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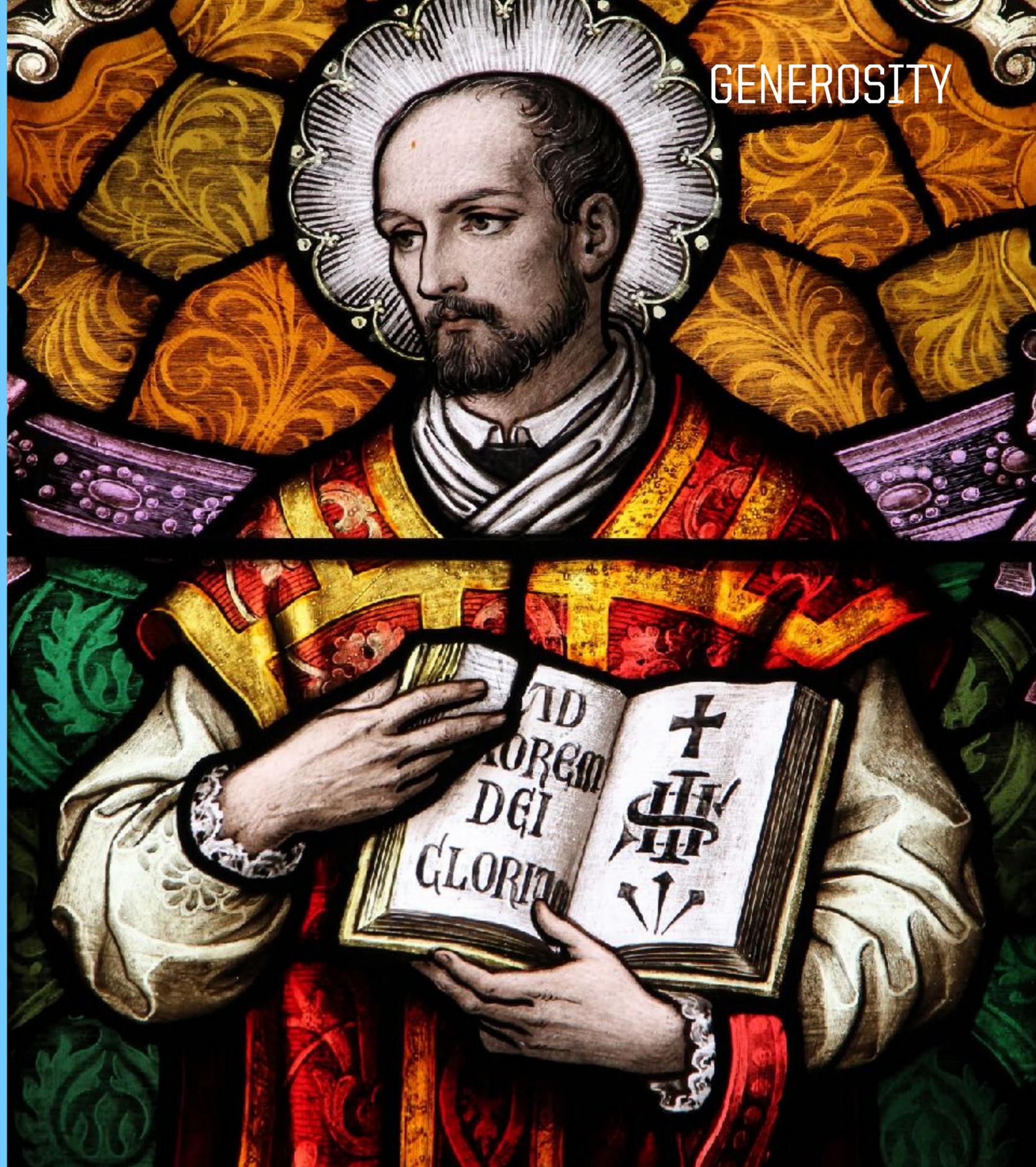
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OPENING PRAYER

*“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.



