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### Worship Times

Saturday Vigil Mass, 4:00p Sunday Mass 11:15a; En español, 1:00p Daily Mass, Holy Days Consult bulletin Sacrament of Reconciliation Saturdays, 3:00-4:00p

Sunday Mass 9:00a Communion Service Tuesdays, 12:15p Holy Days 7:00p Sacrament of Reconciliation By appointment

### Welcome, New Parishioners

We are a Stewardship Community, sharing our time, talent, and treasure, in the most life-giving ways possible. Parishioners are expected to participate in weekly worship, in our community life, and in our service among our dear neighbors.

### Sacramental Life ~ Baptism, Confirmation, Eucharist, Matrimony

For Sacrament preparation, you must be a registered, active member and attend preparation sessions.

### Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA)

For those who desire to explore the Catholic Faith, spirituality, customs, and practices.

### Anointing of the Sick

For those with chronic illness or who are pre-surgery, contact Father John or Sister Janis

Third Sunday in Ordinary Time January 22, 2023





St. Stephen là gia đình của bạn!

Chúng tôi rất may mắn bạn đang ở đây!

Cha Long sẽ ở St. Stephen

Chủ nhật, ngày 5 tháng 2 lúc, 2:00 để cử hành thánh lễ với bạn bằng tiếng Việt.

Lên kế hoạch tham dự và mời gia đình gia đình và bạn bè của bạn đến tham dự!

Nếu bạn có câu hỏi nào,

nói chuyện với Hạnh.

DARKNESS LIGHT DARKNESS LIGHT

Morning Church!

The people who walked in darkness, have seen a great light. Upon those who dwelt in the land of gloom, a light has shown.

As you listen to the prophet Isaiah, you may think you're back to Christmas. Isaiah served as God's prophet for about 40 years. He came to address many situations that affected the Israelites. As God's prophet, he witnessed and spoke of God's unconditional love for the Israelites, even when they were unfaithful and obstinate.

Isaiah, the oracle of God, served when Ahaz reigned as King of Judah. The king faced great pressure from the Syrians to join them in fighting Assyria. When Ahaz refused, the Syrian leaders turned on Ahaz. They invaded Judah and expelled the Israelites from their land. This is really a dark time in Judah's history, reinforced by their repeated pattern: *Israel sins. God punishes. Israel repents. God forgives.* Isaiah understands his role. He is to speak for God, to offer the Israelites hope:

The people who walk in the darkness of oppression and exile will one day see the light of freedom.

Continue reading to Is. 9:6: "For a child is born to us, a son is given to us; upon his shoulder dominion rests.

They name him Wonder-Counselor, God-Hero, Father-Forever, Prince of Peace."

The Light they hoped for came!

When you experience spiritual darkness, like the Isrealites did, it may prevent you from seeing Christ's Way. When this happens, pray for light, guidance, and encouragement to see Jesus and respond to his call.

In today's gospel we witness Jesus encountering people doing their ordinary everyday tasks. These men are fully immersed on the demands of the day. As Jesus walks the shoreline he stops by Peter and his brother, Andrew. They are mending and preparing their nets for the next day's work when A Stranger approaches them.

In this mysterious moment of grace, The Stranger asks them to come and follow him. They stopped immediately, leave their to followed Jesus! No questions asked! Then, Jesus sees two more fisher-folk, James and John. They are helping their father mend their nets. Jesus extends the same invitation to them. Once, again, the brothers drop their nets and follow Jesus. No questions asked.

In an extraordinary moment of their lives, all four brothers leave the comfort of their routine, the job they do best, and the invaluable equipment needed to support their families. They leave their families behind, too!

These four fishers literally saw The Light in the dull darkness of their daily drills. Seeing Jesus graced them with new *insight*, to see with spiritual eyes and to trust The One they see, The One who invites them follow him.

Jesus extends the same invitation to you every day. Jesus says, "Come. Be fishers in my Name. Set aside the nets of your comfort and routine; and the uncertainty of your spiritual darkness.

