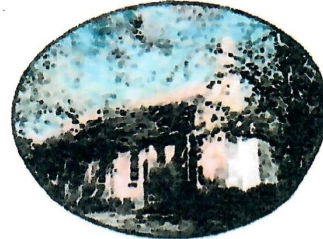




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St. John
Temoc Herrejon Faith Formation
Ann Stone RCIA
Joel Everett Music

St. Stephen
S. Janis McQuade, S.S.J. Faith Formation
Phillip Parrish RCIA
Theresa Martin Music

Mass Schedule

St. John
Saturday 4:00p
Sunday 11:15a English
1:00p en español
Wednesday 11:00a

St. Stephen
Sunday 9:00a
Communion Service
Tuesday, 12:15p
Holy Days 7:00p

Sacrament of Reconciliation

Saturday 3:00 - 3:45p ***By appointment***

Welcome, New Parishioners!

*We are a Stewardship community, who share our time, talent, and treasure in life-giving ways.
We invite you to register with us by going to our website and completing the form on the Home page.*

Sacrament Preparation
Call S. Janis, (336) 835-4542

Order of Christian Initiation (OCIA)
A way of exploring and seeking Christ through the Catholic faith.

Sacrament of Anointing and Pastoral Care of the Sick
If you, or someone you know is desirous of God's healing, contact S. Janis

March 22, 2026

PARISH FUND RAISER

St. Stephen Catholic Church

101 Hawthorne Rd
Elkin, TN 37029

¡GRACIAS a todos los que prepararon o compraron comida en apoyo de esta recaudación de fondos parroquial!
THANK YOU to all who prepared or purchased food in support of this parish fundraiser!

MULTI-FAMILY TAMALE SALE

March 21
9 AM - 3 PM



\$2 PER TAMALE

6 FOR \$10

12 FOR \$20

Comes with RED or GREEN SALSA



REFRESHMENTS AT AN EXTRA COST

Stations of the Cross

Fridays of Lent, 6:30p

Feb 20 & 27 Mar 6, 13, 20, 27



EMPTY BOWLS ~ YADKIN CHRISTIAN MINISTRIES

Yadkinville Moose Lodge
1432 Country Club Road, Yadkinville
April 7, 2026

Lunch 11:30a - 1:30p

Dinner 4:30p - 6:30p

Tickets: \$25.00

TAKE OUT ONLY ~ Drive Through Pickup

Women of Jerusalem

Good Friday

April 3 ~ 5:30p

Opportunities for Adult Spiritual Formation

Tuesday, March 3	Tuesday, March 10	Tuesday, March 17
<i>God of All Power, Fountain of Grace, O, Living Water, show us your face.</i>	<i>God of All Mercy, restore our sight, Lead us from darkness into light.</i>	<i>God of Living not of the dead, Raise us to life beyond our death.</i>
During the Communion Service 12:15p or 6:30p	During the Communion Service 12:15p or 6:30p	During the Communion Service 12:15p or 6:30p

Ministerial Association ~ Holy Week Services

12N ~ 1:00p

Host: Elkin Presbyterian Church 151 Hillcrest Drive, Elkin

Date	Preaching	Ministry/Church	Church Hospitality
Mon., March 30	Rev. Hope Bryant	Rebuilding Lives Ministry	First Baptist Ch. Elkin
Tues., March 31	Rev. Alvin Hayes	St. Home Missionary Baptist Church	Galloway Episcopal Ch. New Beginnings U.M. Ch. St. Stephen Catholic Ch.
Wed., April 1	Rev. Ed Birt	New Beginnings United Methodist Church	First United Methodist Church
Thurs., April 2	Ms. Jane Motsinger	Feed the Elderly Vestry Galloway Episcopal Ch.	Pastor Alvin Hayes YVSA
Fri., April 3	Rev. Dr. Kaury Edwards	First United Methodist Church	NO MEAL



PRAY the ROSARY DAILY

...for peace in U.S., in Ukraine & Russia;
for Presidents Zelenskyy, Putin & Trump;
for Abbas & Netanyahu for the end to all bombings in Iran & Gaza, a peaceful and just end to these wars, and all wars...

THANK YOU FOR RECYCLING YOUR INK HERE. IT'S GOOD for the EARTH and IT'S HELPS THE CHURCH.



