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A Good News Story

Jesus Teaches About Generosity and Trusting God

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One day, Jesus was in the Temple area teaching the people and proclaiming the good news of God.

The chief priests, scribes, elders and Sadducees all approached Him at different points, hoping to catch Jesus saying something wrong so they could discredit Him in front of the people.

Jesus perfectly answered the tricky questions asked of Him. He also told the people some parables and warned them to be on guard against the scribes.

After He finished speaking, He looked up.

He saw some wealthy people putting their offerings into the treasury and noticed a poor widow putting in two small coins.

“I tell you truly, this poor widow put in more than all the rest; for those others have all made offerings from their surplus wealth, but she, from her poverty, has offered her whole



(Illustration/Linda Jeanne Rivers)

Bible Trivia

Where did Jesus stay after teaching in the Temple area? (Hint: Luke 21:37)

Answer: The Mount of Olives.

livelihood,” Jesus remarked.

As this was taking place, some of the people began commenting on the Temple being adorned with costly stones and votive offerings.

“All that you see here — the days will come when there will not be left a stone upon another stone that will not be thrown down,” Jesus said.

“Teacher, when will this happen? And what sign will there be when all these things are about to happen?” the people asked.

Jesus warned the people to not be deceived, because many would come pretending to be Jesus and falsely saying that the end had come.

“Do not follow them!” Jesus exclaimed. “When you hear of wars and insurrections, do not be terrified; for such things must happen first, but it will not immediately be the end.”

Jesus then described some signs of the end.

“Nation will rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom,” He explained. “There will be powerful earthquakes, famines and plagues from place to place; and awesome sights and mighty signs will come from the sky. Before all this happens, however, they will seize and persecute you. ... You will be hated by all because of my name, but not a hair on your head will be destroyed. By your perseverance you will secure your lives.”

Q&A

What did the widow add to the treasury?

What are some signs of the end?

Read more about it in Luke 20 & 21

Having Fun Studying Saints



(Photo provided/ Argelia Gaytán)

MCHENRY

Church of Holy Apostles’ family faith formation program held its first Saint Fair Nov. 17 and 19. Through costumes and posters, families shared the lives of the saints — “our true holy superheroes,” as Argelia Gaytán wrote to *The Observer*.



(Photo provided/Tori McDaniel)

STERLING

Students at St. Mary School dressed up as saints for All Saints Day. During Mass, they shared the stories of their chosen saints with Deacon Dan Goetz.



(Photo provided/Sue Croke)

SYCAMORE

St. Mary School’s middle-school students hosted a retreat this fall for their St. Mary “little buddies.” At the “To Jesus Through Mary” retreat, the little ones learned about Mary and the rosary through several activities. One of these — a skit performed by the fifth-graders — called for saintly costumes.



(Observer photo/Margarita Mendoza)

ELGIN

At the end of St. Mary Parish’s Spanish-language Sunday Mass Nov. 3, children of the parish who were dressed up as saints walked in the Mass’s recessional to honor their saintly role models. The Mass was celebrated by Father Lisandro Cristancho, parochial vicar.