All are welcome!
Bienvenidos!
Chào mừng!

Sunday Mass, 9:00a

Holy Days, 7:00p

Communion Service
Tuesdays, 12:15p

Sacrament of Baptism
Preparation
1st Saturdays
Call Temoc (828) 773-2353

O.C.I.A.
Adults desiring to explore the Catholic faith, contact Sister Janis
(336) 835-4542

Sacrament of Reconciliation
by appointment
Fr. Engelbert
(704) 578-2478
Fr. John
(704) 763-2475 or after Mass

Sacrament of Matrimony
One year to six months prior to the wedding, contact S. Janis
(336) 835-4542

Anointing of the Sick
Fr. Engelbert
(704) 578-2478
Fr. John
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S. Janis
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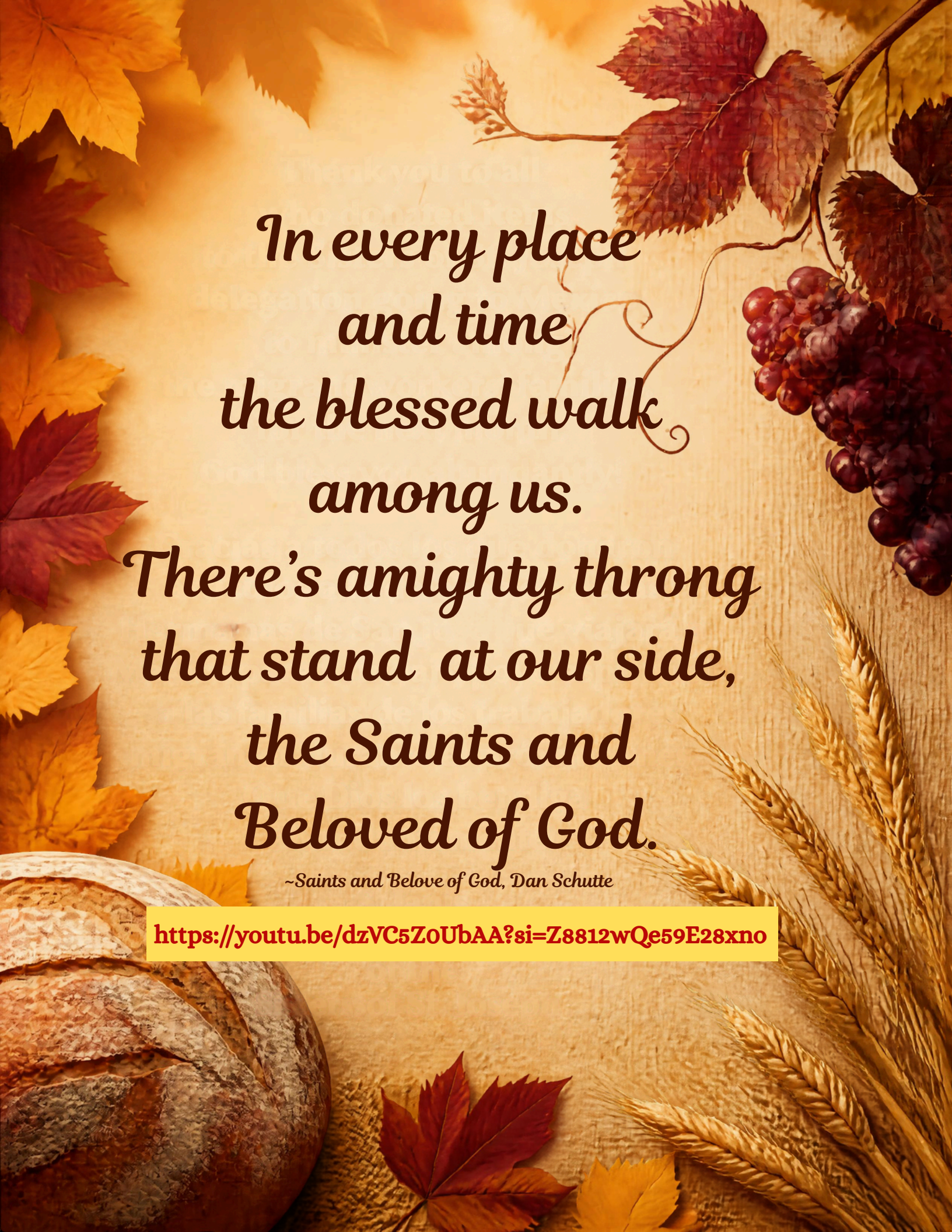
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October 25, 2026 **octubre 2026**

30th Sunday in Ordinary Time
XXX Domingo del Tiempo Ordinario




In every place
and time
the blessed walk
among us.
There's amighty throng
that stand at our side,
the Saints and
Beloved of God.
~Saints and Belove of God, Dan Schutte
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Saturday, October 31st



Celebrating

70 Acts of Kindness in gratitude for St. Stephen Faith Community 70 Years

This is a blessed time in the history of our faith community.

