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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

22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time
August 28, 2022

Men's Retreat 2022: *Practical Holiness*
October 7-9, 2022
Catholic Conference Center, Hickory NC.

Learn the practical lessons of Saint Francis De Sales on how to grow spiritually even amidst life's many demands.

In his words, *"Be who you are... and be that well."*

Enjoy the Fall colors and the company of other men in a setting ideal for both group discussion and private reflection, with plenty of areas of interest indoors and outside.

They'll be several thought-provoking talks, opportunities for Mass, Adoration, Sacrament of Reconciliation, and spiritual direction; plus great a dining area and well-appointed lodging rooms.

For more information:

Visit www.catholicconference.org/mens-retreat,

Email: info@catholicconference.org



**Our Lady,
Queen of Peace, pray for us!**
Feb. 24, 2022 - August 28, 2022
6 months
185 days
4,416 hours
266,400 minutes of war and inhumanity.



Parish Bulletin Announcement



SSJ Annual Chance Drive to benefit Saint Joseph Villa. Please help us make this year's Chance Drive especially successful by getting your ticket online!

Turn \$5 into \$10,000! — 6 Ways to win!

Grand Prize —\$10,000 also 5 prizes of \$500 each!

Donation--\$5.00 each or \$20.00 for a book of 5 chances!

Visit our **CHANCE DRIVE** page with this link:

<https://www.ssjphila.org/home/support-our-mission/fundraising-events/annual-chance-drive/>

Winners will be drawn on December 7th, 2022

For additional information, contact any Sister of Saint Joseph or the Development Office at 800-482-6510 and Development@ssjphila.org



Morning Church!

Haitians have a proverb, “You see from where you stand.” Today's gospel can have a similar saying, “You see from where you sit.” From an early age, siblings would vie for the prized front seat on family trips. Imagine being one of eight, and the middle of the bunch; rarely did I get “dibs” on the front seat.

Sensitive to the needs of the SSJs who would live at our Villa, the architect designed our chapel with extra wide aisle, lots of legroom in the pews. The pews were built for two so each Sister would be on the end and have easy access in and out of the pew. Such thoughtfulness, insight!

Former pastor Rev. Bill Johnson, coined a word that is very indicative of our present experience:

Prodigalism, which translates to the cultural phenomena known as *entitlement*.

Like the guests in the parable, many today approach life, jobs, relationships, and even our God, from a place of *entitlement*, of being owed something which is very often unearned. The root of entitlement is our pride-driven ego ~ just plain, old, unattractive arrogance.

These folks who seek their “place” always claim the front and center no matter where they are, whether it’s to be the center of group’s attention; the center seat and front row in the orchestra section; or the place at the head of a table, right next to the host.

In the Old Testament texts, Sirach’s instructs: Humble yourself and you will find favor with God. Psalm 68 is a glaring cue to all of us take care of our Dear Neighbors, especially those who are most vulnerable.

Luke's gospel is replete with meals and eating. Today, we hear Christ’s parable of The Banquet. Most of us have attended wedding receptions and the blessing of assigned seating ~ no competition for the best seat! Even 2K years ago, folks in this parable were vying to for the best spot. Egotistical behavior knows no time or place; it’s human behavior and the desire to be in the spotlight, and part of the elitism. *Prodigalism*.

Unlike a wedding reception where the known and loved are invited, Jesus turns it upside down, in what Luke calls the Great Reversal. He says invite folks who will never be able to repay you, who are not part of your family or inner circle. Create your invitees’ list from among the broken ones, outsiders, blind, and disabled. Would you host this banquet?

Remember the context of this parable. Jesus is invited to the home of a Pharisee, with everyone "watching him carefully." The Law Keepers condemned Jesus who readily “ate and drank with sinners.” He intentionally ate with folks no one else would ever invite to their elaborate banquets.

This is one of the key reasons some of the Scribes and Pharisees “watched him carefully” so they could heap criticism on him for his “unlawful” behavior. Judged as a Law Breaker, he continued to minister among the blessed who knew their need for God. So be very careful before you call “dibs”.

God’s blessings,

🌿 Reflecting and Acting on the Word 🌿

How wide is your circle of inclusive love?

Who would you realling invite to a banquet you’re hosting?

How do you feel when you are excluded?

