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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*

## 2026 Graduates

Eric Barrientos	Surry Central H.S.		Susana Martinez	Surry Early College H.S.
Victor Bustos	Elkin H.S.		Braulio Mata	Elkin H.S.
Oscar Hernandez	Appalachian State Univ.		Diana Rodriguez	Elkin H.S.
Angel Ledesma	Elkin H.S.		Ania Trejo	Elkin H.S.

On May 25, 2026, Pope Leo XIV releases his first encyclical entitled:

### ***Magnifica Humanitas: On Safeguarding the Human Person in the Time of Artificial Intelligence.***

He appeals for the safeguarding of humanity, promotion of truth, dignity of work, social justice, and peace.

Pope Leo XIV opening sentence:

*“Humanity, created by God in all its grandeur, is today facing a pivotal choice: either to construct a new Tower of Babel or to build the city in which God and humanity dwell together.”*

***The encyclical’s contents: Introduction:*** Sets the context for the "new things" (res novae) of our era, framing technology through the biblical lenses of the Tower of Babel (self-assertion) and the rebuilding of Jerusalem (communal responsibility).

#### ***Chapter One: A Dynamic Approach Faithful to the Gospel***

Explores the historical context of Catholic Social Teaching, particularly from the Second Vatican Council to the present, urging us to interpret these modern technological advancements through the light of the Gospel.

#### ***Chapter Two: Foundations and Principles of the Social Doctrine of the Church***

Lays out core Catholic tenets such as the common good, the universal destination of goods, subsidiarity, solidarity, and social justice. It acts as a guide to protecting the human person.

#### ***Chapter Three: Technology and Dominance: The Grandeur of Humanity in Light of the Promises of AI.***

Tackles the core theme of the document. It warns against a "technocratic paradigm" and artificial moral agencies that might reduce human beings to cogs, reminding readers of humanity's divine origin and the dangers of transhumanist mentalities.

#### ***Chapter Four: Safeguarding Humanity at a Time of Transformation. Truth, Work, Freedom.***

Focuses on preserving core human values in the digital age. It discusses "truth as a common good", the protection of personal data, maintaining the dignity of work, and protecting freedom against commercialization.

#### ***Chapter Five: The Culture of Power and the Civilization of Love.***

Addresses how advanced technologies—including AI in warfare and autonomous weapons ~ affect international stability. It warns of a "violent culture of power" and offers a theological call to choose a civilization of love rooted in peace and Eucharistic spirituality.

#### ***Conclusion:***

Encourages a shared, community-driven responsibility to ensure that technology serves humanity rather than enslaving it.

## Tri-C Almsgiving

Thank you so much !!

JUN

Tooth paste

JUL Peas	SEPT Shampoo	NOV Bar Soap
AUG Flour	OCT Dish Liquid	DEC Dry Beans



PRAY FOR AN END  
TO VIOLENCE,  
ESPECIALLY GUN VIOLENCE

You are invited to our Open Table

4:30-6:30pm ~ Jul 16

Third Thursdays ~ NO COST

FBC Elkin 110 Gwyn Avenue

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## May Stewardship

Weekly Budget	Weekly Income
May 3	\$3594.00
May 10	\$1958.00
Fundraiser (Taco Sale) May 16	\$1433.00
May 17	\$1870.99
May 24	\$4053.00
May 31	\$3174.00
<b>TOTAL INCOME</b>	<b>\$16,082.00</b>
Budget \$3000.00 x 5 Weeks	\$15,000.00
Above budget	+ \$1082.00



St. Stephen DSA	
Assessment	\$10,959.00
Paid	\$3595.00
Donors	13
Balance	\$7364.00

## WAYS to GIVE

**Pledge:** Give over time until December 31, 2026

**One-time Gift:** use DSA envelopes & make a one-time gift.

**Online Gift:** charlottediocese.org/dsa

**Stock Donation:** charlottediocese.org/ways-to-give

**IRA Contribution:** charlottediocese.org/ways-to-give

## PRAY the ROSARY DAILY

...for peace and leaders of nations;

... for the end to all bombings,

a peaceful and just end

to these wars, and all wars...