Our parish is known for its generous service, hospitality,

and life-giving ministry among our dear neighbors.

You are invited to continue that same loving spirit

by doing 70 Acts of Kindness between now and the

Feast of St. Stephen
on December 26.

Keep a record of your loving acts

They will offer at Mass on the

Feast of the Holy Family,
Sunday, December 27.

You Are Invited to a Free

COMMUNITY MEAL

CHICKEN STEW
CHICKEN & DUMPLINGS

WEDNESDAY
OCTOBER, 28, 2026
6:00 - 7:30 PM

JOIN US AS WE DISCOVER

SIGNIFICANT EVENTS & SACRED PLACES OF ELKIN

First Baptist Church
110 Gwyn Ave.
Elkin, NC

Pastoral Staff

Administrator
Fr. Engelbert Ofon
(704)578-2478

Pastoral Associate
Sister Janis McQuade, S.S.J.
(336)835-4542

Music Ministry
Theresa Martin
(336) 816-0214

O.C.I.A.
For adults wishing
to explore the Catholic Faith.
Contact S. Janis

Family Faith Formation
Sundays
10:15-11:45a
Lupe Hernandez
Israel Lynch
Jessica Nieland
Beth Orta
Peggy Reikowsky

Ladies Guild
Aileen Cahill
2nd Mondays, 5p

Men's Group
Men's Breakfast Group
Jospeh Spears
3rd Saturday, 8:30a
Cracker barrel
Jonesville

OCTOBER



03 Parish Spaghetti Dinner, 5:30-7:30p, FLC

04 27TH Sun OT ~ Mass, 9a

05 OCIA Inquiry, 7p

06 Communion Service, 12:15p

07 Choir, 7p

11 28th Sun OT

Family Faith Formation, 10:15-11:45a

12 OCIA Inquiry, 7p

13 Communion Service, 12:15p

14 Choir, 7p

15 SSJ Founder's Day 1650-2026

Wise Ones, Cowboy's Restaurant, 1p

Host: Patrick Colglazier

17 Men's Breakfast, Ccracker Barrel, 8:30a

18 29th Sun OT Anointing MassFamily

Faith Formation, 10:15-11:45a

19 OCIA Inquiry, 7p

Give blood EV Baptist Ch., 1:30-6p

20 Communion Service, 12:15p

25 30th Sun OT
Family Faith Formation, 10:15-11:45a

26 OCIA Inquiry, 7p

27 Communion Service, 12:15p

28 Choir, 7p

Community Meal, EFBC, 6:00-7:30p

TURN CLOCK BACK ONE HOUR, OCT 31st

ALL

Mornin', Church!

Leonard Bernstein's, *Mass,* the inaugural piece for the Kennedy Center opening, includes a song, "The Word of the Lord". God's Word is irrevocable, just and unchangeable.

Like last week's God vs. government dilemma, Christ responds in crystal clear words of conviction. Live justly in relationship to everyone and everything. Live the Great Commandment, with all it nuances, to be the visible grace of God wherever you are.

The Great Commandment is under siege, now, more than ever, with continuing school shootings and the aptly named ICE agents treating their neighbor with uncompassionate, cold, dehumanizing otherness.

Jesus wants you to surrender your whole heart, soul, minds and strength. All of you. No compromise. He wants you to love your neighbor as you love yourself. The Great Commands are inextricably inseparable, just as Jesus calls us to be bound to God and one another.

Put yourself in the shoes of an immigrant. Imagine you have to emigrate today to India, Iraq, or Russia. Imagine having to pay a coyote thousands of dollars to float you over on a rickety boat or sneak you in on an unsafe train or plane. You arrive on foreign shores and you must walk several days in horrible weather. *If* you survive passage, you need to find food and shelter. You have to learn a new language and culture that radically differs from your own.

