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DIOCESE OF CHARLESTON

BISHOP OF CHARLESTON
The Most Reverend Robert E. Guglielmone

PASTOR
Rev. Daniel R. Papineau

OFFICE SCHEDULE

Monday through Friday 8:30AM – 2:00PM

ST. MARY'S SATURDAY SCHEDULE

Adoration	9:00AM - 3:00PM
Chaplet of Divine Mercy	3:00PM

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Saturday	3:15PM
Tues., Wed., and Thurs.	After the 6:00PM Mass

LITURGY SCHEDULE

Saturday	5:30PM St. Mary's Church
Sunday	9:00AM St. Joseph's Church
Sunday	11:00AM St. Mary's Church

WEEKDAY MASS SCHEDULE AT ST. MARY'S CHURCH

Tues., Wed., Thurs.	6:00PM
Friday	12:10PM (except First Friday)
First Friday Mass	6:00PM
First Saturday	8:00AM

CONSECRATION TO ST. JOSEPH:

SPIRITUAL STUDY GROUP

Fr. Don Calloway's book *Consecration to St. Joseph: The Wonders of our spiritual Father* is a 33-day study into the life of St. Joseph and how his life can lead us to be more faith-filled individuals and family members.

Danny Dorsel will lead the 33-day study which will meet five (5) times.

Who: Anyone interested in finding out more about St. Joseph

When: Monday November 8th
from 6:30-7:00 PM
Wednesday November 10th
from 6:30-7:30 PM
Wednesday November 17th
from 6:30-7:30 PM
Wednesday December 1st
from 6:30-7:30 PM
Saturday December 11th
from 4:30-5:15 PM
(before Mass)

Location: The Fellowship Hall

To find out more about this opportunity, please email Danny Dorsel at dannydorsel@yahoo.com

The book Consecration to St. Joseph: The Wonders of our Spiritual Father can be purchased at Peace of Heaven Located at 120 E. Carolina Ave.



YEAR OF SAINT JOSEPH

ST. JOSEPH PRAY FOR US!

BOOK CLUB NEWS

Life is Messy by Matthew Kelly. Life can be unexpected and messy at times. This book is about putting our lives back together, and allowing ourselves to be put back together, when life doesn't turn out like we expected. We will meet and discuss after 6 pm Mass on Tuesday, November 9.

HOW DO I USE THE PARISH SUBSCRIPTION TO FORMED

Registering for FORMED is easier than ever:

1. Go to [Formed.org/signup](https://www.formed.org/signup)
2. Select your Parish (St. Mary)
3. Register with your name and email
4. Check that email account for a link to begin using Formed. (Call 843-332-7773 or email stmary2@ymail.com for more help.)

READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF NOVEMBER 7, 2021

Sunday: 1 Kgs 17:10-16/Ps 146:7, 8-9, 9-10 [1b]/Heb 9:24-28/Mk 12:38-44 or 12:41-44
Monday: Wis 1:1-7/Ps 139:1b-3, 4-6, 7-8, 9-10 [24b]/Lk 17:1-6
Tuesday: Ez 47:1-2, 8-9, 12/Ps 46:2-3, 5-6, 8-9 [5]/1 Cor 3:9c-11, 16-17/Jn 2:13-22
Wednesday: Wis 6:1-11/Ps 82:3-4, 6-7 [8a]/Lk 17:11-19
Thursday: Wis 7:22b—8:1/Ps 119:89, 90, 91, 130, 135, 175 [89a]/Lk 17:20-25
Friday: Wis 13:1-9/Ps 19:2-3, 4-5ab [2a]/Lk 17:26-37
Saturday: Wis 18:14-16; 19:6-9/Ps 105:2-3, 36-37, 42-43 [5a]/Lk 18:1-8
Next Sunday: Dn 12:1-3/Ps 16:5, 8, 9-10, 11 [1]/Heb 10:11-14, 18/Mk 13:24-32

ST MARY'S DECAL FOR YOUR CAR

The Women's Circle has purchased auto decals for our parish. They are located at the side entrance to our Church. We hope you take one and proudly display it on your vehicle. We are asking for a donation, if possible, to help defray the cost of the decals. Thank you.

The Women's Circle of St. Mary's

ST. MARY'S WEBSITE

Have you visited the parish website lately? When you have a moment spend some time exploring all our website has to offer.

