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St. John
Temoc Herrejon ***Faith Formation***
Ann Stone ***RCIA***
Joel Everett ***Music***

St. Stephen
S. Janis McQuade, S.S.J. ***Faith Formation***
Phillip Parrish ***RCIA***
Theresa Martin ***Music***

Mass Schedule

St. John
Saturday ***4:00p***
Sunday ***11:15a English***
 1:00p en español
Wednesday ***11:00a***

St. Stephen
Sunday ***9:00a***
Communion Service
Tuesday, 12:15p
Holy Days ***7:00p***

Sacrament of Reconciliation

Saturday ***3:00 - 3:45p***

By appointment

Welcome, New Parishioners: We are a Stewardship Community, sharing our time, talent, and treasures in life-giving ways.
To register and get more information: go to our website ~ www.StStephenNC.org

Sacrament Preparation (Baptism, 1st Communion, Reconciliation (Penance), or Matrimony)
Call S. Janis (336) 835-4542

Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA)

Offered for adults who desire to explore the Catholic Faith, spirituality, rites, and practices.

Sacrament of Anointing and Pastoral Care

If you or someone you know is desirous of God's healing and would like to receive the sacred anointing, contact S. Janis.

Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time
March 2, 2025

Fasting and Feasting - Celebrating the 90 Days: Ash Wednesday to Pentecost

Ash Wednesday
Fast from negativity
Feast on a positive heart.

Be intentional when you pray, fast, and give alms.

Thursday
Fast from selfishness.
Feast on generosity.

Friday
Fast from compulsions.
Attend Stations of the Cross.

Saturday
Fast from hard-headedness.
Feast on cooperation.

1st Sunday of Lent
Fast from control.
Feast on collaboration.

Monday
Fast from self-indulgence.
Feast on abstinence.

Tuesday
Fast from resentment.
Feast on letting go.

Wednesday
Fast from resentment.
Feast on gratitude.

Thursday
Fast from stubbornness.
Feast on flexibility.

Friday
Fast from resentment.
Pray Stations of the Cross.

Saturday
Fast from abusing others.
Feast on appreciating others.

2nd Sunday of Lent
Fast from rigidity.
Feast on flexibility.

Monday
Fast from wasting time.
Feast on good planning.

Tuesday
Fast from judging.
Feast on affirming.

Wednesday
Fast from compulsions.
Feast on praying.

Thursday
Fast from shaming.
Feast on honoring.

Friday
Fast from wasting time.
Pray Stations of the Cross.

Saturday
Fast from sarcasm.
Feast on graciousness.

3rd Sunday of Lent
Fast from stressing differences.
Feast on appreciating them.

Monday
Fast from arrogant pride.
Feast on humility.

Tuesday
Fast from road rage.
Feast on road compassion.

Wednesday
Fast from fear.
Feast on risks for faith.

Thursday
Fast from a blind heart.
Feast on seeing with love.

Friday
Fast from being divisive.
Pray Stations of the Cross.

Saturday
Fast from hypocrisy
Feast on integrity.

4th Sunday of Lent
Fast from belittling.
Feast on praising.

Monday
Fast from useless stress.
Feast on being intentional.

Tuesday
Fast from arrogance.
Feast on humility.

Wednesday
Celebrate Sacrament of Reconciliation during Lent

Thursday
Fast from contempt.
Feast on admiration.

*Praying
Fasting
Almsgiving*

Friday
Fast from confrontation.
Pray Stations of the Cross.

Saturday
Fast from willfulness.
Feast on 20 minutes in prayer with God.

5th Sunday of Lent
Fast from insecurity.
Feast on confidence in God.

Monday
Fast from discouragement.
Feast on hope.

Tuesday
Fast from religious rigidity.
Feast on openness to God.

Wednesday
Fast from rebelling.
Feast on supporting.

Thursday
Fast from caustic glares.
Feast on loving glances.

Friday
Fast from judging.
Pray Stations of the Cross.

Saturday
Fast from being disorderly.
Feast on good planning.
Celebrate Sacrament of Reconciliation with your family

Passion Sunday
Fast from sadness.
Feast on honoring your grief.

Monday of Holy Week
Fast from craving approval.
Feast on who you are in God.

Tuesday of Holy Week
Fast from betrayals.
Feast on loyalty.