& the violence in Mexico...



**THANK YOU FOR RECYCLING  
YOUR INK HERE.**

**IT'S GOOD for the EARTH  
and IT'S HELPS THE CHURCH.**



25<sup>th</sup> and 50<sup>th</sup>

## WEDDING ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION

If you were married in 1976 or 2001,  
you are invited to the annual Diocesan Wedding  
Anniversary Mass

Sunday, October 11, 2026 at  
The Cathedral of St. Patrick, Charlotte.

Mass begins at 2:00 p.m. and  
will be followed by a reception.

Limit of 2 guests per couple.

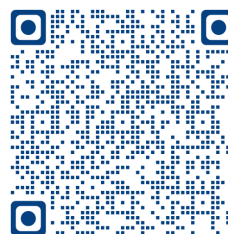
Please scan the QR code to register.

## CELEBRACIÓN DEL

## 25.º Y 50.º ANIVERSARIO DE BODAS

Si contrajeron matrimonio en 1976 o 2001,  
están invitados a la Misa Diocesana Anual  
de Aniversario de Bodas el  
domingo 11 de octubre de 2026,  
en la Catedral de San Patricio, Charlotte.

La Misa comenzará a las 2:00 p. m. y  
será seguida por una recepción.  
Límite de 2 invitados por pareja.





*¡Buenos días, Iglesia!*

Hoy en día, cada vez más personas buscan obtener el máximo beneficio con el menor esfuerzo posible. Nos hemos convertido en una sociedad que prioriza la comodidad y la conveniencia.

Este no es el camino del discipulado; un camino que exige sacrificio, nos desafía y continúa formándonos a imagen y semejanza de Cristo.

Jesús es claro respecto al costo del discipulado: un camino marcado por sufrimientos tanto a corto como a largo plazo y que, en última instancia, implica una entrega total a la voluntad de Dios.

El mensaje de hoy no trata sobre lo conveniente ni lo cómodo, sino sobre los sacrificios que se exigen a quienes verdaderamente creen en Jesús.

Cuando Jesús habla de perder la vida para encontrarla en Él, no se refiere a una experiencia de una sola vez. Cada día estás llamado a entregarle tu vida, a sacrificar lo innecesario, las comodidades y las conveniencias, para servir a los demás en su nombre.

Cualquier persona o cosa que se interponga entre tú y tu entrega a Cristo debe ser sacrificada ante Aquel que se sacrificó a sí mismo en la Cruz.

Cargar con la propia cruz es un acto profundo de fe y valentía. No hay nada, absolutamente nada, de conveniente o cómodo en la Cruz.

La decisión es tuya:  
o te entregas por completo, o no lo haces.

En el Uno, somos uno, en ComUNIDAD,

*spanis*

### ***Una bendición con forma de cruz***

Presiona esta bendición  
contra las palmas de tus manos —  
la derecha, la izquierda—  
y verás  
cómo deja su huella,  
cómo se imprime  
en tu piel,  
cómo sus líneas  
se encuentran  
y se cruzan  
como señalándote  
el tesoro  
que ha estado  
a tu alcance  
todo este tiempo.

Solo que estas riquezas  
no las contarás  
por lo que retienes  
sino por lo que sueltas,  
por lo que pierdes,  
por lo que cae de  
tus manos abiertas.

—Jan Richardson

*Morning, Church!*

A growing number of people today want the *most* by putting in the *least* amount of effort. We've become a people of false necessities, conveniences and comforts.

This is not the way of discipleship, which costs us, stretches us, and continues to form us in the image and likeness of Christ.

Jesus is clear about the cost of discipleship, which will be punctuated with long and short-term suffering, and eventually it means total surrender to God's will.

Today's Word is not about The Convenient or The Comfortable. It's about the sacrifices demanded of those who truly believe in Jesus.

