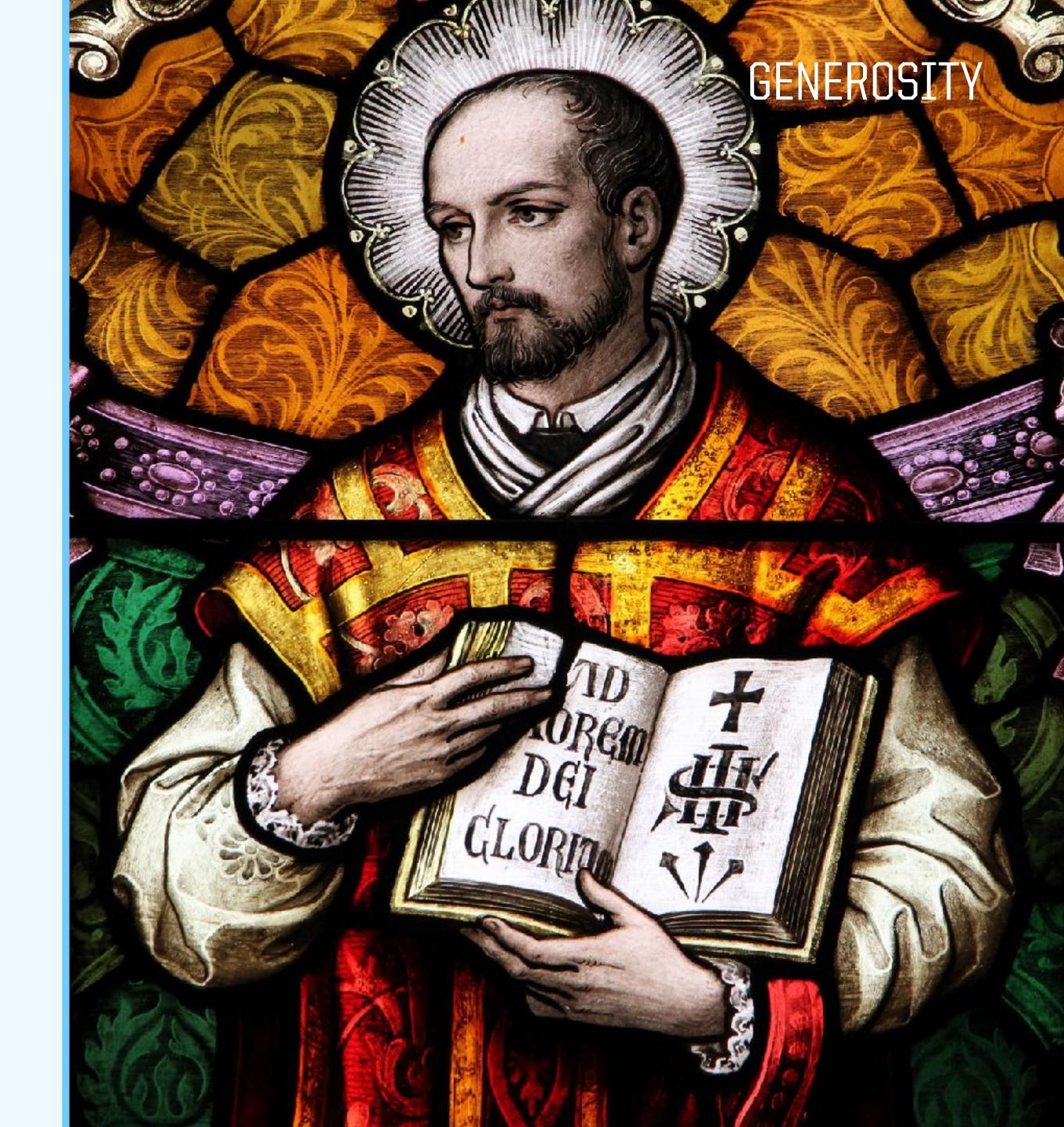


OPENING PRAYER

"Lord, teach me to be generous.

Teach me to serve you as you deserve;
to give and not to count the cost,
to fight and not to heed the wounds,
to toil and not to seek for rest,
to labor and not to ask for reward,
save that of knowing that I do your will."

- St. Ignatius Loyola





DEFINITION

This week our strength building on the virtue of JUSTICE is GENEROSITY.

The strength to go beyond the call of duty.

The Saints are outstanding examples of living and giving of themselves beyond the call of duty.

They truly put God first in everything they thought, said and did.

Let's strive to imitate their example.