Follow me. No questions asked.

God-with-us blessings,

Spanis

Reflecting and Acting on The Word

### Reflect:

Spend some quiet time reflecting on spiritual darkness ~ another form of God's inviting presence. Holy darkness removes all distractions that may impair *insight* into Divine Mystery.

Readings https://bible.usccb.org/

Ne.	JANUARY
22	3rd Sun OT FFF 10:30-11:45a
23	RCIA, 4:00-5:30p
24	Communion Service, 12:15p
25	RCIA, 6:30p
29	4th Sun OT FFF 10:30-11:45a
30	St. Stephen Church Dedication Jan. 30, 1956
31	Communion Service, 12:15p

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### Martin Luther King, Jr. Day Community Worship Service

Thank you for your presence and participation in this important gathering of our faith community.

### Edelita "Hydee" Dangoy Go Born:

June 8, 1942

Born to Eternal Life:

January 14, 2023

Liza-Go Harris 138 Eldridge Lane State Road NC 28676

	<b>™</b> Mass Intentions
22	Mary Askew (Birthday) Ellen Sally (Special Intention)
29	+John Cahill, +Denis Cahill, Wm. & +Margaret Hannan, +John & Elizabeth Cahill, +Pauline Hannan, +Kathleen Elbi, +Jane Hardiman, +Mark Palus
	FEBRUARY
05	+Carol & Charles McQuade; Noreen O'Neill

### Parish Celebrations

22 Sonia Rodriguez23 Lou Stackhouse



25 Braulio Mata

30 Marta Lopez

31 Dolores Spicer

Almsgiving/Service Opportunities

Feed the Elderly (every 6 wks)

Contact Gail (336) 835-2633

Tri-County Christian Ministries

Call Tri-C (336) 526-1089

To honor Tom & Adrienne, and give some hours at FTE or Tri-C to honor their legacy of generous service.



## St. Stephen Inclement Weather Policy

Sunday Mass &
Family Faith Formation
WATCH
WXII TV or FOX TV for the scroll
of closing or delays.

St. Stephen Soup-er Competition



Calling all chefs! Stir up a pot of your best homemade soup & bring it to the Family Life Center Saturday, February 11

5:30p

All parishioners/non-chefs are invited to the tasting!

M'm! M'm! Good!



# A Blessing for Those Who Travel in the Dark

Go slow if you can. Slower.

More slowly still.
Friendly dark
or fearsome,
this is no place
to break your neck
by rushing,

by running, by crashing into what you cannot see.

Then again,
it is true:
different darks
have different tasks,
and if you
have arrived here unawares,
if you have come
in peril
or in pain,
this might be no place

you should dawdle.

I do not know what these shadows ask of you, what they might hold that means you good

It is not for me to reckon

or ill.

whether you should linger or you should leave.

But this is what I can ask for you:

That in the darkness there be a blessing.
That in the shadows there be a welcome.
That in the night you be encompassed by the Love that knows your name.

~ Jan Richardson





Our Lady,

Queen of Peace,

pray for us!



GUN VIOLENCE & MASS SHOOTINGS

Six year old shoots his teacher in Newport News, VA, on January 6. So, so many questions....

Show your love for Grace Clinic Valentine's Gala Thurs., February 9, 2023

Doors open at 6:15 6:45 dinner and dancing Coley Hall at the Liberty 222 E. Main Street, Elkin

Featuring the Elkin Big Band
Tickets are \$50 per person
Purchase your tickets or
become a sponsor by
Calling (336) 835-1467
All proceeds benefit Grace Clinic.