You are never fully accepted or afforded
the status of "being one with us."

God wants us to love, by loving our neighbor. All of those who say they love God will be the first to welcome their newest neighbors with loving compassion and understanding.

God's Word is irrevocable,
just and unchangeable.

In the One, we are one...in CommUNITY



Toda/Todo

¡Buenos días, Iglesia!

En *Misa*, la obra de Leonard Bernstein compuesta para la inauguración del Kennedy Center, hay un canto titulado «La Palabra del Señor». La Palabra de Dios es irrevocable, justa e inmutable.

Ante el dilema —planteado la semana pasada— sobre Dios frente al gobierno, Cristo responde con palabras de convicción sumamente claras: vive con justicia en tu relación con todos y con todo. Vive el Gran Mandamiento, con todos sus matices, para ser la gracia visible de Dios dondequiera que te encuentres.

El Gran Mandamiento está bajo asedio, hoy más que nunca, ante los constantes tiroteos en escuelas y la actuación de los agentes del ICE —cuyo acrónimo resulta tristemente apropiado —, quienes tratan al prójimo con una frialdad desprovista de toda compasión, marcando una distancia que deshumaniza al otro.

Jesús quiere que le entregues todo tu corazón, tu alma, tu mente y tus fuerzas. Todo tu ser. Sin reservas. Jesús quiere que ames a tu prójimo como a ti mismo. El Gran Mandamiento constituye un todo indisoluble, pues Jesús nos llama a estar unidos tanto a Dios como los unos a los otros.

Ponte en el lugar de un inmigrante. Imagina que hoy tuvieras que emigrar a India, Irak o Rusia. Imagina tener que pagar miles de dólares a un «coyote» para que te cruce en una embarcación precaria, o para que te ayude a entrar clandestinamente en un tren o avión que no ofrece ninguna garantía de seguridad. Llegas a tierras extranjeras y debes caminar durante días bajo condiciones climáticas terribles. Si logras sobrevivir al trayecto, necesitas encontrar alimento y refugio. Debes aprender un nuevo idioma y adaptarte a una cultura radicalmente distinta a la tuya.

Nunca se te acepta plenamente ni se
te otorga el estatus de «ser uno de nosotros».

Dios quiere que amemos amando a nuestro prójimo. Todos los que amamos a Dios debemos ser los primeros en acoger a nuestros nuevos prójimos con compasión amorosa y comprensión.

La Palabra de Dios es irrevocable,
justa e inmutable

En el Único, somos uno... en COMUNIDAD.



Birthdays

01 Ellen Bernabe
Daniela Trejo
03 Nancy Hubbard
Gerardo Parral
04 Ngoe Vo
06 Marisol Ledesma
08 Maria Mata
Sergio Loyola
10 Angel Ledesma
11 Beth Orta
12 Natalie Williams
14 Raquel Martinez
15 Geovani Spicer
18 Vanessa Spicer
19 Yaneli Nava
20 John Darcey
22 Ruben Ramirez
Leilany Garcia
25 Beth Altemueller
26 Ramona Doyle

Anniversaries

10 Andrea Faw & Stephen Faust
14 Cathie & Jim Schmitgal
15 Kristen & Matt Brown
17 Donna & Joe Stvartak
20 Brittany Reece & Edward Kageorge
22 Liza Go & Jeff Harris
25 Samantha & Andrew Ange

Thank you...

...for your countless, unseen acts of generous kindness made in Jesus' Name

Y'all are ready for All Saints Day!

ST.S BULLETIN BOARD

TRI-C MINISTRIES ALMSGIVING

JUL Peas	AUG Flour	SEPT Shampoo
OCT Sm. Dish Liquid	NOV Bar Soap	DEC Dry Beans

PRAY

END TO ALL WAR AND GUN VIOLENCE, ESPECIALLY IN SCHOOLS

THANK YOU

BISHOP FULTON SHEENS' ANGELS WHO NEATENED THE FLC WORK ROOM

YOU'RE INVITED

Community Meal
October 28
EFBC
4:30-6:30p

RECYCLE

TYVM for RECYCLING YOUR INK CARTRIDGES AT CHURCH.
GOOD for EARTH & HELPS the CHURCH.

UPCOMING FUNDRAISER

SMASH BURGERS

Watch your bulletin for more information.