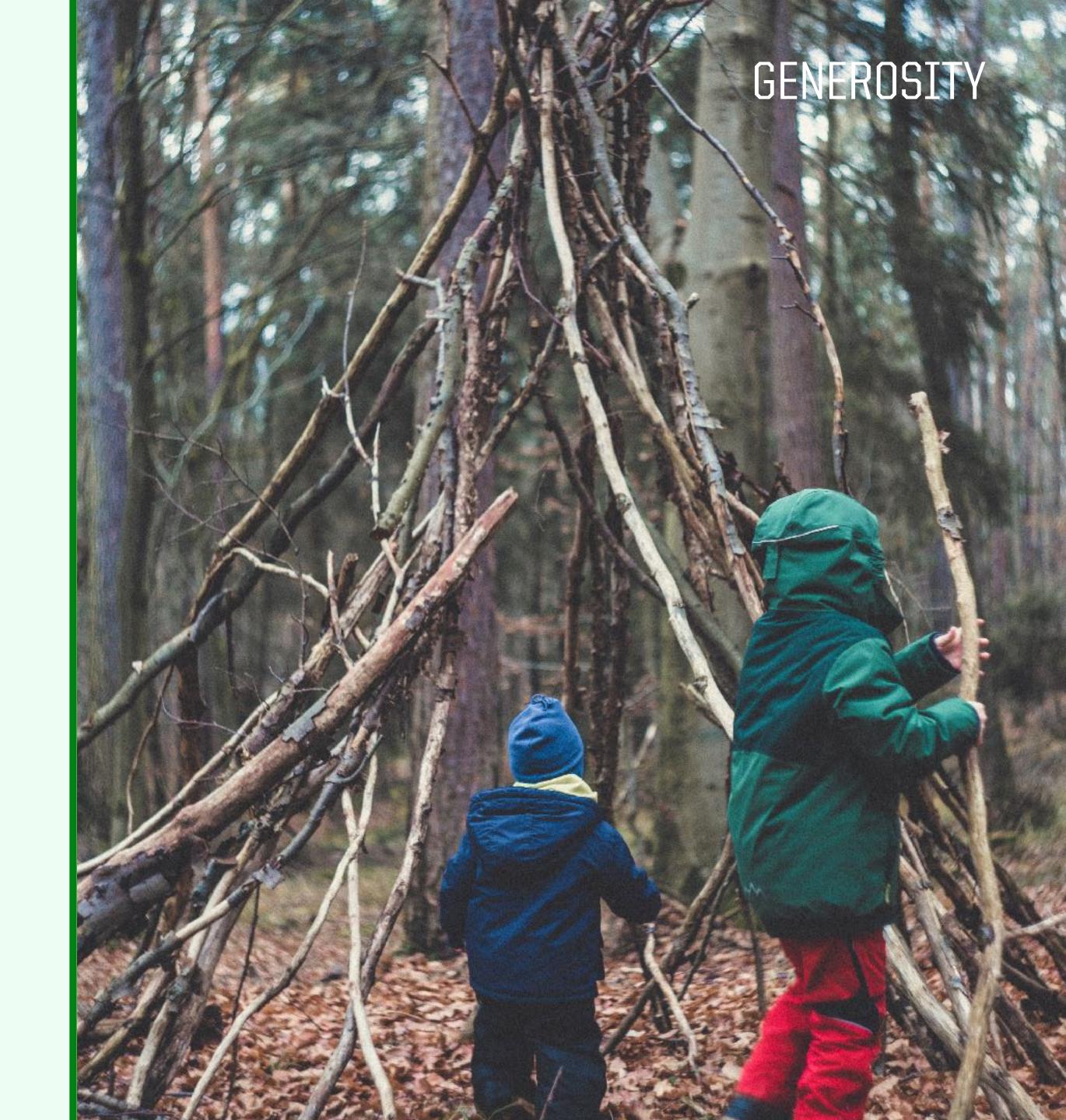
RESOLUTION

Where can you go beyond the call of duty this week?

Where can you do something extra to serve someone?

Who can you help in a special way?

Watch the video 5 Ways to Raise Generous Kids with your parents.





GENEROSITY

BOY SAVES 17 PEOPLE DURING HURRICANE VIDEO

13-year-old, Virgil Smith, trudged into the Hurricane
Harvey flood waters with an air mattress to transport
his stranded neighbors to safety.