### TRI-COUNTY CHRISTIAN MINISTRIES

SMALL SIZES & NON-BRAND NAMES
ARE BEST, MOST ECONOMICAL

St. Stephen

**Monthly Donation** 

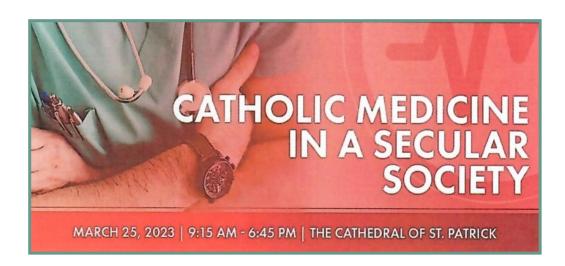
**JANUARY** 

Any non-perishable

**Toiletries** 

Dish or laundry soaps

until we get our list



### Invitation:

Medical professionals, students, and interested adults

6th Annual Converging Roads Health Care Ethics Conference

Saturday, March 25 ~ The Cathedral of St. Patrick, Charlotte

This conference is a wonderful way to gain a comprehensive knowledge of practicing medicine under the Catholic ethos while earning up to seven hours of CME/CNE credits.

Join national and local experets either in person or online to discuss topics rooted

in the Catholic and Hippocratic ethical tradition.

For more information or to register,

visit: https://bit.ly/cr23-cnc



Do you know the meaning of REPENT? Repent means you feel sad for your unloving, selfish words and actions and you decide to change, to do better in the way you act and what you say.

When Jesus taught the people, he called them to repent. He wanted the people to change their hearts and be like him: loving, forgiving and generous.

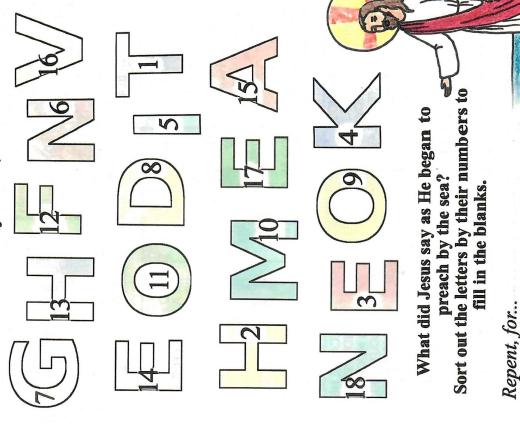
Jesus wants you to repent, too, and be loving, forgiving and generous. Today, pray to Jesus. Ask Jesus to help you follow him as Andrew, Peter, James and John did.

To be like Jesus, you need to leave behind any "nets" of selfishness and unforgiveness. When you love like Jesus, you become more and more like him, and your loving way lead others to him.

Answer to Unscramble puzzle: darkness, light, joy, harvest, yoke, smashed. Answer to puzzle on front: the Kingdom of Heaven

# The Kids' Bulletin

Third Sunday in Ordinary Time January 22nd, 2023



.. is at hand.

# Saint Thomas Aquinas January 28







FINALLY THEY LET HIM JOIN 'HE DOMINICANS. HE WAS





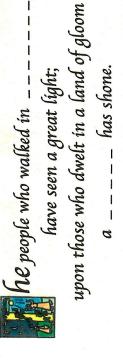


SAINT THOMAS WROTE A GREAT WORK CALLED THE SUMMA THEOLOGICA, WHICH EXPLAINS MANY THINGS ABOUT GOD, MAN AND CREATION. HE NEVER FINISHED IT, THOUGH,

He knows more than we do

Unscramble and Fill in the Blanks:

A Prophesy about Jesus...



as people make merry when dividing spoils. as they rejoice before you as at the \_\_\_\_\_ You have brought them abuntant \_ and great rejoicing

For the \_\_\_\_ that burdened them, and the rod of their taskmaster the pole on their shoulder, as on the day at Mídían. you have \_\_\_\_\_,

Unscramble the words below to fill in the blanks in the prophesy from today's first reading.

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BECAUSE HE REALIZED HE COULD NOT SHOW IN WRITING HOW AWESOME GOD REALLY IS. SAINT THOMAS DIED AT AGE 49.