Tri-C Almsgiving <i>Thank you so much !!</i>		
JAN Canned tomatoes Spaghetti sauce	MAR Laundry detergent	MAY Toilet paper
FEB Corn meal	APR Canned fruit	JUN Tooth paste



PRAY FOR AN END TO VIOLENCE, ESPECIALLY GUN VIOLENCE

When we make our annual contribution to the **DIOCESAN SUPPORT APPEAL (DSA)**, we join with all our brothers and sisters in Christ throughout the diocese to do the Lord's work – works of love and service that no one individual or parish can do alone. May our words and actions be a response to God's great love.

DIOCESAN SUPPORT APPEAL 2026

WAYS to GIVE

PLEDGE

Pledging allows you to make a greater gift over time. When you make a pledge, you will receive monthly reminders by mail or email until your pledge is paid by December 31, 2026.

ONE-TIME GIFT

Respond to a mailing or in-pew appeal at your parish. Please make checks payable to DSA and note the name of your parish in the memo line. Do not send cash through the mail.

ONLINE GIFT

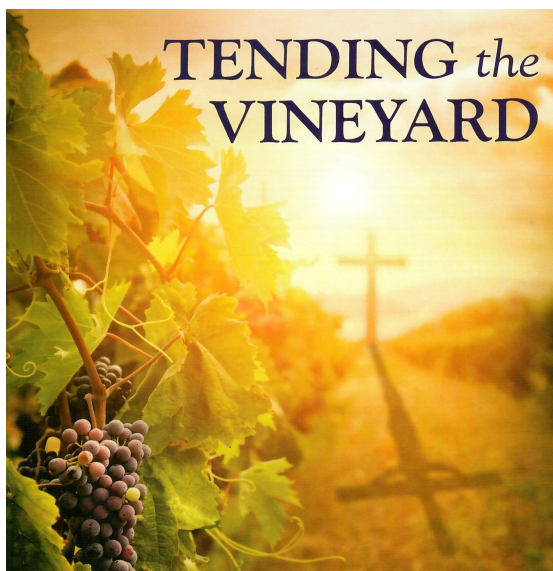
Make a one-time gift or set up a monthly pledge via credit or debit card at: charlottediocese.org/dsa.

STOCK DONATION

Donate publicly traded shares of appreciated stock by completing our stock transfer form. charlottediocese.org/ways-to-give

IRA CONTRIBUTION

If you are over 70 ½ you can donate your IRA distributions. Have your distribution made payable to DSA, include your name and address, and send it to the Diocese of Charlotte.



¡Buenos días, Iglesia!

El evangelio de hoy cautiva nuestra imaginación. Nos conmueve profundamente con un espíritu tan implacable como lleno de esperanza. El drama de esta historia es palpable.

La Palabra de hoy nos confronta con la realidad en una cultura obsesionada con las apariencias y la evasión de la muerte. Contraponen la vida y la muerte, la desesperación y la esperanza. La Palabra nos desafía a abrir las «sepulcros» de nuestro egoísmo y a vivir en el Espíritu. La Palabra nos desafía a apartar las piedras del egoísmo que obstaculizan nuestra fe.

El evangelio nos recuerda que nada puede ocultarse de Dios, por mucho que lo hayamos enterrado en nuestra “tumba”. El mayor anhelo de Jesús es que vivamos en la plenitud de la vida, la luz y el amor. Aquel que es la Resurrección y la Vida no se deja intimidar por el “hedor” de nuestros pecados ni por la oscuridad de nuestros corazones. Él ha vencido el pecado, la oscuridad y la muerte.

Solo Jesús puede rescatarnos de la densa oscuridad de nuestra complacencia, de nuestra muerte prematura autoimpuesta.

Solo Jesús puede resucitarnos y restaurar nuestros espíritus adormecidos con una nueva vida.

Solo Jesús puede renovar nuestra pasión y entusiasmo por nuestra fe y la vida espiritual.

En esta quinta semana de Cuaresma, escuchemos: escuchemos la voz de Jesús que nos llama: «(Tu nombre), ¡sal!».

Sal a la luz. Sal a la nueva vida que te ha sido prometida.

Yo quitaré todas las piedras que nos separan.

«¿Crees esto?»

En el Uno, somos uno, en ComUNIDAD,

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Dios de los vivos, no de los muertos,



**levántanos a la vida
más allá de nuestra muerte,**

Mientras celebramos el Rito del Escrutinio III:

¿Qué «rocas» están bloqueando tu corazón e impidiéndote acceder a la Vida Nueva?

¿Crees en la Resurrección y en la vida eterna?

¿Qué gracia necesitas para remover tus «piedras» de autocomplacencia, falta de perdón, resentimiento, o una necesidad obsesiva de atención y afirmación?