Wednesday of Holy Week
Fast from anger.
Feast on forgiveness.

The Triduum

Holy Thursday
Fast from laziness.
Feast on generous service.

Good Friday
Fast from fear.
Feast on sacrificing with joy.

Attend *Women of Jerusalem.*

Holy Saturday
Fast from anxiety and fear.
Feast on waiting in joyful hope.

Easter Sunday



Feast on the promise of Everlasting Life.

Easter Monday
Feast on Christ's light.

Easter Tuesday
Feast on Christ's recompense.

Easter Wednesday
Feast on Christ's presence.

Easter Thursday
Feast on Christ's courage.

Easter Friday
Feast on Christ's resolve.

Easter Saturday
Feast on Christ's mercy.

2nd Sunday of Easter
Feast on healed wounds.

Monday
Feast on gratitude.

Tuesday
Feast on thoughtfulness.

Wednesday
Feast on creation.

Thursday
Feast on joy.

Friday
Feast on patience.

Saturday
Feast on your Baptism.

3rd Sunday of Easter
Feast on waiting.

Monday
Feast on
being loved by God.

Tuesday
Feast on
being created by God.

Wednesday
Feast on
being chosen by God.

Thursday
Feast on
being anointed by God.

Friday
Feast on
being sent by God.

Saturday
Feast on
being God's prophet.

4th Sunday of Easter
Feast on
being lead by God.

Monday
Feast on
thirsty for God.

Tuesday
Feast on praising God.

Wednesday
Feast on God's faith in you.

Thursday
Feast on God's goodness.

Friday
Feast on worshipping God.

Saturday
Feast on
the faith of our ancestors.

5th Sunday of Easter
Feast on compassion.

Monday
Feast on a childlike wonder.

Tuesday
Feast on God's glory.

Wednesday
Feast on your faith journey.

Thursday
Feast on God's fabulous
deeds.

Friday
Feast on God's peace.

Saturday
Feast on God's respect of
you.

6th Sunday of Easter
Feast on being God's Child.

Monday
Feast on Christ's victory
over death.

Tuesday
Feast on blessings.

Wednesday
Feast on achievements.

Thursday
Feast on being Church.

Friday
Feast on inclusiveness.

Saturday
Feast on a variety of music.

Pentecost Sunday



Feast on the gift of the
Spirit sent by Jesus,
the love of God
always with you.

Monday
Feast on the Spirit's gift
given in Confirmation:
Wisdom.

Tuesday
Feast on the Spirit's gift
given in Confirmation:
Knowledge.

Wednesday
Feast on the Spirit's gift
given in Confirmation:
Fortitude.

Thursday
Feast on the Spirit's gift
given in Confirmation:
Understanding.

Friday
Feast on the Spirit's gift
given in Confirmation:
Piety / Spirituality.

Saturday
Feast on the Spirit's gift
given in Confirmation:
**Wonder and Awe
in God's Presence.**

Tri-C Almsgiving <i>Thank you so much !!</i>	
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APR	Canned fruit
MAY	Toilet tissue
JUN	Toothpaste



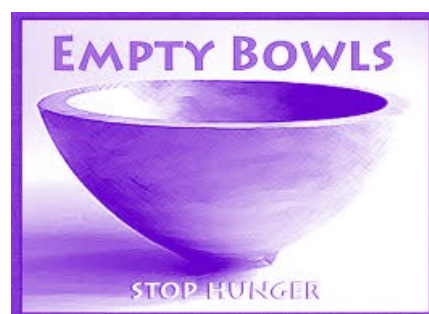
CARE for CREATION
RECYCLE INK CARTRIDGES
LOBBY CONTAINERS.
Thank you!

EMPTY BOWLS YADKIN CHRISTIAN MINISTRIES

WHERE: YADKINVILLE MOOSE LODGE
1432 Country Club Road, Yadkinville

WHEN: APRIL 1, 2025

TIME LUNCH: 11:30a - 1:30p
DINNER: 4:30p - 6:30p



TAKE OUT ONLY ~ Drive through pickup

Tickets: \$25.00



2025 Jubilee Year of Hope



Pilgrim,
what is your **deepest hope**
for yourself, your family,
St. Stephen, your Church, Creation?

Does your deepest hope
include
personal healing of your “dis-ease”?