70 FOR 70

70 Acts for 70 Years
Decide each day how you will show kindness or gratitude in meaningful ways.

The Greatest Commandment



What does Jesus say the greatest commandment is? At first you might think that the most important thing would be to not kill anyone, wouldn't you? But that's not what He says! The very most important thing is to love God with our whole heart and soul and mind! It means that we must do everything we do for love of God, and live our whole life completely for God!

But how can we love God so much? Well, we can practice little by little, loving God more each day. Paying attention at Mass every Sunday and saying a prayer every day would be a good start. Every morning tell God that you will do everything for God today and every night before you go to bed, thank God for all that God has done for you and tell God you're sorry for the bad things you did that day. Then try to think about God through the day.



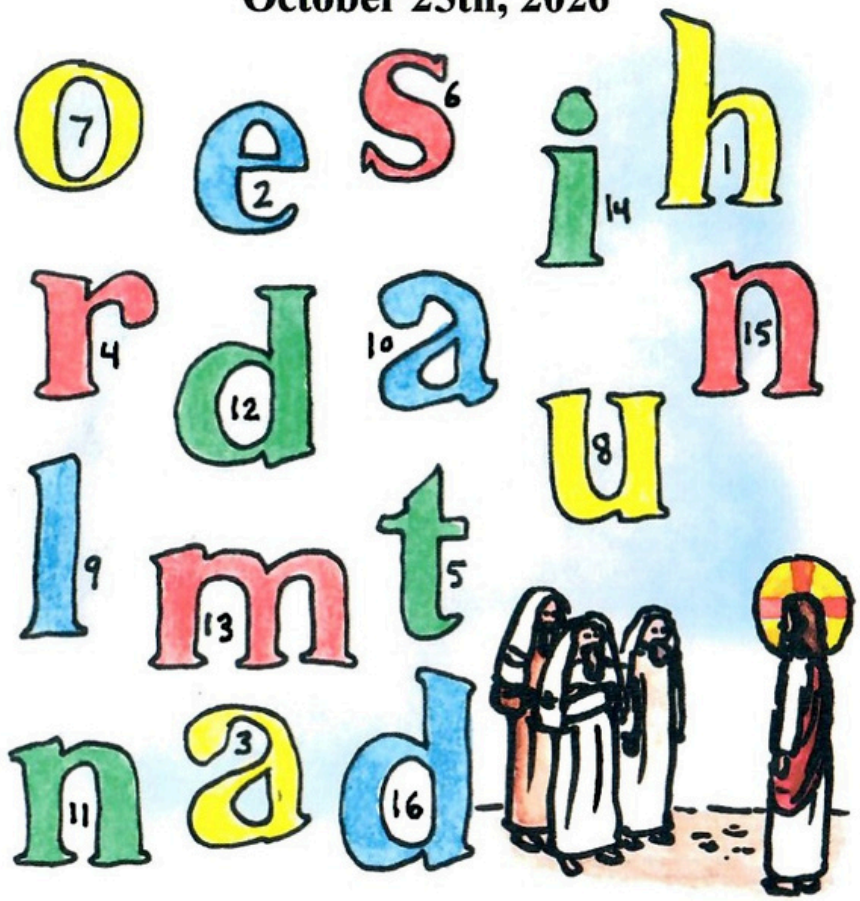
The second greatest commandment that Jesus tells us is that we should love others as much as we love ourselves. If we really love God then we will want to love other people too, because God loves them! If you don't love others, it shows that you don't really love God as much as you should. What can you do today to start loving God more?



Answer to front page: heart, soul and mind.
Answers to Unscramble: greatest, Lord, heart, soul, mind, first, love, yourself, whole. TO LOVE GOD

