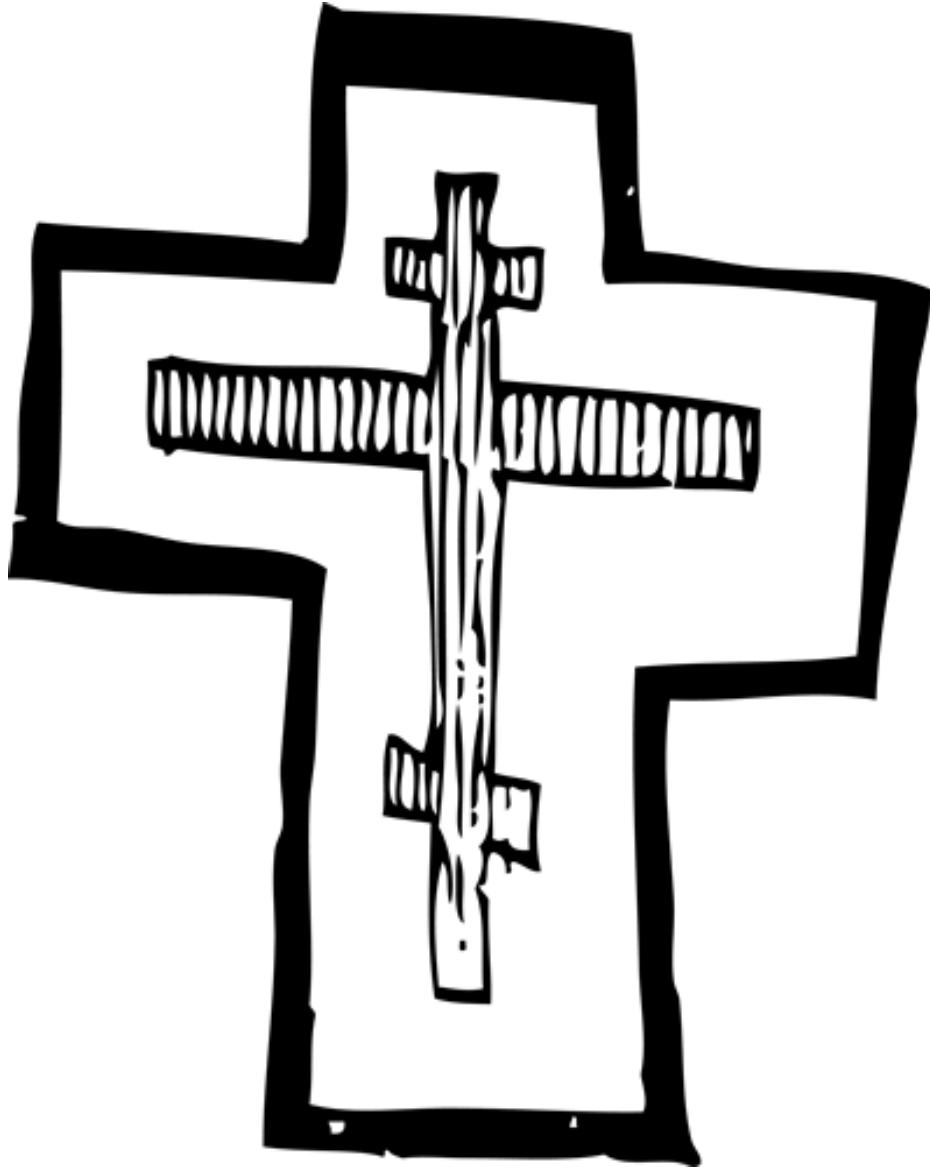


What are your treasures in heaven?



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"Let the little children come to me, and do not forbid them, for to such is the Kingdom of Heaven." Mark 10:14

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God sees in secret



Have you ever known somebody who did the right thing in front of a teacher or other grown-up, but then did the wrong thing when the grown-up wasn't looking? Maybe he should have gotten in trouble for something, but the teacher never even noticed!

In today's Gospel reading, we hear about the same kind of thing. Tomorrow is the first day of Great Lent, and the Gospel is telling us how to behave during it. The reading says we should not show off that we are fasting, but instead we should keep it a secret. We show our fasting and our good works only to your Father, who is unseen; and your Father, who sees what is done in secret, will reward you."

All the things we do during Lent are good—eating special foods, giving to the poor, reading the Bible, going to church, helping others. All those things are great! But when we tell people about them, and when we show off about them, we're like the kid who acts great to the teacher but does wrong things when the teacher isn't even noticing.

This Lent, let's try to keep things to ourselves...and God, of course, who sees all these wonderful things in secret!

WORD SEARCH

Can you find these words in the jumble?

- Clean Monday
- Faithful
- Generosity
- Great Lent
- Healing
- Mission
- Monastery
- Nun
- Secret
- Treasure
- Walburga

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WHAT'S IN THE ICON?

This is an icon of St. Walburga's father, King Richard of Wessex (England).

He was a very fair and compassionate ruler. Did you notice his crown?



SAINT WALBURGA A HOLY GERMAN NUN



You probably have friends named Nicholas or Katherine or George.

Or that might be your own name. But you probably don't know anybody named Walburga!

On Wednesday, we'll celebrate Saint Walburga's feastday. Even though she has a strange name, she is a great example to us! Saint Walburga was a princess in England. She left her home to teach people in Germany about our Lord, Jesus Christ. (This was before

many people in Germany knew about Christ.) She started a women's monastery there. But even more importantly, she tried to live like Christ. She prayed to God all the time, and she was very humble. She tried to help everybody who came to her.

If you go to the German town of Eichstätt, you will see that her holy body (called her relics) are still there. Some holy oil comes from this, and lots and lots of people have been healed. You can even see all kinds of crutches all over the place in the little chapel. That's because the people didn't need them anymore after they prayed to Saint Walburga there!

Saint Walburga lived 1,300 years ago, but she hasn't stopped helping people who come to her!

We celebrate Saint Walburga on Wednesday, February 25th (OC: March 10th).