Peregrino,
¿cuál es tu **esperanza más profunda?**
para ti, tu familia,
San Esteban, ¿tu Iglesia, Creación?

¿Tu más profunda Esperanza
incluye
¿Sanación personal de tu “enfermedad”?



The moments of your life are precious. Use them well. (Maxim 88)

In this 375th Anniversary Year of our founding in Le Puy, it is with great delight that we announce this year of Jubilee for all our sisters who celebrate. Let us rejoice with them and express gratitude for their countless moments of loving service! Endless blessings be theirs.

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Agnes Leona Arnold
Catharine Reimer

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Patricia Cashman
Agnes Leonore Condry
Mary Corbett
Mary Teresa Duffy
Catherine Dolorine Fitzpatrick
Ann C. Hilla
Joan Gertrude Jaskel
Catherine Maureen Larkin
Claire Leshner
Pat McClure
Leonissa O'Brien
Peg O'Connor
Grace D. Pino
Rose Wagner
Jeanette Weychert

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Alice T. Boyle
James Agnes Campbell
Dorothy Ann Donovan
Joan Kathleen Gercke
Leanne Hess
Ginger Jenkins
Frances Kane
Louise Kane

Maria Rita Lannutti
Marie Lewis
Patricia Looney
Cynthia Ludwick
Veronica Anne Maier
Catherine McConnell
Miriam Denis McConomy
John Patrice McMenamin

Anita Cecilia Mellon
Anita Maria O'Dwyer
Frances Pallozza
Anne Quirk
Maryann Szarek
Mary Therese Toole
Anna Regina Zink

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Dorothy Ann Apprich
Pat Ash
Judith Anne Baldino
Joyce C. Ballerino
Stephanie Bator
Marian T. Behrle
Regina Marie Belli
Barbara Bradley
Diana H. Cerchio
Therese Destefano
Margaret Mary Dougherty
Therese Dowd
Margaret Duffy
Betsy Ferguson
Nora Fox
Anne Leonard Freed



Joan Marie Ricca
Arlene Marie Ronollo
Gerry Sadowy
Alma Rose Schlosser
Regina Raphael Smith
Mary Ann Sterner
Rose Pierre Tomalavage

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Trudy Ahern
Kathleen Anderson
Regina M. Bell
Catherine Bones
Adrienne Bucci
Mary Butler
Elaine Dombi
Joanne Fehrenbach
Mary Ethel Haeberlin
Margaret Edmund Heine

Marjorie Keenan
Linda Klaiss
Janis McQuade
Joanne Mongelli
Nancy Roche
Teresa Rodgers
Margi Savage
Marie Elizabeth Thornton
Maryellen Whitaker

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Meg Cole
Jean Laurich
Pat Madden
Jeanne McGowan

Parábolas: cambio de corazones y hábitos

¡Iglesia de la mañana!

Las dos últimas Escrituras dominicales muestran cuán radicalmente diferente es el Camino de Jesús del nuestro. Las Escrituras lo llaman la Reversión Divina. ¿De qué otra manera puedes explicar la expectativa de bendecir a quienes te maldicen o de poner la otra mejilla cuando te hacen daño o de orar por quienes te persiguen u odian? Al Sermón de la Llanura de Lucas le siguen hoy dos parábolas que, una vez más, nos llaman a cambiar de corazón y de hábitos.

Las parábolas son historias reveladoras que pueden influirnos y cambiarnos. Jesús usó parábolas para captar la atención de sus oyentes y evocar su respuesta amorosa. El Divino Narrador utilizó y remodeló algunas imágenes comunes, como tablas y astillas, y árboles sanos y podridos, para convertirlas en imágenes nuevas y sorprendentes. Cristo esperaba que estas historias cambiaran la comprensión de sus oyentes sobre cómo ve y actúa Dios.

Como todas las parábolas, las historias de hoy tienen una variedad de interpretaciones y significados.

Nos llaman para examinar las capas y motivaciones de nuestras elecciones y liberarnos de cada tabla que juzga y condena
y todo fruto malo es desechado.

Resiste juzgar y condenar a los demás, no sea que tú seas juzgado y condenado. Negarse a alinearse con los malos frutos de la sociedad: el cáncer de la guerra y el tráfico de poder, el racismo, la violencia, la hostilidad y la retórica partidista extrema. Estos malos frutos ciegan el alma y te llevarán a un hoyo de pecaminosidad.