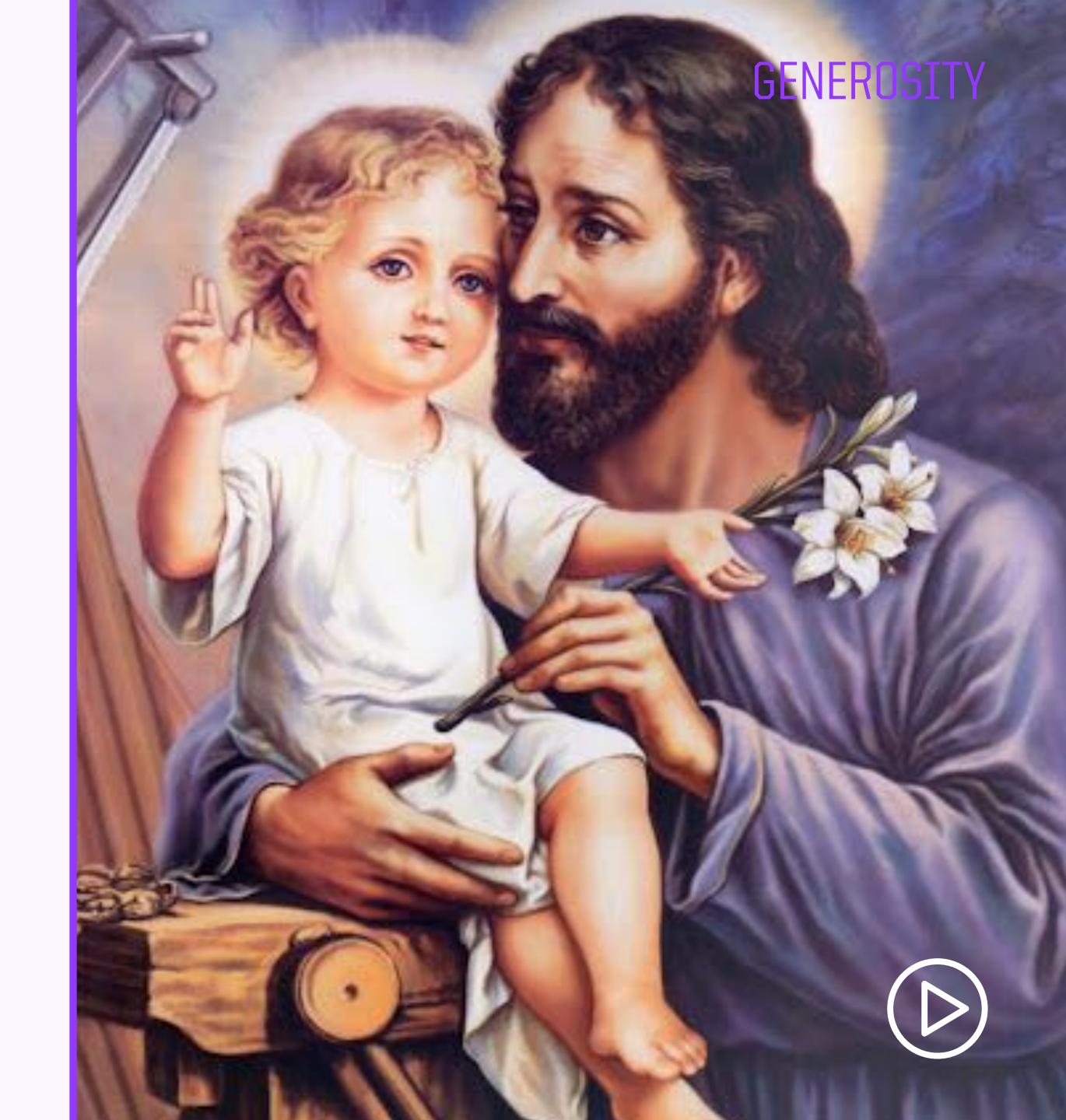
ST. JOSEPH VIDEO

The month of March is dedicated to Saint Joseph.

He is a marvelous example of someone who generously dedicated their life to serving Jesus and Mary.

Pope Pius IX declared him to be both the patron and the protector of the Catholic Church, in addition to his patronages of the sick and of a happy death, due to the belief that he died in the presence of Jesus and Mary.

He has two feast days: March 19th and May 1st.





5 WAYS TO RIASE GENEROUS KIDS VIDEO

Want to Raise Happier Kids?

Teach Them to be Generous.

Studies have shown that kids who volunteer are less likely to engage in negative behavior.

These 5 tips can help you teach your child be generous year-round.



VIRTUE SONG LYRIC VIDEO

Communion by Third Day

This is the Body and this is the Blood
Broken and poured out for all of us
And in this communion we share in His love
This is the Body and this is the Blood