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

AUGUST	
28	22nd Sun OT
30	Communion Service, 12:15p
SEPTEMBER	
04	23rd Sun OT  Marriage Vow Renewals: Lila & Ty Keller (50 th Anniv) Natasha Velez & Gabriel Cancel (3 rd Anniv) Baptism: Evangeline Cancel Velez 
06	Communion Service, 12:15p
10	SSJ ZOOM 9:00a-2:00p 
11	24 th Sun OT
12	 Ladies Guild, 7p
13	Communion Service, 12:15p
14	 Parish Gathering, 7:00p
15	Wise Ones TBA
17	Men's Breakfast, Cracker Barrell, 8:30a 
18	 25th Sun OT Baptism: Osvaldo Martinez  <p style="text-align: center;">All Faith Formation Families! NEW to St. Stephen? Bring a copy of your child's BAPTISMAL CERTIFICATE GATHER in the FLC after MASS ~ 10:30a If you will, please bring juice bags & soft granola bars</p>
20	Communion Service, 12:15p
21	Parish Gathering, 7:00p
25	26th Sun OT
27	Communion Service, 12:15p
28	Parish Gathering, 1:00p

✠ PROCLAIMERS of the WORD ✠		
8/21	John O	Beth O
8/28	Bob W	Elia M


MASS INTENTIONS	
8/21	+Susan Moore r/b Barb & Bob DeJ +Elizabeth Karaffa r/b Karen G
8/28	+Linda Cirone (1 st Anniv) + William "Bill" Ward r/b Jane & Rob W


Parish Celebrations

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|---|---|
| 28 Pat Kophamer
30 Nancy Espino

03 Salomon Mata
04 Rosa Islas
Claire St. Cyr
06 Carlos Trejo
10 Sonia DeJesus

04 Natasha & Gabriel Cancel
11 Ceil & Richie Jones
16 Claire & James St. Cyr | 31 Judy & Ron Berryman (59 th Anniv)

 13 Erika Ramirez
15 Peggy Reikowsky
25 Theresa Martin
28 Britney Crispin
29 Minnie Espino

 19 Erika & Ruben Ramirez
23 Maria & Jose Ledesma
29 Julia & Diego Carreon |
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IMPORTANT PARISH GATHERING

Now, it *seems* like a good, safer time, with established protocols in place, e.g., social distancing (and masks, if you choose), to gather and share your pandemic stories and experiences.

Since most of you tell me you haven't had or taken the time to create the space to process our new reality ~ and would like to do so. If you're interested in gathering, send me an email. A day and time will be set aside for us to be together for this important parish community gathering.

CHOOSE ONE DATE

EVENINGS: September 14th or 21st ~ 7:00p
 or
DAYTIME: September 28 ~ 1:00p



...to Samantha, Brylee, and Shayla Ange, who
 Are serving in the Ministry of Sacristan...
 to our ladies Who faithfully clean our church...
 to Jerry and Frank, who clear our sidewalks
 before Mass each Sunday...& Jerry who donated
 a new leaf blower...**Blessings, one and all!**

JUS | FAITH

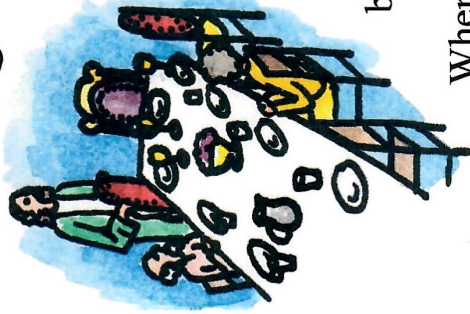
You may be weary or even ignoring the ongoing war in Ukraine and the relentless Russian bombings.

Imagine living in Ukraine, to be the fathers, sons, grandfathers, uncles, and cousins who stayed behind to defend their homes and democracy!

It's hard, really hard to image that. *The collateral damage of this protracted war can make you feel helpless. You can do something.*

- ✠ Are you willing to **commit to praying for the end of the war** and the restoration of the sovereignty of Ukraine?
- ✠ Are you willing to **fast between meals a couple days a week** in solidarity with 2+ million Ukrainian orphans scattered all over Europe & Scandinavia?
- ✠ Are willing to **give alms in service** in solidarity with the Ukrainian people?

Taking the Lowest Place



In today's Gospel reading, Jesus was watching to see where the people sat when they were guests at a dinner. Some people thought they were important so they sat in the more important places. Jesus saw that they were proud, so He taught them about being humble.

When we are proud we think that we are more important than other people, and that we deserve to have better things. We start to look down on everyone else, and pretty soon we start thinking that God isn't so great either!

Being humble means knowing that we really are not all that important, even if we are better at some things than other people or have more money or more important jobs. It means we know that God gave us these things to help others, not so that we could be proud about them.



We can only give glory to God when we are humble.