Durante la Cuaresma, ore y ayune intencionalmente:
Jesús, quiero ver como tú ves, amar como tú amas,
vivir como viviste.

Si crees que es aceptable simplemente ser una buena persona y que no hay necesidad de autorreflexión y cambio, entonces ya has reclamado tu ceguera espiritual. El evangelio dice que ser bueno no es suficiente. Ser bueno no te exime del constante llamado de Cristo a la santidad.

Pídele a Cristo que te ayude a quitar cada tabla espiritual desde tus propios ojos para que puedas ver claramente, como él lo hace. Acepte los ultimatus del evangelio para ser transparentemente honesto, nombrar y reclamar los tablonos y los malos frutos de tu corazón.

¿Renunciar a algo por la Cuaresma? Deje de juzgar a los demás y deléitese al verlos como lo hace Cristo. Dejad que la Palabra de Dios, rica como es, more en vosotros, dé fruto y os conduzca un día a la vida eterna.

En ComUNIDAD,

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✠ TRABAJO del CORAZÔN

Reflexionando sobre la Palabra

¿Cómo funcionan tus acciones e inacciones?
¿Contribuir a tu ceguera espiritual?
¿Qué “tablonos” y “malos frutos”
Cristo desea sanarte?



Bienvenidos, Juan y Laura,
Hijos de Dios,
Hijos de Gracia!!



Juan con sus padrinos y padres.



Laura con sus padrinos y padres.

Parables: Change of Hearts & Habits

Morning Church!



The past two Sunday readings show how radically different Jesus' Way is from our own, known as The Divine Reversal. How else can you explain an expectation of blessing those who curse you or turning the other cheek when wronged or praying for those who persecute or hate you? Luke's Sermon on the Plain is followed today by two parables that, once again, call us to change of heart and habit.

Parables are insightful stories that can influence, and change us. Jesus used parables to grab the attention of his hearers and evoke their loving response. The Divine Storyteller refashioned some common images, like planks and splinters, and healthy and rotten trees, into surprising new ones. Christ hoped these stories would change his hearers' understanding of how God sees and acts.

Like all parables, today's stories and have a variety of interpretations and meanings. They call us to examine the layers and motivations of our choices and to free ourselves from our judging, condemning planks and to discard our bad fruits.

Resist judging and condemning others, lest you be judged and condemned. Refuse to align with society's bad fruit: the cancer of war and power mongering, racism, violence, hostility, and extreme partisan rhetoric. These bad fruits blind the soul and will land you in a ditch of sinfulness.

During Lent, pray and fast intentionally:
*Jesus, I want to see as you see, to love as you love,
to live as you live.*

If you believe it's acceptable to just be a good person and you do not *see* need for self-reflection or to make changes, have you already claimed your spiritual blindness? The gospel says being good is not good enough. Being good does not exempt you from Christ's constant call to holiness.

Ask Christ to help you remove every spiritual plank from your own eyes so you can see clearly, as he does. Accept the gospel's ultimatums to be transparently honest, to name and claim the planks and bad fruit in your heart.

Planning to do something for Christ for Lent? Give up passing judgment on others and feast on seeing them as Christ does. Let the Word of God, rich as it is, dwell in you, bear fruit, and one day lead you to life eternal.

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🌱 HEARTwork ~ Reflecting on the Word

How do your actions and inactions

Contribute to your spiritual blindness?

What "planks" and "bad fruit" does Christ desire to heal on you?



Welcome, John and Laura,
Children of God,
Children of Grace !!



