Reception to follow, FLC  |
| 21 | 21st Sun OT |
| 23 | Communion Service, 12:15p |
| 26 | Clergy Racism Group, 5p |
| 28 | 22nd Sun OT |
| 30 | Communion Service, 12:15p |



Thank to all who contributed
to our YARD SALE
and to all who have helped in any way,
especially our Ladies Guild.

| ✞ PROCLAIMERS of the WORD ✞ | | |
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| 7/31 | Theresa M | Rob W |
| 8/7 | Patrick C | Ashley D |
| <i>Please sign in at the door & get a sub if you're unable to serve. Thanks!</i> | | |

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| 7/31 | Msgr. Thomas P. Ivory; +Elizabeth Karaffa (7 th Anniv) Living & deceased Sisters of St. Joseph & Jesuit brothers and priests |
| 8/7 | Gary McQuade (Birthday); +Carol Smith r/b Judy & Frank +Larry Watson |

Parish Celebrations

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| 02 Maria Ledesma | 13 Nelda Spicer |
| 04 Tom Lux | 15 Jane Worley |
| 05 Gracie Spicer | 17 Sergio Hernandez |
| Natalia Ouellette | 21 Lucas Garcia |
| 06 Rudy Ardizzola | 23 Judy Berryman |
| 07 Mary Blackburn | 24 Gayle Altemueller |
| 09 Ashley Davis | Leo Ouellette |
| Joel Lopez | 25 Luisa Rodriguez |
| 10 Anayeli Bustos | 28 Pat Kophamer |
| Sarahi Crispin | 30 Nancy Espino |
| Fr. John Hanic | |
| 05 Janis McQuade |  20 Sarahi & Antonio Crispin |
| 12 Lila & Ty Keller | 31 Judy & Ron Berryman |



S. Jean L. Holtz, S.S.J.
Born:
 December 21, 1932
Born to Eternal Life:
 July 26, 2022
 in the 72nd year of her religious life.

Pope Francis Walking the Word

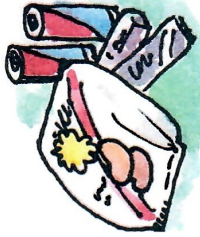


Pope Francis visited Canada July 24-29, 2022, with stops in the provinces of Alberta and Quebec and the territory of Nunavut.

He made an historic, public apology for the Catholic Church's role in the Canadian Indian residential school system and reconciliation with the country's Indigenous peoples.

Following his good example, to whom do you need to apologize?

Jesus teaches us not to be greedy



In today's Gospel reading, a man tells Jesus that his brother is being unfair to him. But Jesus knows that the man is just being greedy, so He tells him the parable of the rich farmer. One year he had such a good harvest that he couldn't fit it all into his barns. He tore down his old barns and built new ones, so that he could store his food for many years. But just when he thought he would be able to rest and enjoy his food, God told him that he would die.



This parable is a warning against being greedy. Jesus is not saying that we should not save some food or that we shouldn't save our money. He is just telling us to remember that we are going to die one day, and then everything we saved is going to be useless for us. He wants us to use the things we have wisely, but not be too attached to them.



Think of something that is really special to you. How would you feel if you lost it or it was taken away? Do your feelings show that you care too much about things? Try to think of your belongings in such a way that if you lost them you wouldn't be too upset. After all, none of your stuff is going to matter to you when you die!



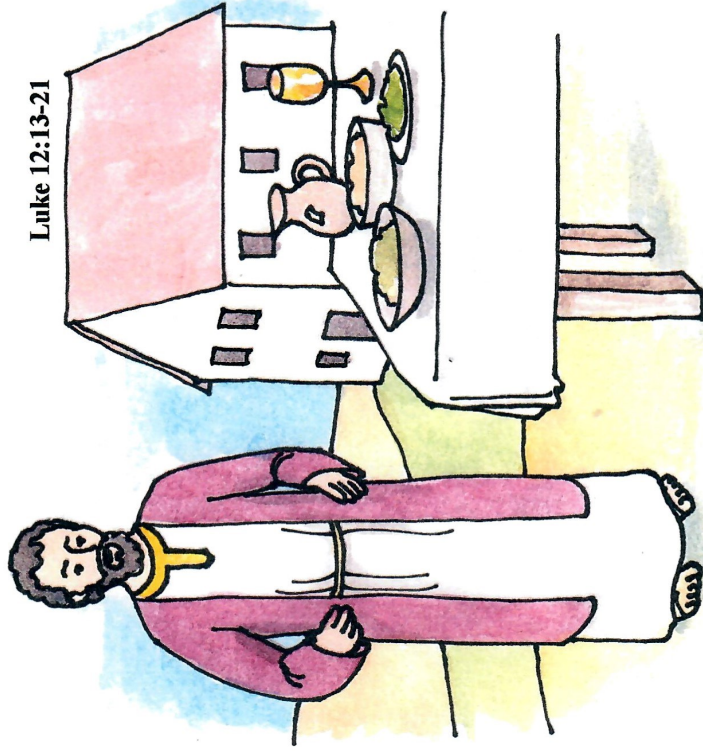
Answer to Puzzle on front page: Blessed are the poor in spirit.
Answer to the Rich Farmer Word-Find: Don't be greedy.

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The Kids' Bulletin

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Use the code at the bottom to find out
what the rich farmer in today's Gospel wasn't thinking about.



Luke 12:13-21

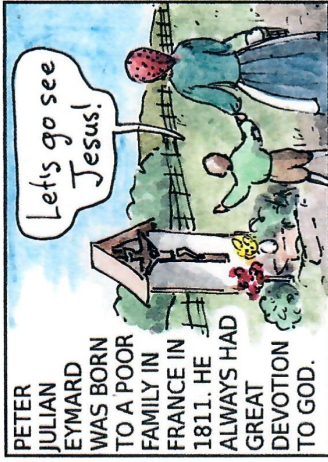
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Saint Peter Julian Eymard

August 2



PETER JULIAN EYMARD WAS BORN TO A POOR FAMILY IN FRANCE IN 1811. HE ALWAYS HAD GREAT DEVOTION TO GOD.



SAINT PETER JULIAN DIED AT AGE 57 AND WAS CANONIZED IN 1962. WE CAN LEARN FROM HIS LIFE TO LOVE JESUS IN THE BLESSED SACRAMENT. JESUS TOLD US THAT HE IS THE FOOD FOR OUR SOULS, SO THE MORE WE RECEIVE HIM IN HOLY COMMUNION THE STRONGER OUR SOULS WILL BECOME.

The Rich Farmer Word-Find

"Take care to guard against all greed, for though one may be rich, one's life does NOT consist of POSSESSIONS." There was a rich man whose LANDS PRODUCED a BOUNTIFUL HARVEST. He asked himself, 'What shall I do, for I do not have SPACE to store my harvest?' And he said, 'This is what I shall do: I shall TEAR down my BARNs and build LARGER ones. There I shall store all my GRAIN and other GOODS and I shall SAY to MYSELF, "Now as for you, you have so MANY good things STORED up for many years, REST, EAT, DRINK, be MERRY!"' But GOD said to him, 'You FOOL, this NIGHT your LIFE will be DEMANDED of you; and the THINGS you have PREPARED, to whom will they belong?'

Thus will it be for all who store up treasure for themselves but are not RICH in what matters to God.

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Find the words from today's Gospel that are written in CAPITALS. Use the left over letters to fill in the blanks at the end.