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RESOLUTION

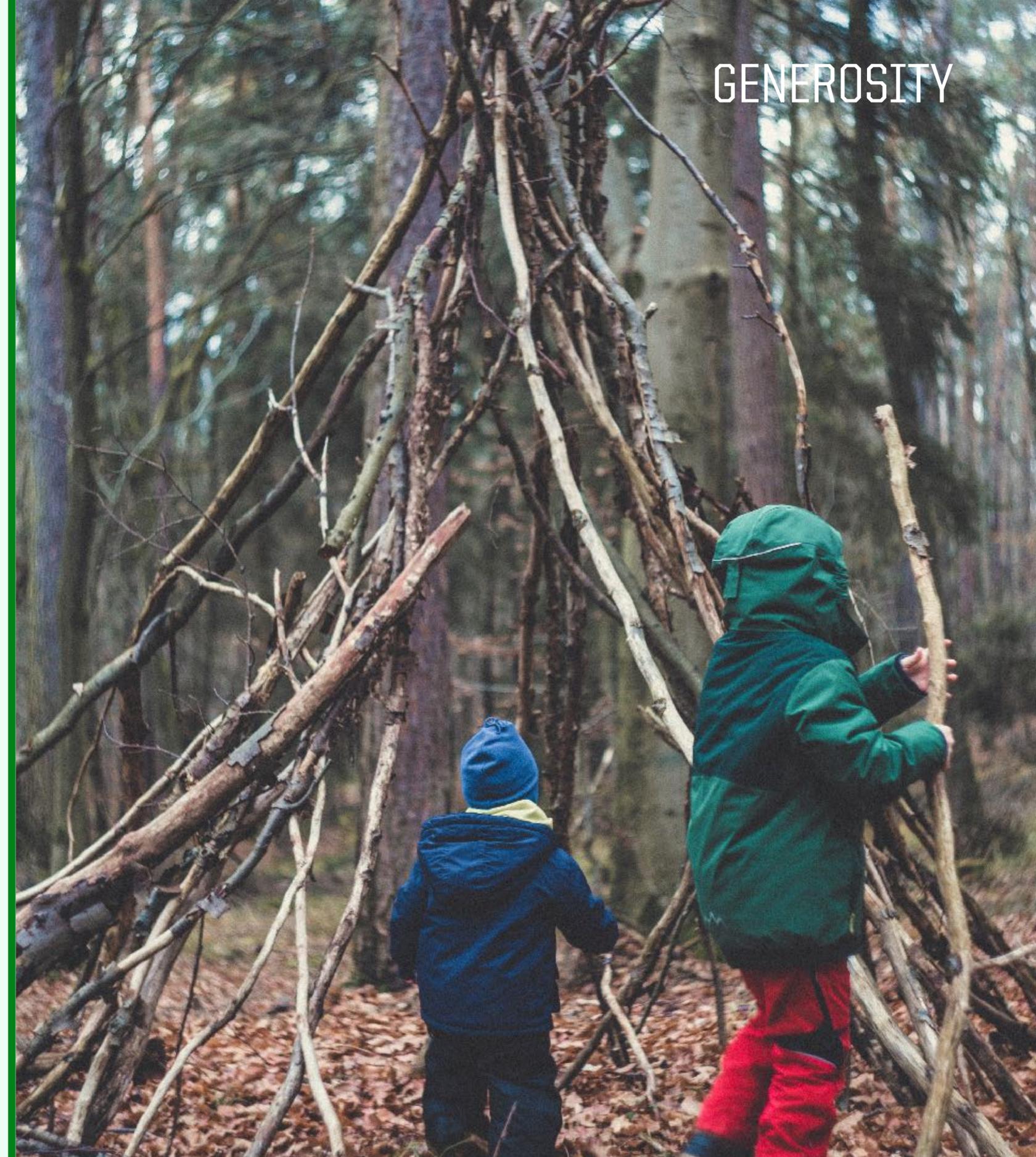
Where can you go beyond the call of duty
this week?

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.

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SAINT STORY

SAINT NICHOLAS OWEN

1582-1606. March 22

Nicholas, familiarly known as “Little John,” was small in stature but big in the esteem of his fellow Jesuits. Born at Oxford, this humble artisan saved the lives of many priests and laypersons in England during the penal times (1559-1829), when a series of statutes punished Catholics for the practice of their faith. Over a period of about 20 years, Nicholas used his skills to build secret hiding places for priests called “Priest Holes” throughout the country.

His work, which he did completely by himself as both architect and builder, was so good that time and time again priests in hiding were undetected by raiding parties.

Nicholas was a genius at finding and creating places of safety: subterranean passages, small spaces between walls, impenetrable recesses.

At one point he was even able to mastermind the escape of two Jesuits from the Tower of London. Whenever Nicholas set out to design such hiding places, he began by receiving the holy Eucharist, and he would turn to God in prayer throughout the long, dangerous construction process. After many years at his unusual task, Nicholas entered the Society of Jesus and served as a lay brother, although—for very good reasons—his connection with the Jesuits was kept secret.

After a number of narrow escapes, he himself was finally caught in 1594. Despite protracted torture, Nicholas refused to disclose the names of other Catholics. After being released following the payment of a ransom, “Little John” went back to his work. He was arrested again in 1606. This time he was subjected to horrible tortures, suffering an agonizing death. The jailers tried suggesting that he had confessed and committed suicide, but his heroism and sufferings soon were widely known. Nicholas Owen was canonized in 1970 as one of the 40 Martyrs of England and Wales.

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SMALL GROUP DIFFICULT SITUATION DISCUSSION

Let's remember what it means to be GENEROUS:

The strength to go beyond the call of duty.

You have been making money for quite some time.

It finally dawns on you that maybe you should be tithing, giving some money to the Church.

But you are saving up for a new car and trying to pay off debts.

What should you do?





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STINGINESS

The weakness to give as little as possible.

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VICE

EXAMPLES OF STINGINESS

- 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.





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