Luke 14:1,7-14

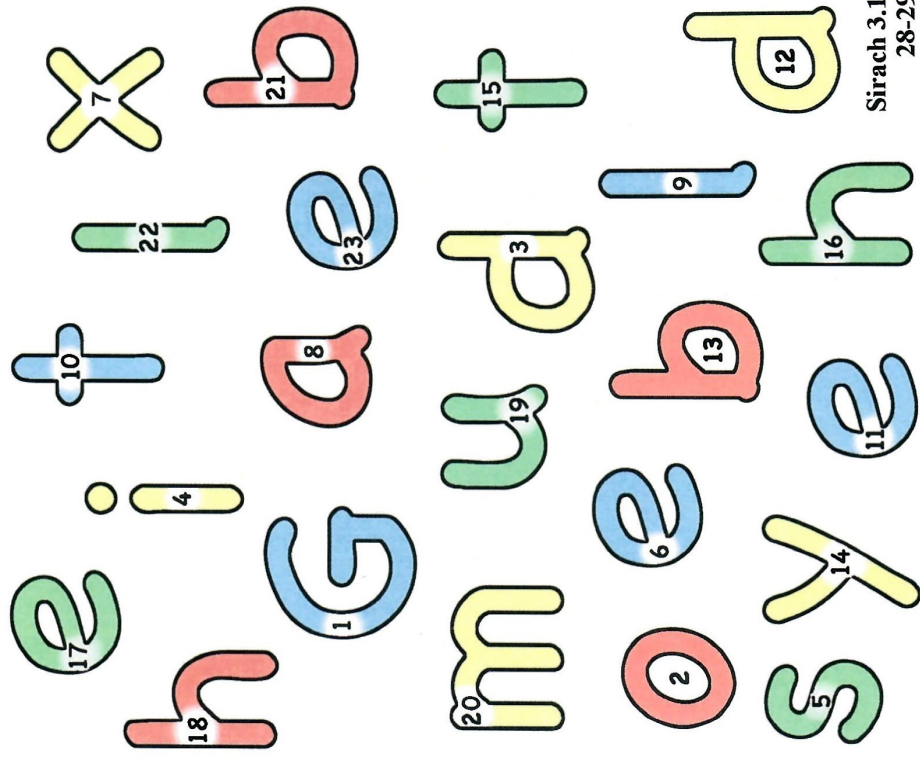
True or False: 1.false 2.true 3.true 4.true 5.false 6.true 7.false

Answers: front page: God is exalted by the humble.

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The Kids' Bulletin

22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time
August 28th, 2022



Sirach 3.17-20,
28-29

What can we learn from today's first reading?

Sort out the letters by their numbers to fill in the blanks.

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12
13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	

Saint Gregory the Great

September 3

GREGORY WAS BORN TO A CATHOLIC FAMILY IN 540 AD. HIS FATHER WAS A WEALTHY ROMAN AND HIS MOTHER BECAME SAINT SILVIA.



I baptize you in the name of the Father...

GREGORY WENT TO A GOOD SCHOOL AND WAS TRAINED IN LAW. HE WAS CHOSEN TO BE PREFECT OF ROME AT AGE 34.



Gregory will rule justly!

BUT A YEAR LATER HE BECAME A MONK AND TURNED ALL HIS LAND INTO MONASTERIES!



Ah! A perfect spot!

I want you to help me take care of the Church.



AFTER THREE YEARS AS A MONK HE WAS MADE ONE OF THE POPE'S 7 DEACONS.

WHEN THE POPE DIED GREGORY WAS CHOSEN TO BE THE NEW POPE.



God has given us a new holy father!

HE USED THE CHURCH'S MONEY TO HELP THE PEOPLE WHO WERE STARVING AND RUINED BY FLOODS AND FAMINE.



The holy father asked me to bring you this..

POPE GREGORY ORGANIZED THE MUSIC AND PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH. HE ALSO SENT OUT MISSIONARIES AND PROTECTED ROME FROM ITS ENEMIES.



SAINT GREGORY SUFFERED FROM DIFFERENT SICKNESSES. HE DIED WHEN HE WAS ABOUT 64. THE CHURCH'S SPECIAL MUSIC, GREGORIAN CHANT, WAS NAMED AFTER HIM BECAUSE OF HIS WORK IN SORTING IT ALL OUT. HE IS ALSO KNOWN FOR SENDING SOME OF THE FIRST MISSIONARIES TO ENGLAND.

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True or False: How to be Humble

What did Jesus say? Some of these are true and some aren't. Can you figure out which is which?

1. If you know that you are an important guest then you should sit in the place of honour. True or False?
2. If you go to a wedding feast and sit in a place of honour, someone more important might come and you will have to move to a lower place. True or False?
3. If you sit in a lower place, then the one who invited you will tell you to sit in a more important place and you will be honoured. True or False?
4. Everyone who exalts himself will be humbled and everyone who humbles himself will be exalted. True or False?
5. When you have a dinner, you should invite the most important people so that they will invite you back. True or False?
6. If you are having a banquet or dinner, you should invite the poor and crippled people who can't invite you back. True or False?
7. If you invite the poor and crippled people to your dinner, you will never be repaid. True or False?

DON'T SIT HERE.
COME SIT NEAR ME!