Morning, Church!

Today's dramatic gospel captures our imagination. It grasps our soul in a spirit that is as relentless as it is hope-filled.

Today's Word is a reality check in a culture obsessed with appearances that is death-averse. It juxtaposes life and death, despair and hope. The Word challenges us to open the "graves" of our selfishness and live in the Spirit. The Word challenges us to roll away the stones of selfishness that are obstacles to our faith.

The gospel reminds us that nothing can be hidden from God, no matter how deeply we bury it in our "tomb". Jesus' deepest desire is that we live in the fullness of life, light, and love. The One who is the Resurrection and the Life is not put off by the "stench" of our sins or the darkness of our hearts. He has overcome sin, darkness, and death.

Only Jesus can call you forth from the dank darkness of your complacency, your self-imposed, premature death.

Only Jesus can raise you up and restore your deadened spirit with New Life.

Only Jesus can renew your passion and enthusiasm for your faith journey and the spiritual life.

In this Fifth Week of Lent, listen ~
listen for Jesus' voice calling you,
(Your name), come forth!
Come forth into the light.

Come forth into the New Life Jesus promised:
I will roll away all the stones
that are obstacles between us.
Do you believe this?

In the One, we are one...in CommUNITY,

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God of the living, not of the dead :



Raise us to life beyond our death!



As we celebrate Rite of Scrutiny III:

What "boulders" are blocking your heart
and preventing you from New Life?

Do you believe in the Resurrection
and life everlasting?

What grace do you need to roll away
your "stones" of complacency,
unforgiveness, resentment, or fixated need
for attention and affirmation?

m a r c h

01	<i>2nd Sun Lent</i> Faith Formation ALL parents & children, after Mass SSJ Zoom, 6:30-8:30
03	Chosen, 10a; Communion Service Lenten Reflection, 12:15p & 6:30p
04	OCIA 6:30p; Choir, 7p
05	SJU Students/Habitat for Humanity/APEX & Ladies Guild St. Patrick's Day Dinner, 5p
06	Stations of the Cross, 6:30p
08	<i>3rd Sun Lent</i> Faith Formation ALL parents & children, after Mass
10	Communion Service, 12:15p Lenten Reflection, 12:15p & 6:30p
11	OCIA 6:30p; Choir, 7p
13	Stations of the Cross, 6:30p
15	<i>4th Sun Lent</i> Faith Formation ALL parents & children, after Mass
16	Give Blood Elkin Rescue Squad, 1:30-6:00p
17	<i>Happy St. Patrick's Day!</i> Communion Service, 12:15p Lenten Reflection, 12:15p & 6:30p
18	OCIA, 6:30p. Choir, 7p
19	<i>Happy St. Joseph's Day!</i> Wise Ones, 1p SSJAssociates
20	Stations of the Cross, 6:30
21	Men's Group @ Cracker Barrel, 8:30a
22	<i>5th Sun Lent</i> Faith Formation ALL parents & children, after Mass
24	<i>Feast: St. Oscar Romero</i> Communion Service, 12:15p; OCIA 2, 6:30p
25	<i>Feast: Annunciation</i> OCIA, 6:30p. Choir, 7p
27	Stations of the Cross, 6:30p
29	<i>Palm Sunday of the Lord's Passion</i> No Family Faith Formation
31	Communion Service, 12:15p



🌿 Mass Intentions	
01	+Georgette & William Dyer r/b Seam Dyer
08	+Carol McQuade (20th A); +Dorothy Hanic(20th A) +Tim McCulloch
15	+Helen Purcell r/b Lana Katie Delaney; Larry Liss (Birthdays)
22	+John Jennings; Reyna Jimenez; Vicky S. Pruitt
29	+Georgette & William Dyer r/b Sean Dyer

Pope Leo Walking the Word

The *Raising of Lazarus*

is central to the Lenten journey, focusing on baptism, spiritual rebirth, and Christ's ultimate authority over death. The narrative represents a profound, trustworthy hope in life after death, challenging the finality of the grave.



Easter Flower

If you wish to donate to our Easter Flower fund to honor a living or deceased loved one, use the envelope in the pew pockets. PRINT your NAME and donation amount on the front and PRINT the names of your loved ones on the back of the envelope. Place the envelope in the collection basket.