When Jesus talks about losing one's life to find life in him, it's not a one-and-done experience.

Every day you are called to surrender your life to him, to sacrifice The Unnecessaries, The Conveniences, and The Comforts, in order to serve others in his name.

Whoever and whatever stands between you and your surrender to Christ must be sacrificed to The One who sacrificed himself on The Cross.

To take up one's cross is a profound act  
of faith and courage.

There is nothing, nothing convenient  
or comfortable about The Cross.

The decision is yours.  
Either you're all in or you're not.





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


***Blessing in the Shape of a Cross***

Press this blessing  
into your palms—  
right, left—  
and you will see  
how it leaves its mark,  
how it imprints itself  
into your skin,  
how the lines of it  
meet  
and cross  
as if signaling you  
to the treasure  
that has been in  
your grasp  
all along.

Except that these riches  
you will count  
not by what you hold  
but by what you release,  
by what you lose,  
by what falls from  
your open hands.

—Jan Richardson

JUNE	
28	13th Sun OT
30	Communion Service, 12:15p; OCIA, 6:30p
JULY	
01	Choir, 7p
02	Formation & Information Acolytes 10:30a church
04	Pray for a United States of America
05	14th Sunday OT
07	Communion Service, 12:15p
	08 Choir, 7p
12	15th Sunday OT
	13 Ladies Guild, 5p
14	Communion Service, 12:15p
	15 Choir, 7p
	16 Wise Ones, TBA
	18 Men's Breakfast, Cracker Barrel, 8:30a
19	16th Sunday OT
	20 Give Blood, EV Baptist Ch 1:30-6:00p
	21 Communion Service, 12:15p OCIA, 6:30p
	22 Choir, 7p
25	YARD SALE 
26	17th Sunday OT
28	Communion Service, 12:15p
	29 Choir, 7p

🌿 Mass Intentions	
28	St. Stephen Parishioners
05	+Roxanne Arrowood
12	+Judy tymko
19	+Elizabeth & Joseph Dittrich r/b Donna Stvartak
26	+Michael J. Hicks r/b Anthony Caracciolo

### Birthdays & Anniversaries



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|---------------------------|-----------------------------------|
| 28 Fernanda Carmona       | 30 Aileen Cahill, Susana Martinez |
| 04 Michael Kelly          | 21 Roseamelia Kelly               |
| S. Janis McQuade, SSJ     | 22 Barbara DeJohn                 |
| David Serafin             | 24 Kevin Robinson                 |
| 06 Bryan Wagoner          | 26 Frank Simon                    |
| 08 Isidro Rodriguez       | 27 Abigail Mariano                |
| 11 Julia Mantero          | 29 Julian Espino                  |
| 12 Ofelia Nava            | 31 Lauren Peruzzo                 |
| 14 Dianne & Andy Crawford | 27 Jacquie & John Darcey          |
| 22 Ashley & Aymes Davis   | 29 Christine & Bryan Whitler      |



**S. Catherine Corrigan, S.S.J.**

Given by God February 17, 1936  
 Given to God June 25, 2026  
 in her 72<sup>nd</sup> year in community



*St. Stephen Yard Sale ~ July 24-25*  
*Donate items beginning July 6*  
*Great time to clean out unused*  
*item that are in good condition.*  
*Our Ladies Guild host our Yard Sale.*  
*It benefits our parish's*  
*charitable work and ministries..*



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**PARISH YARD SALE ~ JULY 24 - 25 @ 8:00a**  
**VENTA DE GARAJE PARROQUIA - 24-25 JULIO @ 8:00a**

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**Donations accepted:**  
Monday, Wednesday, & Friday  
9:30-10:30a  
or  
Immediately after Mass  
July 6, 13, 20

**Se aceptan donaciones:**  
Lunes, miércoles y viernes  
9:30-10:30 a. m.  
o  
Inmediatamente después de la misa  
6, 13 y 20 de julio

