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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.

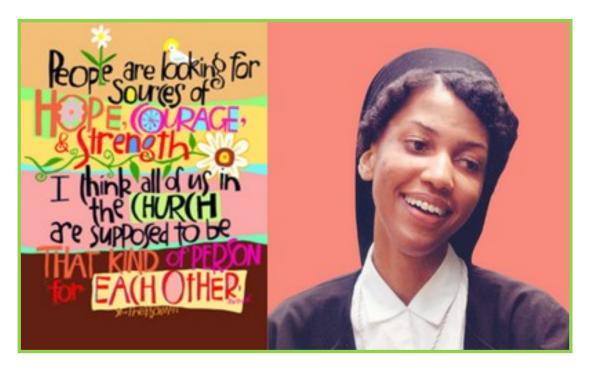
Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA)

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

27th Sunday in Ordinary Time October 2, 2022



Please enjoy watching the trailer on Sister Thea Bowman's life. The new documentary will air on ABC across the country.

Background

A new trailer has been released for an upcoming documentary on the pioneering Black Catholic religious sister Servant of God <u>Thea Bowman</u>, due to air on ABC October 2, 2022.

The 7-minute montage was released on Tuesday, May 31st, and began making the rounds on social media shortly thereafter—including on the official channels for Bowman's sainthood guild, which operates out of Jackson, Mississippi. The new film—features testimonies from Bowman's friends, fellow sisters, and admirers, as well as live-action reenactments from her life.

"Going Home Like a Shooting Star" is partly funded by the Catholic Communication Campaign. Streaming opportunities will be announced by the Diocese of Jackson.

To watch a preview of the film, visit: https://youtu.be/tkzhnKG7mxc.

It is up to each ABC station to decide when to run the program, so viewers need to check their local listings, as it could air anytime over the next couple of months. Zielinski said the Jackson Diocese owns the documentary and will make it available for free on the diocesan website starting Oct. 2.

Source: Global Sisters Report

Vision...Courâge to Hope

Morning Church!

In the movie, "Up in the Air", Ryan Bingham is a corporate downsizing expert, a professional pink slip giver. Ryan keeps his personal life tight and tidy, as neatly packed as his carry on bag. His life is devoid of family and personal relationships. Ryan is barricaded within, taking no risks and seems to have no loves or passions, other than accruing more frequent flyer miles as he crisscrosses the country firing people. Bingham's vision is very restricted. All he wants is to become a member of the exclusive Million Miles Club.

His perpetual disconnect with life keeps him numb as he delivers the devastating dismissals to long-term company employees. He strives to mask their banishment with a most insidious phrase: "Your position is no longer available in this company."

The prophet, Habakkuk, would have fired the cruel leaders who imposed and allowed injustices to oppress and afflict the people of Judah. He would have "pink-slipped" the unfaithful Judeans, allowing them perish to in their own false idolatry. Unlike Ryan Bingham, Habakkuk didn't lead a neatly packed life. He did not accumulate the platinum card owned by a privileged few. He stepped out, in God's Name, to do whatever he could to insure the Israelites would return to God. He called them to "pink slip" their destructive and rash behaviors and to renew their Covenant with God.

Unlike Habakkuk, Ryan Bingham lived a rootless, disconnected life. Habakkuk name means *one who embraces*. He embraced God's vision and God graced him with the authority to speak out against injustice and to confront the rulers who were cruel, greedy, and arrogant rulers. He even question God's wisdom for in letting injustice exist at all.

Habakkuk wanted to guarantee that God's vision for the Judeans would endure for years to come, so he put it in "hard copy" as God commanded:

"Write down the vision clearly upon the tablets...so the vision...
...presses on to fulfillment, and will not disappoint..."

Habbkkuk's prophesy concludes with hope: God's divine vision may not be seen in its fulness *now*, yet God's purpose will be fulfilled and will not disappoint or leave us up in the air.

The parable of the mustard seed symbolizes God's hope for your faithlife. Jesus says that even with the narrowest vision and the smallest seed, you can do *unimaginable* things for God.

It is hard to have hope when you lack vision. Hope stretches your heart to believe. Without the courage to hope, you lack the faith to live into God's eternal dream for you.

God's blessings,

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We Pray

Gardener of our Hearts, there are so many little things we *do not* want to grow:

A mean thought
Disputes between family or friends
Silence in the face of injustice
Another cancer cell.

Gardener of our Hearts, there are so many little things that reveal your kingdom on earth every day but a mustard seed is easy to drop, easy to lose, easy to miss. We miss it again and again.

Give us small faith. Give us humble hearts. Give us small vision.

We pray that you would inspire us to commit to and act on the small difference we can make.

May we bring peace through small acts of gentleness and reconciliation;
May we bring abundance through small contributions and collaborations;
May we bring safety through small acts of consideration and acceptance;
May we bring wholeness through small acts of care and service. Amen+

Reflecting and Acting on The Word

As you reflect, how has your faith grown?

How tolerant are you of injustice,
especially injustice against
the most vulnerable?