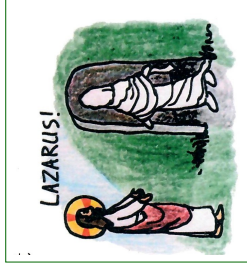
Birthdays & Anniversaries



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| 01 Charlie Faw | 08 Jasiel Hernandez |
| 02 Kathy Jenkins | Thi Tim Nugyen |
| Payton Wagoner | 13 Lee Hadfield |
| 05 Patrick Colglazier | 23 Cindy Whitley |
| Jason Whitler | 27 Delia Carmona |
| 06 Elia Martinez | 07 Beth & John Orta |
| 07 Jim Doyle | 19 Erika & Ruben Ramirez |
| Jerry Schaufenbuel | 22 Margarita & Memo Lara |
| Ximena Solorzano | 24 Jane & Rob Worley |

God Will Raise Us to New Life!

Every promise God has made to us, God has kept. In today's first reading from the prophet, Ezekiel (Ee-zee-key-el), God promises to open our graves and raise us up. In the gospel, Jesus raised his friend, Lazarus (Laz-are-us) from the dead. At the end of time, God will raise everyone from the dead.



All that God created will not be lost. Every part of Creation is so precious to God. We believe we will be raised up on the last day with all the others who believe in God.

Every Sunday we gather to celebrate Mass. During Mass, we pray The Creed. In that prayer, we pray, "...I believe in the resurrection of the body and life everlasting."

Look at the gospel again. Jesus raised his good friend, Lazarus, from the dead. His sisters, Martha and Mary, were so, so happy to have their brother back with them. The people who saw Lazarus come out of his tomb were so shocked. Watching him walk out of his tomb after being dead for three days really surprised them.

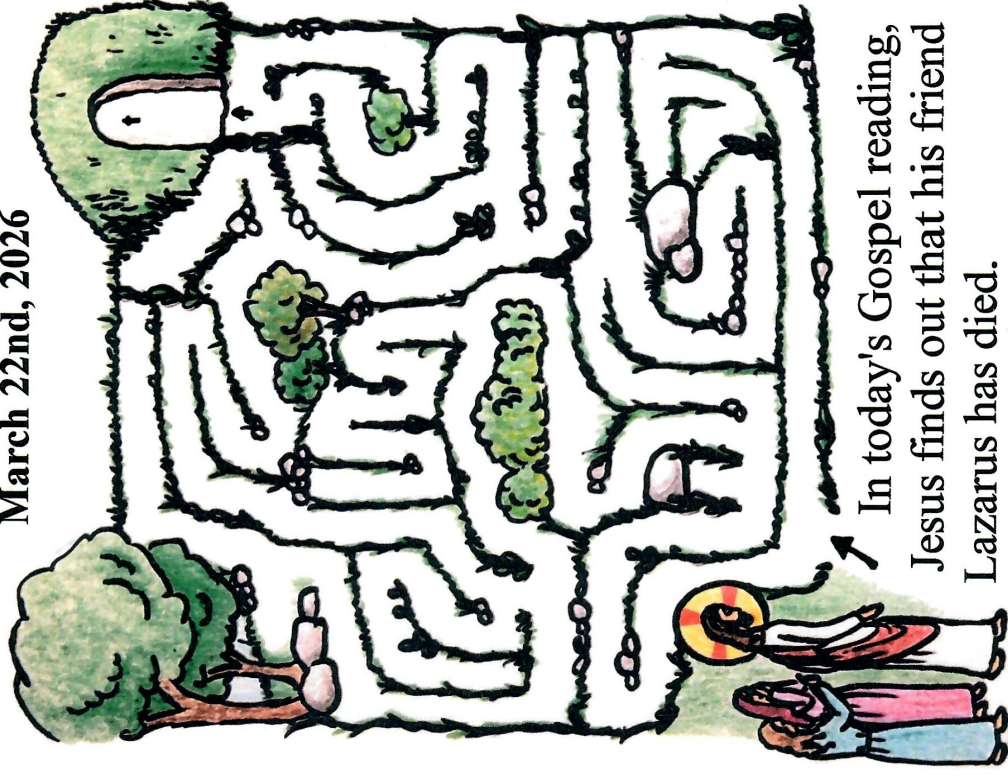
News of this miracle began to spread throughout the country. All the people wanted to be near Jesus because they heard he raised Lazarus from the dead.

Take a few moments and say a prayer thanking God for all the promises God has made and kept, especially the promise that God will raise us up on the last day to same way God raised Lazarus and Jesus from the dead.