The website offers many tools to enhance your spiritual journey. Just a few examples:

Links to:

"In Conversation With God",

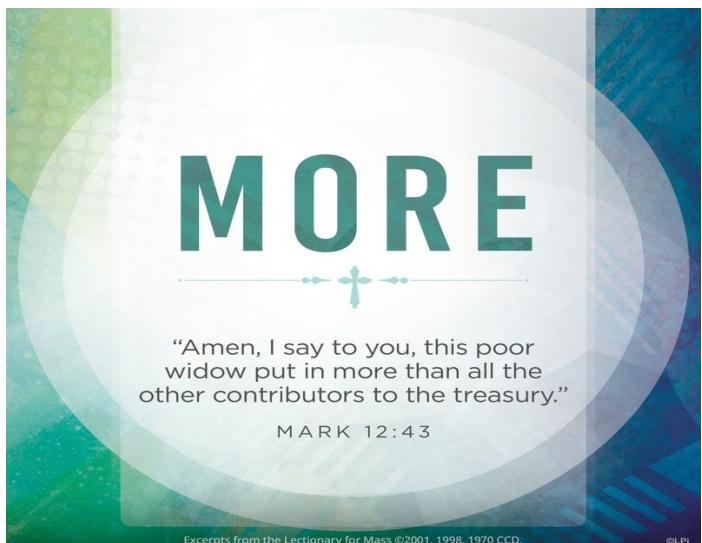
"The Bible in a Year",

The daily Mass readings,

The Saint of the Day,

Our Masses at St. Mary's are also live streamed on the website and our Facebook page.

You can also find our weekly bulletins on the website. Check the website often you never know where God will lead you. www.stmaryhartsville.org



COMMENTARY ON THE READINGS
THE 32nd SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



SUNDAY READINGS

The First Reading is taken from the First Book of Kings 17:10-16. In this reading we have one of the many miracles attributed to Elijah, the great prophet who preached in the northern kingdom between 900 and 850 BC.

The Second Reading is from St. Paul's Epistle to the Hebrews 9:24-28. This epistle continues with its description of Christ as the high priest of the New Testament and his superiority over those of the Old Testament.

The Gospel is from the Gospel of St. Mark 12:38-44. Our Lord's severe condemnation of those Scribes whose exaggerated opinion of their own importance made a mockery of the religion they professed to live, is a serious warning to all his followers not to look for the praise and esteem of their neighbors when doing their good works, but rather to hope for God's praise and esteem in the future world. In another context, he said to his followers: "Because of practicing your piety before men in order to be seen by them, for then you will have no reward from your Father who is in heaven . . . when you give alms do not let your left hand know what your right is doing . . . and your Father who sees in secret will reward you . . . when you pray go into your room and shut the door and pray to your Father . . . who sees in secret and will reward you" (Mt. 6: 1-6). It is hardly necessary to say that our Lord is not referring to community prayers or services here. What he is condemning is the hypocrisy of the Scribes, who lengthened their garments and their prayers not in order to give glory to God but to earn the glory of their fellowmen for themselves. Pride was their predominant vice—the vice which caused the fall of angels and of man. It so governed their lives that even their best actions were vitiated by it. There is a strong inclination to pride in every one of us. The reason is that we have great gifts from God and great capabilities: but we are tempted to claim the credit for these gifts and capabilities for ourselves—whereas we owe them all to God's generosity.

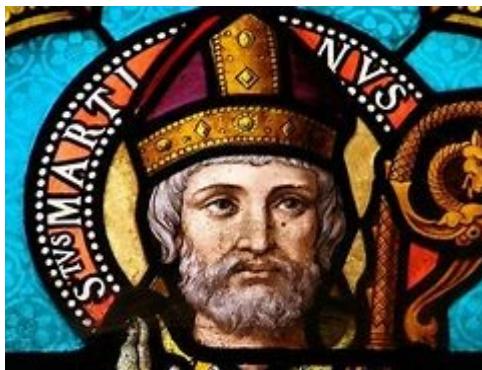
A proud Christian is surely a contradiction in terms. A Christian is a follower of Christ whose humility can never be equaled. He was God as well as man. While on earth he emptied himself, as St. Paul puts it, of his divine glory so that he could be like one of us. A follower of Christ should not try to make display of gifts which are not his own, nor try to exalt himself above his neighbor because of something he has which was not given to his neighbor. If Christ wanted to be, and indeed was like the least one among us, we must never try to raise ourselves above our neighbor. Love of neighbor is the second of the two essential commandments—there can be no true love of neighbor where there is pride.