(the litmus test of the depth of your faith)

Readings https://bible.usccb.org/

| OCTOBER | | |
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| | 02 | 27th Sun OT FAMILY FAITH FORMATION after Mass |
| | 03 | SSJ Zoom 4-6:30p |
| | 04 | Communion Service, 12:15p |
| | 05 | RCIA |
| | 09 | 28th Sun OT ~ Mass of Anointing FAMILY FAITH FORMATION after Mass |
| | 10 | Ladies Guild, 7p; SSJ Zoom 4-6:30p |
| | 11 | Communion Service, 12:15p |
| | 12 | RCIA |
| | 15 | SSJ Founder's Day (1650-2022) Men's Breakfast, Cracker Barrel 8:30a |
| | 16 | 29th Sun OT FAMILY FAITH FORMATION after Mass |
| | 17 | SSJ Zoom 4-6:30p Give Blood ~ Elkin Rescue Center, 1-6p |
| - 1000 000 | 18 | Feast of St. Luke, Evangelist, physician, artist Communion Service, 12:15p |
| | 19 | RCIA |
| | 20 | Wise Ones Hosts: Barb & Bod DeJohn (336)737-4056 Benny's Restaurant, Jonesville, 1p |
| | 23 | 30th Sun OT FAMILY FAITH FORMATION after Mass |
| | 24 | SSJ Christian Growth Group 10-1:00p |
| | 25 | Communion Service, 12:15p |
| | 26 | RCIA |
| | 30 | 31st Sun OT NO FFF |
| | 31 | SSJ Zoom 4-6:30p |



Liturgical Ministers,
please consult our website
For your schedule.
If you are unable to serve,
please find your own substitute.

https://www.ststephennc.org/liturgical-ministries-1

Mass Intentions

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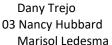
+Msgr. Thomas P. Ivory; s. Geri Rogers, S.S.J.

You are welcome to request Masses for Special Intentions, Birthdays and Anniversaries, as well as Masses for deceased loved ones. If you are new to St. S, there are Mass Intention envelopes in the lobby and in the pew pockets.

The usual stipend is ten dollars and the check is made payable to Fr. John, instead of St. S Church.

Parish Celebrations

01 Ellen Bernabe Liam Hernandez Dany Trejo





03 Gerardo Parral, Sr. Leanne Reikowsky 08 Maria Mata Sergio Gonzalez 10 Angel Ledesma 11 Beth Orta



10 Andrea Faw & Stephen Faust19 Katrina & Joshua Baskey25 Samantha & Andrew AngeRosa & Jose Islas

YOUR HELP/PRESENCE IS REQUESTED

Stewardship: Sharing YOUR Time, Talent, Treasure in Gratitude for God's Goodness to You!

> Altar Linen Team, Choir

Church Cleaning Team
EM to Homebound
Faith Formation Team
Sm Church Upkeep Projects

Ladies Guild Aileen (336) 874-2471

Men's Group Jerry (336) 957-2250

Thank you!









S. Clare Madeline Tully, S.S.J.

Born:

August 3, 1940

Born to Eternal Life:

October 1, 2022

in the 64th year of her religious life.



MEALS for the ELDERLY For more information:

see last week's bulletin



Our Lady,

Queen of Peace,

pray for us!

TRI-COUNTY CHRISTIAN MINISTRIES

SMALL SIZE
IS BEST
AS WELL AS
PURCHASING
NON-BRAND NAMES.



St. Stephen
Monthly Donation
OCTOBER

Sm. dish liquid soap

NOVEMBER
Bar Soap
DECEMBER
Dry Beans



faith..

In today's Gospel, we learn the importance of faith. Jesus says if you have a tiny bit of faith, you can do amazing things! Jesus says, if you have faith the size of a tiny mustard seed, you can tell a tree to throw itself in the ocean, and it will do it!

Faith is believing. You believe in your parents, teachers, and coaches. This means you believe what they tell you and you trust them. You have faith in your friends, too.

Believing in God is different. At your Baptism, God gave you the gift of faith, the size of a tiny mustard seed. It's up to you to grow ytour faith each day so you can do great things for God.

Your faith grows every time you pray, come to Mass on Sunday and attend Faith Formation. Your faith grows and gets stronger every time you pray, and every time you are kind, helpful, and forgiving.

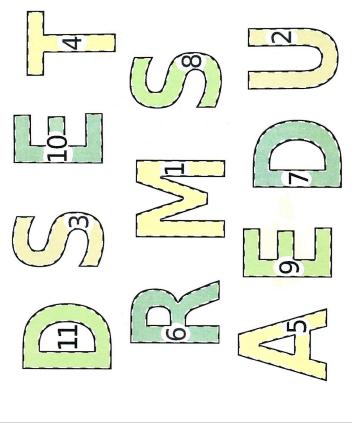


The Kids' Bulletin

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What did Jesus say in today's Gospel reading when the apostles asked Him to give them more faith?

Sort out the letters by number and put them in the spaces below.



"If you have faith the size of a

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you would say to this mulberry tree, 'Be uprooted and planted in the sea,' and it would obey you. Luke 17:5-10

Blessed Marie-Rose Durocher

October 6









BUT WAS TOO SICKLY TO JOIN THE CONVENT.

SHE FELT CALLED TO THE RELIGIOUS LIFE





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ING NUNS, AND AT FIRST SHE DIDN'T THINK SHE COULD. THE BISHOP ASKED HER TO START AN ORDER OF TEACH-

aren't very strong.

have sisters who

We just can't

M SOLLY.





ABOUT THEM BUT SHE WOULD NOT GIVE UP HER WORK TO BRING CHILDREN TO GOD. SISTER MARIE-ROSE DIED WHEN SHE WAS 38. SISTERS. THEY WERE POOR AND OFTEN PEOPLE SPOKE BADLY LESSED MARIE-ROSE LIVED ONLY SIX MORE YEARS. SHE DID MUCH PENANCE AND WAS QUITE STRICT WITH THE OTHER

Mustard Seed Word-Find

 α > The APOSTLES SAID to the Lord, the SEA and it would OBEY you. FAITH the SIZE of a MUSTARD SEED, YOU would SAY to THIS **UPROOTED and PLANTED in** "INCREASE OUR faith." The Lord REPLIED, "If you HAVE MULBERRY TREE, 'Be

find all the words the blanks at the Use the leftover letters to fill in today's Gospel Here is part of See if you can CAPITALS. written in reading.