**Answer to Ezekiel Puzzle: I will
OPEN YOUR GRAVES and HAVE
YOU RISE FROM THEM.**

The Kids' Bulletin

Fifth Sunday of Lent
March 22nd, 2026



In today's Gospel reading,
Jesus finds out that his friend
Lazarus has died.

Can you find your way through the
maze to the tomb where Jesus will
raise him from the dead?

THE ANNUNCIATION

MARCH 25

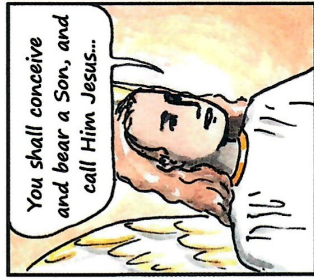


FOR THOUSANDS OF YEARS PEOPLE HAD BEEN WAITING FOR GOD TO SEND THEM A SAVIOUR. WHEN THE TIME WAS RIGHT HE SENT AN ANGEL TO A YOUNG WOMAN.



MARY WAS SHOCKED. WHO WAS THIS? WHAT WAS THE MEANING?

Do not be afraid, Mary, for you have found grace with God.



You shall conceive and bear a Son, and call Him Jesus...



How shall this be done, since I know not man?

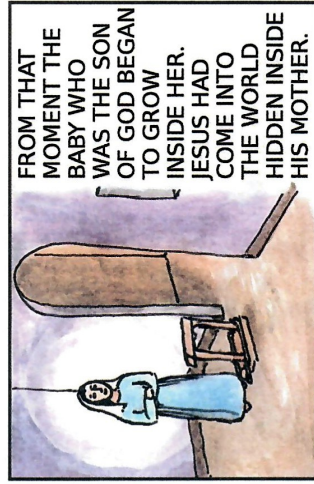


The Holy Spirit will come upon you and the power of the Most High will overshadow you...



SHE ACCEPTED GOD'S PLAN EVEN THOUGH SHE KNEW IT WOULD NOT BE EASY.

Behold the handmaid of the Lord: be it done to me according to your word.



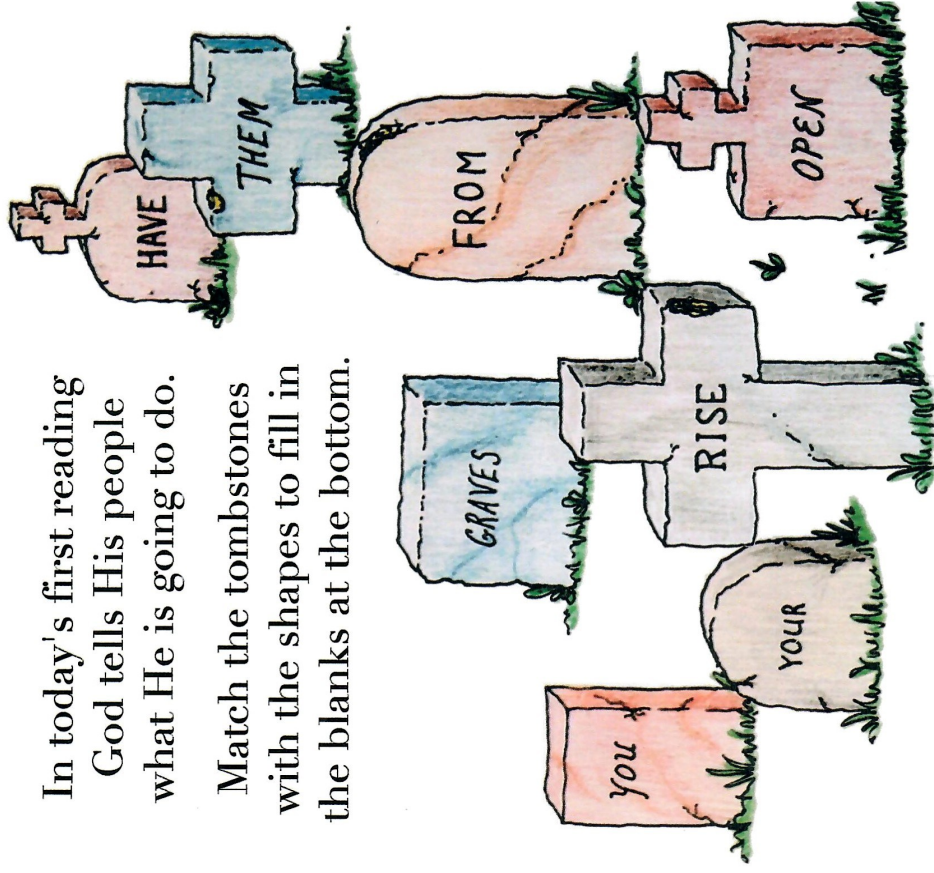
FROM THAT MOMENT THE BABY WHO WAS THE SON OF GOD BEGAN TO GROW INSIDE HER. JESUS HAD COME INTO THE WORLD HIDDEN INSIDE HIS MOTHER.