The second incident in today's Gospel story highlights true humility and true charity. The poor widow, forgetful of herself and of her own needs gave her all, her last penny, to help others who were in need. She made this sacrifice without publicity and without seeking the praise of her neighbors. It is this deep contrast between her outlook on life and on religion, and that of the Scribes in the first that connects the two incidents. While the Scribes sought to earn the respect and praise of their fellow-Jews—as well as all the financial gain they could come by—from the practice of the externals of their religion, this poor widow's religion was practiced in secret and it was to God alone that she looked for any reward that he might deign to give her.

As we saw in today's first reading we can be sure that she was not left without the reward she deserved. The widow of Zarephath was given a temporal reward. The same generous God did not let the similar act of supreme generosity on the part of the widow in Jerusalem go unnoticed. Christ's judgment on the Scribes implies this: They will receive the greater condemnation for their pride, and abuse of religion for their own temporal gain. On the other hand the widow's religion was an act of complete self-renunciation: "she has put in everything she had, her whole living."

We may never be called on to share our last morsel with a starving neighbor but if we are, we must remember that Christ gave his very life for us and has asked us to do likewise, if necessary. It may never be necessary for us to make this supreme act of self-renunciation. If, however, we are sincerely practicing our religion, we must be ever-ready to help a neighbor in need even if this cuts into our hard-earned reserves. The greater the sacrifice, the greater the reward.

Excerpted from The Sunday Readings by Fr. Kevin O'Sullivan, O.F.M.



SAINT MARTIN OF TOURS'

A conscientious objector who wanted to be a monk; a monk who was maneuvered into being a bishop; a bishop who fought paganism as well as pleaded for mercy to heretics—such was Martin of Tours, one of the most popular of saints and one of the first not to be a martyr.

Born of pagan parents in what is now Hungary, and raised in Italy, this son of a veteran was forced at the age of 15 to serve in the army. Martin became a Christian catechumen and was baptized when he was 18. It was said that he lived more like a monk than a soldier. At 23, he refused a war bonus and told his commander: "I have served you as a soldier; now let me serve Christ. Give the bounty to those who are going to fight. But I am a soldier of Christ and it is not lawful for me to fight." After great difficulties, he was discharged and went to be a disciple of Hilary of Poitiers.

He was ordained an exorcist and worked with great zeal against the Arians. Martin became a monk, living first at Milan and later on a small island. When Hilary was restored to his see following his exile, Martin returned to France and established what may have been the first French monastery near Poitiers. He lived there for 10 years, forming his disciples and preaching throughout the countryside.

The people of Tours demanded that he become their bishop. Martin was drawn to that city by a ruse—the need of a sick person—and was brought to the church, where he reluctantly allowed himself to be consecrated bishop. Some of the consecrating bishops thought his rumpled appearance and unkempt hair indicated that he was not dignified enough for the office.

Along with Saint Ambrose, Martin rejected Bishop Ithacius's principle of putting heretics to death—as well as the intrusion of the emperor into such matters. He prevailed upon the emperor to spare the life of the heretic Priscillian. For his efforts, Martin was accused of the same heresy, and Priscillian was executed after all. Martin then pleaded for a cessation of the persecution of Priscillian's followers in Spain. He still felt he could cooperate with Ithacius in other areas, but afterwards his conscience troubled him about this decision.

As death approached, Martin's followers begged him not to leave them. He prayed, "Lord, if your people still need me, I do not refuse the work. Your will be done."

REFLECTION

Martin's worry about cooperation with evil reminds us that almost nothing is either all black or all white. The saints are not creatures of another world: They face the same perplexing decisions that we do. Any decision of conscience always involves some risk. If we choose to go north, we may never know what would have happened had we gone east, west, or south. A hyper-cautious withdrawal from all perplexing situations is not the virtue of prudence; it is in fact, a bad decision, for "not to decide is to decide."

HAPPY VETERAN'S DAY

THANK YOU FOR YOUR SERVICE

*While we were home on our comfortable
sofas, Munching and watching TV, Our
veterans were fighting our battles, In
situations we'd certainly flee. Whatever
would keep us all safe Is what they were
called to do, Rough duties of every kind
Protecting us: me and you. So when you
see Vets, please thank them For their
service and sacrifice. Be aware, and
always remember For us, they paid a price.
~ By Joanna Fuchs*