**Donations do not included:**

Clothing	Books without covers
Cribs or baby equipment	Large / CRT TVs
Large appliances	Building supplies
Opened paint cans	Broken or dirty items
Unframed glass	

**Las donaciones no incluyen:**

Ropa	Libros sin tapas
Cunas o artículos para bebés	Televisores grandes/CRT
Electrodomésticos grandes	Materiales de construcción
Latas de pintura abiertas	Artículos rotos o sucios
Vidrios sin marco	

# Priorities

In today's Gospel reading Jesus says that if we love **GOOD MORNING**, anyone more that we love Him we are not worthy of Him. What He means is that we need to keep God first in our lives. The two great commandments He gave us are 'Love the Lord your God with all your heart and mind and strength' and 'Love your neighbour as yourself.'



**Put God first in your life. Talk with God every day. Let God know how grateful you are for all that you have and all that you can do. Go to Mass, receive Holy Communion, Go to Reconciliation and celebrate God's merciful forgiveness.**

**AFTER MASS  
WE CAN VISIT  
GRANDMA.**



**I'D LIKE TO PLAY  
BUT I HAVE TO  
LOOK AFTER MY  
BABY BROTHER.**



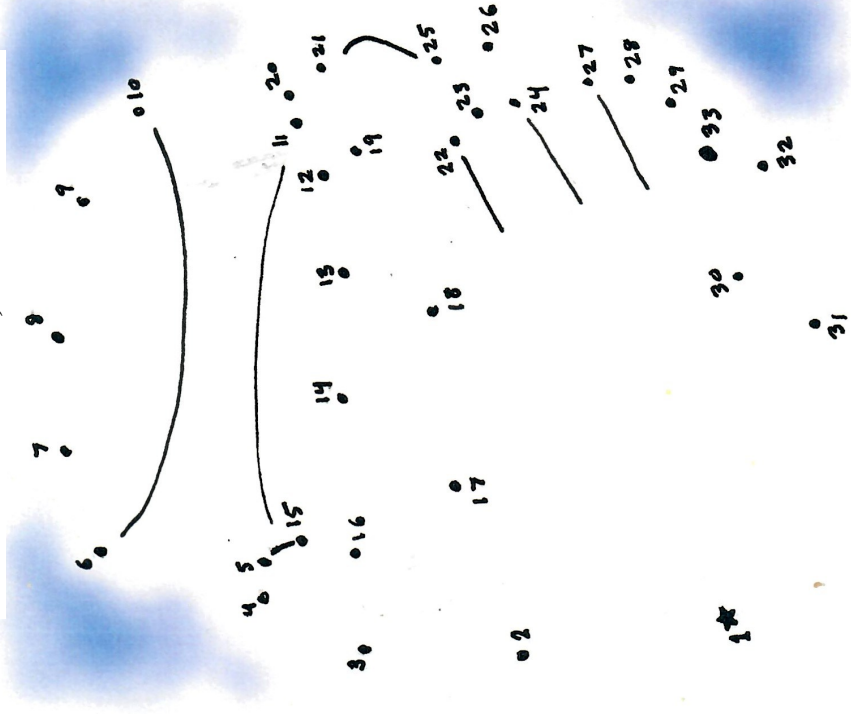
What is the most important thing for you to do today? How can you put God first every day this week?

Answers to Crossword: ACROSS: 4 little, 5 prophet, 6 to, 8 reward, 10 say, 11 cup, 12 cross, 14 me, 16 loves, 17 mother. DOWN: 1 righteous, 2 sent, 3 worthy, 7 lose, 9 receive, 13 sake 15 him

# The Kids' Bulletin

13th Sunday in Ordinary Time

June 28, 2026



**In today's Gospel reading Jesus says that if you give one of these to a little one because they are His disciple you will be rewarded. What is it? Connect the dots to find out!**

# SAINT GREGORIO GRASSI

JULY 8

GREGORIO GRASSI WAS BORN IN ITALY IN 1833. WHEN HE WAS FIFTEEN HE JOINED THE FRANCISCANS. HE STUDIED IN THE SEMINARY AND BECAME A PRIEST.