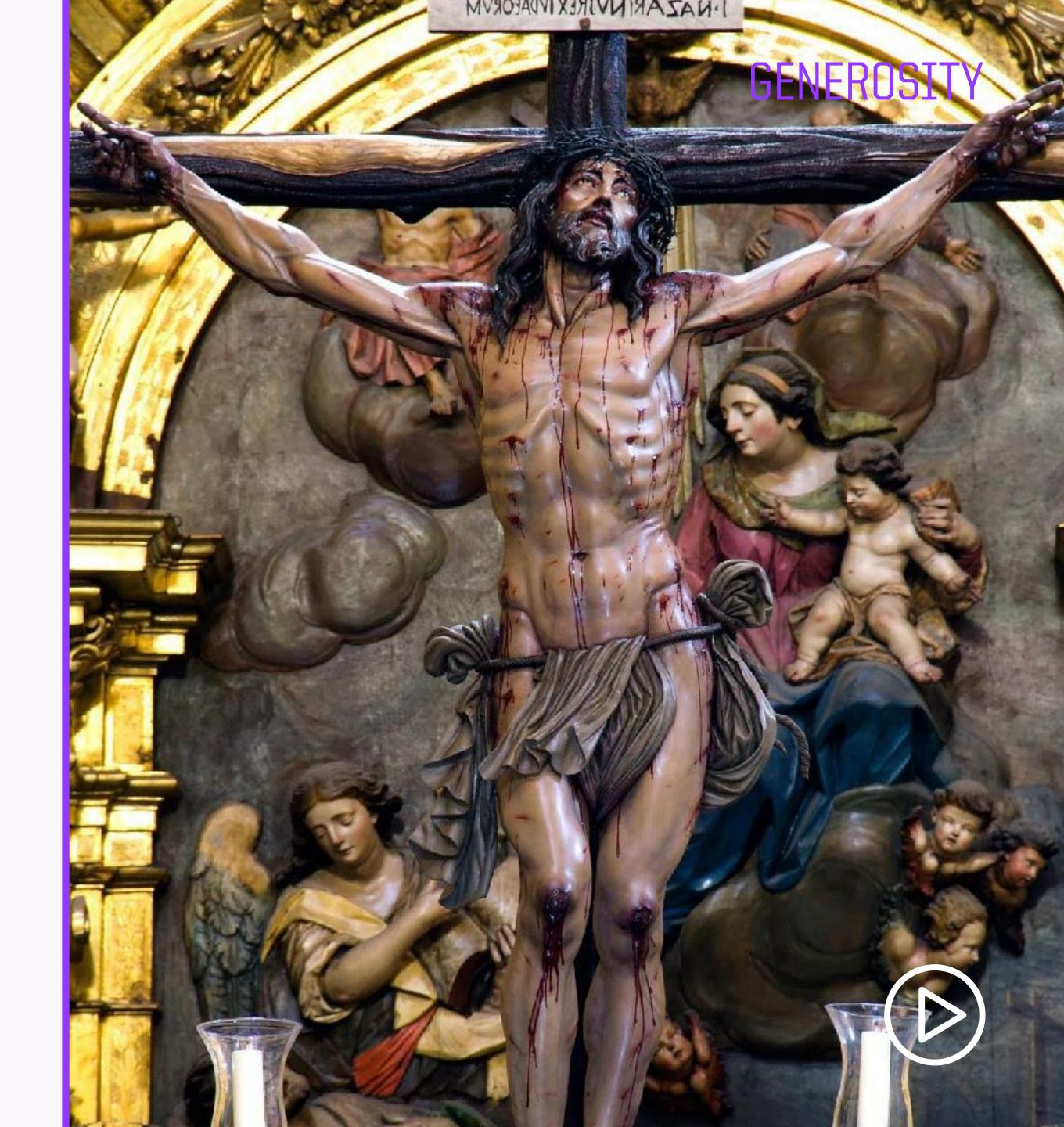
Well, I will remember everything, Lord
That You've done for me, I won't take for granted
The sacrifice that set me free, well I hunger
And thirst for Your love, come fill me today

We hunger and thirst for Your love
And Your righteousness
We long for Your presence here, Lord
Be with us again

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This is the Body and this is the Blood

Caution for younger viewers. Graphic.
For a very moving version with scenes from the movie The Passion of the Christ without lyrics, click here.



GENEROSITY

STORY

BEST BIRTHDAY PARTY EVER

An 8th grader gave us all an amazing example recently.

His parents had decided to give him a birthday party.

He told them, "I've received enough this year.

It's time to give."

So he told all of his friends who would be attending the party to bring gifts not for him, but for the inner city children at an orphanage.

He collected 40 gifts and he gave them all away.

I'm sure he will never forget that birthday party the rest of his life.



GENEROSITY

MARK 12: 41-44

And Jesus sat down opposite the treasury, and began observing how the people were putting money into the treasury;

and many rich people were putting in large sums.

A poor widow came and put in two small copper coins, which amount to a cent.

Calling His disciples to Him, He said to them, "Truly I say to you, this poor widow put in more than all the contributors to the treasury;

for they all put in out of their surplus, but she, out of her poverty, put in all she owned, all she had to live on."



- Not sharing.
- Being able to give of your time, talent or treasure and you choose not to give anything or much less than what you are capable of giving.
- Comparing what you give with others.
- You know someone needs help but you won't.

Reflect on how and why people are stingy and how that impacts the world.