The Kids' Bulletin

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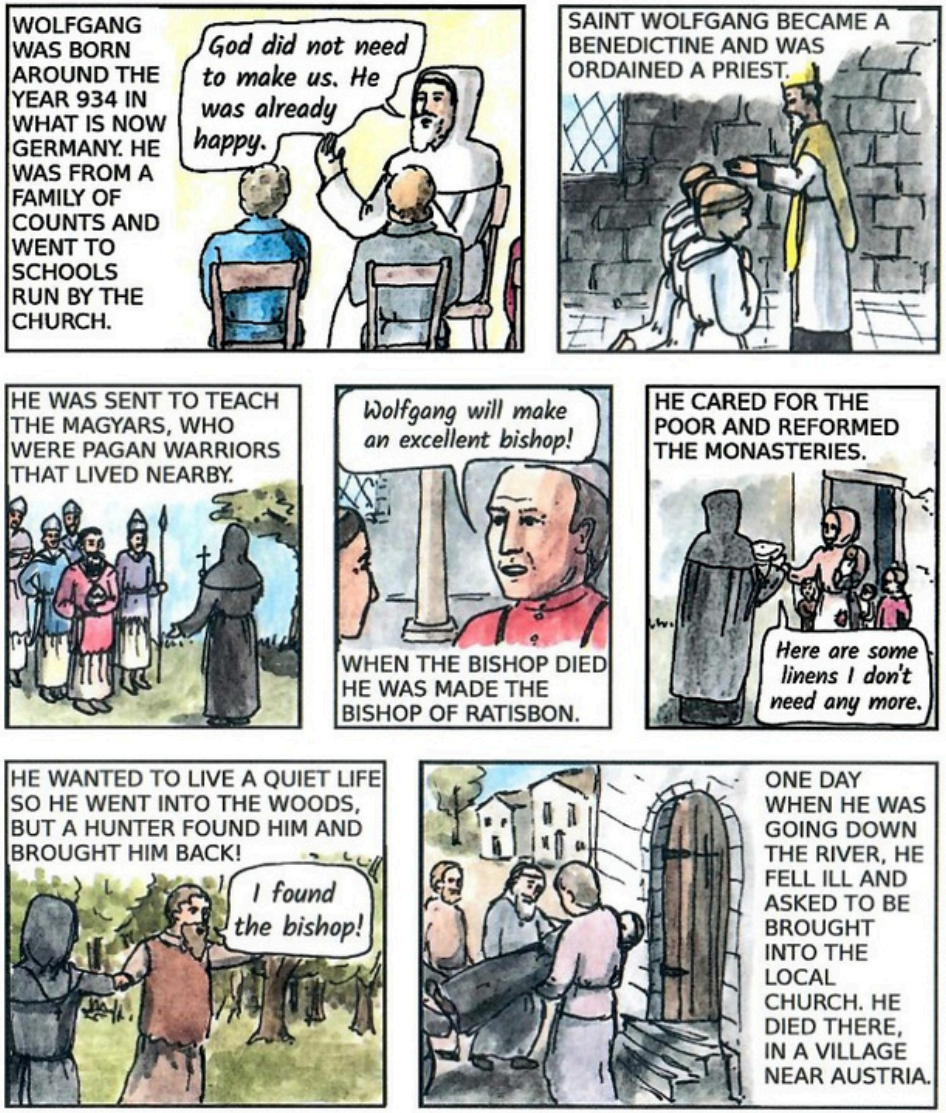


How did Jesus say we should love God?
Put the letters in order by their numbers
to fill in the spaces and find out!

With all our _ _ _ _ _, _ _ _ _,
1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9

_ _ _ _ _ _ _ _.
10 11 12 13 14 15 16

Saint Wolfgang
October 31



SAINT WOLFGANG WAS ONE OF THE IMPORTANT PATRON SAINTS FOR THE PEOPLE OF NORTHERN EUROPE THROUGHOUT THE MIDDLE AGES. HE WAS THE TEACHER OF A FUTURE EMPEROR AND SEVERAL ARCHBISHOPS. HIS TEACHING KEPT THESE MEN CLOSE TO GOD AND HELPED THEM RULE WELL.

Unscramble The Gospel

Unscramble the words to fill in the blanks in today's Gospel reading, and use the letters in boxes to fill in the blanks at the end.

When the Pharisees heard that Jesus had silenced the Sadducees, they gathered together, and one of them, a scholar of the law, tested him by asking, "Teacher, which commandment in the law is the □[7]_ _ _ _ _ _ _?" He said to him, "You
TREASGET
shall love the _ □[4]_ _, your God, with all
DOLR
your _ □[6]_ _ _, with all your _ □[8]_ _,
ARTHE OSUL
and with all your _ _ _ □[9]. This is the greatest
IDMN
and _ _ _ _ □[1]commandment. The second is
SRTFI
like it: You shall _ _ □[5]_ your neighbour as
OEVL
_ □[2]_ _ _ _ _ _. The _ _ _ □[3]_
ESUYFOLR LOHWE
law and the prophets depend on these two commandments.

What is the most important thing for us to ever do?



_ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _
1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9