THE ANNUNCIATION IS ONE OF THE MOST IMPORTANT DAYS OF THE YEAR BECAUSE IT IS WHEN JESUS FIRST CAME TO EARTH, EVEN THOUGH HE WAS STILL HIDDEN. GOD DEPENDED ON MARY TO SAY 'YES' TO HIS WILL EVEN THOUGH IT WAS VERY HARD. WE SHOULD BE ALWAYS READY TO DO GOD'S WILL TOO!

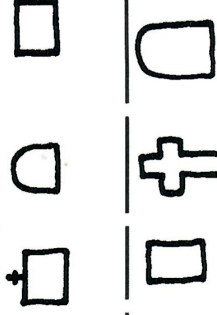
An Ezekiel Puzzle

In today's first reading God tells His people what He is going to do.

Match the tombstones with the shapes to fill in the blanks at the bottom.



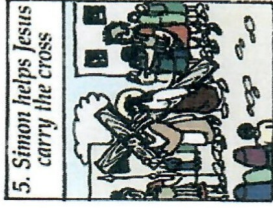
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 and _____



Praying the Stations of the Cross



Jesus, make my faith stronger. Help me to trust you more.



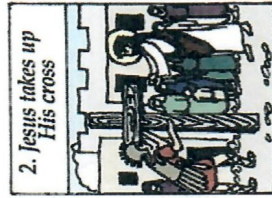
Jesus, give me strength to help and love all who are in need.



Jesus, give me a strong heart to follow you every day.



Jesus, help me to be loving and tender with those who are in pain, sick or dying.



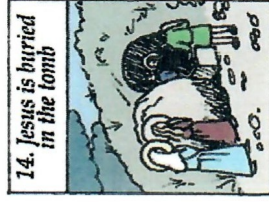
Jesus, help me accept and do what is hard to do.



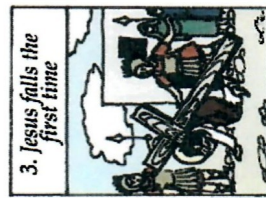
Jesus, give me courage to do what is loving, kind, and brave.



Jesus, help me to stay strong when others make fun of me.



Jesus, you kept every promise you made to us. Help me keep my promises.



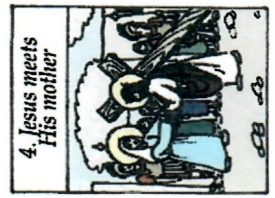
Jesus, help me say I'm sorry when I make an unloving choice.



Jesus, when I fail to love as you did, Help me apologize and do better.



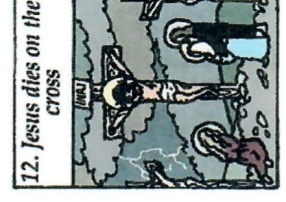
Jesus, when I experience pain or hurt, help me to be brave and face it.



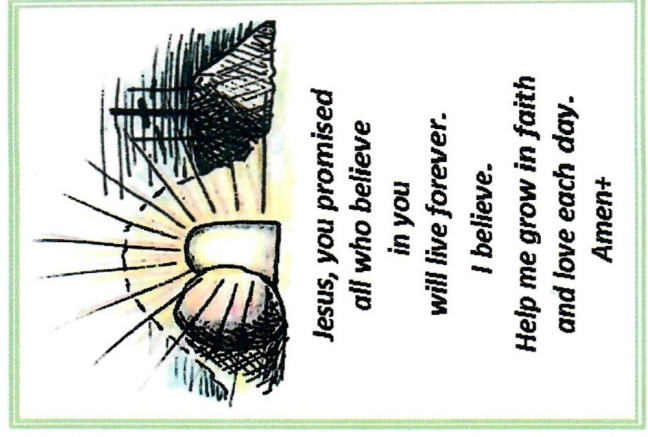
Jesus, help me to see my parents' loving help as your love



Jesus, help me to be loving with those who are sad or lonely.



Jesus, you loved us and sacrificed your life for us. Help me to be generous with my life, too.



Jesus, you promised all who believe in you will live forever. I believe. Help me grow in faith and love each day. Amen