John with his Godparents & Parents



Laura with her Godparents & Parents

For complete **bulletin**:
www.StStephenNC.org/new-bulletin

For John's YouTube **Video of the Mass**:
<https://www.youtube.com/live/kR8H4ffWCcs?feature=shared>

M A R C H	
	02 8th Sun OT Family Faith Formation 10:30-12N
	03 RCIA II, 6:30p
	04 Adult Faith Formation ~ The Chosen, 10a Communion Service, 12:15p SSJA Gathering, 6p
	05 Ash Wednesday Service 12N, 7p
	06 Habitat / SJU Dinner, 4:00p
	07 Stations of the Cross, 6p
	08 SPRING FORWARD 2am
	09 1st Sun Lent Family Faith Formation 10:30-12N
	10 Ladies Guild, 5p
	11 Adult Faith Formation ~ The Chosen, 10a Communion Service, 12:15p; RCIA, 6:30p
	12 RCIA II, 6:30p; Choir, 7p
	14 Stations of the Cross, 6p
	14-16 SSJ Assembly
	16 2nd Sun Lent Family Faith Formation 10:30-12N
	17  St. Patrick's Day Give Blood Elkin Res. Cntr. 1:30-6p RCIA I, 6:30p
	18 Adult Faith Formation ~ The Chosen Ministerial Association, 12:15p; RCIA II, 6:30p
	19  St. Joseph Day RCIA II, 6:30p; Choir, 7p
	20 Wise Ones, 1p
	21 Stations of the Cross, 6p
	22 Men's Breakfast, Cracker Barrel, 8:30a
	23 3rd Sun Lent Family Faith Formation 10:30-12N
	25 Adult Faith Formation ~ The Chosen RCIA I, 6:30p
	26 RCIA II, 6:30p' Choir, 7p
	28 Stations of the Cross, 6p
	30 4th Sun Lent Family Faith Formation 10:30-12N



Pope Francis Walking the Word:

*Continue to hold
Pope Francis in your prayers.*

☪ Mass Intentions	
02	+Cecelia Jones; +Gavin Matthew Hyer Clarie Kelly; Patrick Britz
09	+Caroll Mc Quade; +Dorothoy Hanic
16	Katie Delanoy; Larry Liss
23	+Michael A. Garwood, Sr.
30	Anahi Espinoza; Kelly McQuade

Birthdays & Anniversaries



02 Charlie Faw	08 Jasiel Hernandez
03 Kathy Jenkins	Thi Tam Nguyen
Payton Wagoner	12 Fred Sener
05 Patrick Colglazier	13 Lee Hadfield
06 Elia Martinez	16 Cathy King
07 Jim Doyle	23 Cindy Whitley
Jerry Schaufenbuel	27 Delia Carmona
07 Beth & John Orta	19 Erika & Ruben Ramirez
22 Margarita & Memo Lara	24 Jane & Rob Worley



Preparing Our Hearts for Lent Ash Wednesday, March 5

~ Fasting ~

Fasting means eating one full meal
and two smaller meals
that don't add up to a full meal.

Catholics aged 18–59 must fast
Ash Wednesday and Good Friday
Fasting means eating one full meal
and two smaller meals
that together are not equal to a full meal.

~ Abstinence ~

Catholics aged 14 and older must abstain
from meat on Ash Wednesday,
Good Friday, and all Fridays of Lent.

Abstinence means not eating meat,
but it doesn't prohibit eggs, milk products,
or condiments made from animal fat.
Abstinence doesn't include meat juices
and liquid foods made from meat.

The 90 Days: Ash Wednesday to Pentecost



The 90 Days mark our faithjourney from the first day of Lent ~ **Ash Wednesday** ~ to the **Feast of Pentecost**.

Lent is 40 days long, followed by the 50 days of Easter Time.

During Lent we show love in three caring ways: **prayer, fasting, and almsgiving**. When we pray each day to Jesus, we tell him how grateful we are that he gave us new life by his death on The Cross. We fast or deny ourselves certain things, like being joyful instead of being gumpy; being generous instead of being selfish. We spend less time playing video games and more time helping at home. This is called making a sacrifice, an act of love to God.

The third way we show love is through almsgiving. This word mean to give without expecting to be repaid, like putting money in the **Poor Box** at church; donating items to **Tri-County Christian Ministries**. You can bring a small **laundry soap** in March and **canned fruit** for April. Also, almsgiving can a mean you share your time, talent, and treasure in the loving service of your neighbors.