Is this what God is calling you to?

AFTER HE WAS ORDAINED HE WAS SENT TO ROME FOR TRAINING.



FATHER GREGORIO WAS THEN SENT TO CHINA AS A MISSIONARY.



IN TAIYUAN HE WAS PUT IN CHARGE OF THE ORPHANAGE AND THE CHOIR.



Spectus! Spectus!

LATER HE WAS MADE BISHOP OF NORTH SHANXI.



Welcome, your Excellency!

HERE HE CARED FOR THOSE SICK FROM PLAGUE AND FAMINE, AND HE STARTED A FRANCISCAN HOUSE.



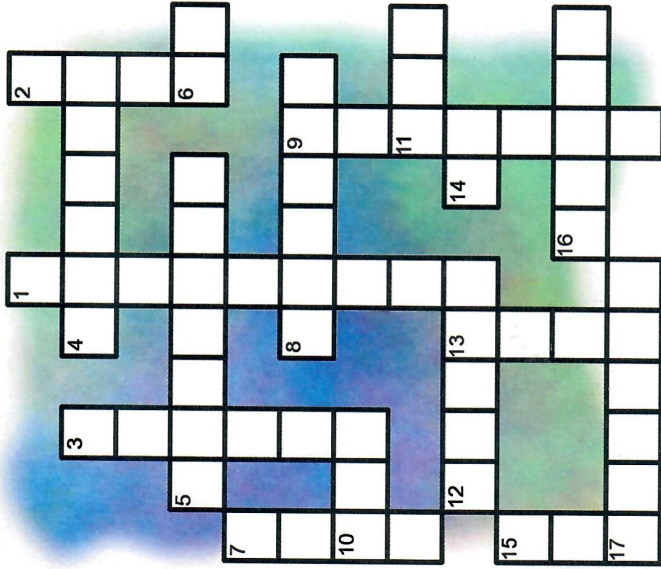
Franciscan House

IN 1900 THERE WAS A REBELLION IN CHINA AGAINST THE EUROPEANS WHO LIVED THERE, AND BISHOP GREGORIO AND MANY OTHER CATHOLICS WERE KILLED.



WHEN THE REBELLION STARTED BISHOP GREGORIO WAS WARNED TO LEAVE CHINA, BUT HE HAD LONG DESIRED TO DIE AS A MARTYR FOR CHRIST. HE CHOSE TO KEEP HELPING THE POOR AND SICK AND TO GIVE HIS LIFE FOR JESUS AND HIS CHURCH. WOULD YOU BE BRAVE ENOUGH TO DO THAT?

# A Gospel Crossword



Fill in the missing words in today's Gospel reading to find the answers to this crossword!

A=Across  
D=Down

He who loves father or \_\_\_\_\_ (17A)  
more than me is not worthy of me; and he who \_\_\_\_\_ (16A)  
son or daughter

more than me is not worthy of me; and he who does not take his \_\_\_\_\_ (12A) and follow me is not \_\_\_\_\_ (3D) of me. He who finds his life will \_\_\_\_\_ (7D) it, and he who loses his life for my \_\_\_\_\_ (13D) will find it. "He who receives you receives \_\_\_\_\_ (14A), and he who receives me receives \_\_\_\_\_ (15D) who \_\_\_\_\_ (2D) me. He who receives a prophet because he is a \_\_\_\_\_ (5A) shall \_\_\_\_\_ (9D) a prophet's reward, and he who receives a \_\_\_\_\_ (1D) man because he is a righteous man shall receive a righteous man's \_\_\_\_\_ (8A). And whoever gives \_\_\_\_\_ (6A) one of these \_\_\_\_\_ (4A) ones even a \_\_\_\_\_ (11A) of cold water because he is a disciple, truly, I \_\_\_\_\_ (10A) to you, he shall not lose his reward."