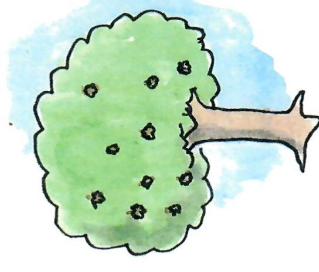
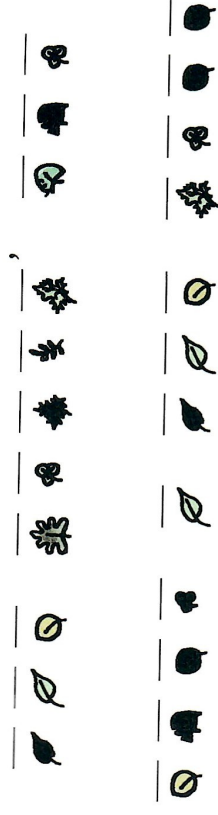
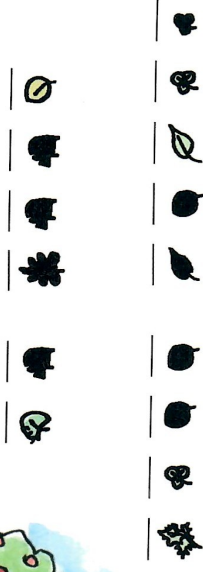
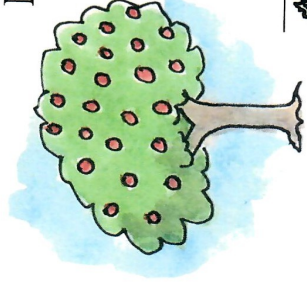
house, God, fruit, gree, rock

Front page answer: No good tree bears bad fruit, nor does a bad tree bear good fruit. Psalm 92: thanks, name, love, night, palm, grow,

The Kids' Bulletin

Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time

March 2nd, 2025



In today's Gospel reading Jesus told a parable about trees.

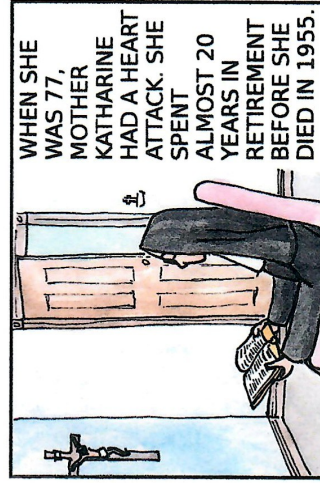
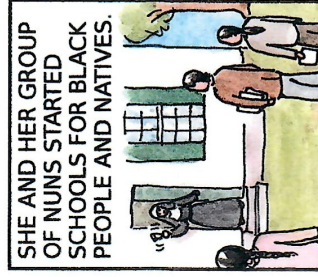
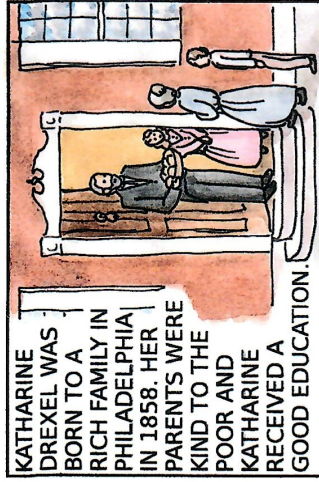
What did He say?

Use the code to find out!

A B D E F G I N O R S T U

Saint Katharine Drexel

March 3



ST. KATHARINE GAVE UP A HUGE FORTUNE AND COMFORTABLE LIFE TO HELP THE LESS FORTUNATE IN HER COUNTRY. WOULD YOU DO THAT IF YOU HAD MILLIONS OF DOLLARS? OUR LORD SAYS IT IS HARD FOR THE RICH TO ENTER HEAVEN, BUT SAINT KATHARINE SHOWS THAT THEY CAN CHOOSE TO BE HOLY TOO.

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Psalms 92 Unscramble

Unscramble the missing words to complete today's Psalm!

It is good to give _____ (KNSHTA) to the Lord,
to sing praises to thy _____ (MNAE),
O Most High;
to declare thy steadfast _____ (OVLE) in the morning,
and thy faithfulness

by _____ (HGNTI).
The righteous flourish
like the _____ (LMAP) tree,
and _____ (ORGW)
like a cedar in Lebanon.

They are planted

in the _____ (UOESH) of the Lord,
they flourish in the courts
of our _____ (DGO).

They still bring forth _____ (UFIRT) in old age,
they are ever full of sap
and _____ (ERGNE)

to show that the Lord is upright,
he is my _____ (KCRO)
and there is no
unrighteousness in him.

