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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

Twenty-second Sunday in Ordinary Time
September 3, 2023



A Christmas Story: The Musical

December 10th, 2023 @ 3pm
Yadkin Arts Council Arts Center
Yadkinville

Cost is \$24 Adults + children
Show Only No Meal Serve

Tickets must be purchased by:
September 24 Sign up at church
or contact

Julie Colglazier (336) 353-822

The venue is small, so first come, first serve

Ticket prices include **all taxes & fees**

Tickets are **non-refundable**

Seating is **general admission**

Available upon request **ADA accessible seats**

Sunday, September 17
5:00 PM

**You are invited to a FREE
CommUNITY Cookout**

Held at Elkin Presbyterian Church
151 Hillcrest Drive
Elkin NC

Hosted by Connections, a group of local
clergy who seek to dismantle racism
one relationship at a time

Please RSVP to your home church
or to Elkin Presbyterian at
336-835-4545
no later than September 13



Our Lady of Protection
Ukrainian Madonna

FEBRUARY 24, 2022
18 months

Ukrainian Catholics dedicate their country to *Our Lady of Protection*, interceding to Mary to wrap their country with her mantle of loving protection.

With the fast pace of communications these days, it's easy to become overwhelmed and wearied by the barrage of news.
As Catholic Christians, you realized you are intimately tethered to every Dear Neighbor locally and globally.
When you're feeling overwhelmed and weary, think of and pray for your Ukrainian sisters and brothers who are overwhelmed and wearied by the barrage
~ not of news ~
but by daily bombings, death, family separation, and the other forms of collateral damage of war since February 24, 2022.

Our Lady of Protection, pray for us!

As of June 24, 2023
U.S. Mass Shootings
323
Gun-related deaths
20,561



**WHEN IS ENOUGH,
ENOUGH?**



Tri-C Almsgiving
Thank you so much !!

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Sm. bottles of shampoo



Morning Church!

The Cross is an epic confrontation. There is no avoiding the confrontation of its suffering. Our sisters and brothers in Ukraine and Maui understand the epic confrontation of The Cross. They cannot avoid it. It the hardest of all hard graces to accept. IF you desire to be true disciples of Christ, you know The Cross is your only Way, your only Truth, and your only Life. That's a big "if", isn't it?!

You can sympathize with Peter's response today and, like him, want to avoid The Cross and any suffering. Consider how quickly you avoid minor inconveniences! Yet, your avoidance doesn't make The Cross go away. Like Peter, you can proudly proclaim Christ as *Son of the Living God*. Moments later, just like Peter, you can become a *Stumbling Block* for Christ. Peter, on whose faith Christ would build the Church, shows how "iffy" his faith is once Christ forecasts his deadly fate in Jerusalem.

The suffering of The Cross provokes the reality of your mortality, frailty, and brokenness. Suffering offers the painful awareness of how much you need God's grace. "Losing" your life, and taking up your cross each day, confronts all that is old, stale, or starved in your spirit.

The Cross relentlessly demands that you surrender
all that compromises your journey to eternal life.

IF you embrace The Cross, it will transform your mind and heart
in *Christ's Way* of thinking and acting. The Cross' stinging, suffering presence
is Christ's ongoing invitation to *conversion*.

As you follow Christ in your unavoidable journey to Calvary, self-denial is The Way to Conversion.
Your yes to Christ transforms your *Iffyness* in grace. You will *lose your life* for all the right reasons.

As each *if* is graced into a faithfilled *yes*,
your mind and heart are freed to embrace Christ and The Cross.

Each day Jesus asks you to surrender to him and to refuse
to forfeit everything that is your Stumbling Block to him.
In faith and trust, deny your IFFyness, pray to make of your life
"*a living sacrifice...that is good and pleasing and perfect.*"









God's blessings,

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 HEARTwork ~ Reflecting and Acting on The Word

*In light of your mortality, reflect on your faithjourney so far.
How do you respond to minor inconveniences or difficult suffering?
What grace do you desire to embrace your Cross?*

Readings <https://bible.usccb.org/>

S E P T E M B E R	
02	Parents' Baptism Prep Session, St. J, 9a
03	22nd Sun OT
05	Communion Service, 12:15p
10	23rd Sun OT
 11	Ladies Guild, 5p
 12	Communion Service, 12:15p
 14	Wise Ones, TBA, 1p
 16	Men's Breakfast, TBA, 8:30a
17	24th Sun OT
 18	Give Blood, Elkin Rescue Squad, 1:30-6:00p
19	Communion Service, 12:15p
 20	RCIA, 6:45p
 24	25th Sun OT Family Faith Formation Initial Gathering, after Mass
26	Communion Service, 12:15p
 27	RCIA, 6:45p

☪ Mass Intentions	
27	Sister Donna Loeper, SSJ Sister Jackie Griffith, ssj
03	+Ellyn M. Garwood +Linda M. Gentili +Kathleen A. Hyer
10	+Sister Flossie MacAvoy, SSJ +Sister Eileen Zabawa, SSJ

Birthdays & Anniversaries

04 Saloman Mata		15 Ozzie Martinez, Jr.
04 Rosa Islas Clare St. Cyr		18 Erci Garcia
05 Bryan Wagoner		19 Andrea Faw
10 Sonia DeJesus		25 Theresa Martin
13 Ericka Ramirez		27 Sergio Hernandez
15 Peggy Reikowsky		28 Britney Crispin
		29 Minnie Espino
07 Thi & Thaoh Nguyen Barb & Bob DeJohn		19 Ericka & Ruben Ramirez
11 Cecilia & Richard Jones		23 Marie & Jose Ledesma
16 Claire & James St. Cyr		29 Julia & Diego Carreon



The cross is the holy sign of God's Love and a sign of Jesus' sacrifice, and is not to be reduced to a superstitious object or an ornamental necklace...as a result, if we want to be Christ's disciples, we are called to imitate him, expending our life unreservedly out of love of God and neighbor.



Yearning for a new way will not produce it.

Only ending the old way can do that.

You cannot hold onto the old,

all the while declaring

that you want something new.

The old will defy the new.

The old will deny the new.

The old will decry the new.

There is only one way to bring in the new.

You must make room for it.

~ND. Walsch

ADULT SACRAMENTS

First Communion and Confirmation

If you would like to be prepared for First Communion or Confirmation, contact S. Janis.

Sacrament of Matrimony

If you were married civilly and would like to have your marriage blessed in the Church, contact S. Janis or Fr. John. We will *gladly* assist you.

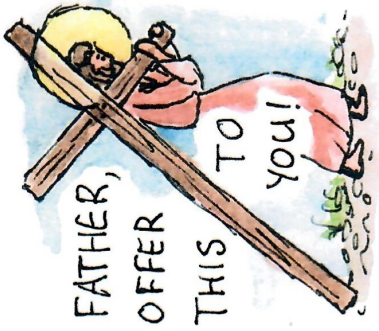
Anointing of the Sick

If you encounter an anticipated or unanticipated stay in the hospital, please have a family member, contact

S. Janis (336) 835-4542

Fr. John (704) 763-2475

If you want to be my disciple...



What would you think if your best friend told you that you would have to die if you wanted to stay friends? In today's Gospel reading Jesus told the Apostles that if they wanted to be like Him they would have to take up their crosses and follow Him.

Jesus was teaching them that this world is only a preparation for Heaven. If we make sacrifices for love of God then we will be ready for Heaven. Jesus opened the gates of Heaven to us by dying out of love for God the Father and for us. We get little crosses every day when things make us unhappy. If we offer them to God with love, they are like dying a little bit, and they prepare us for Heaven.



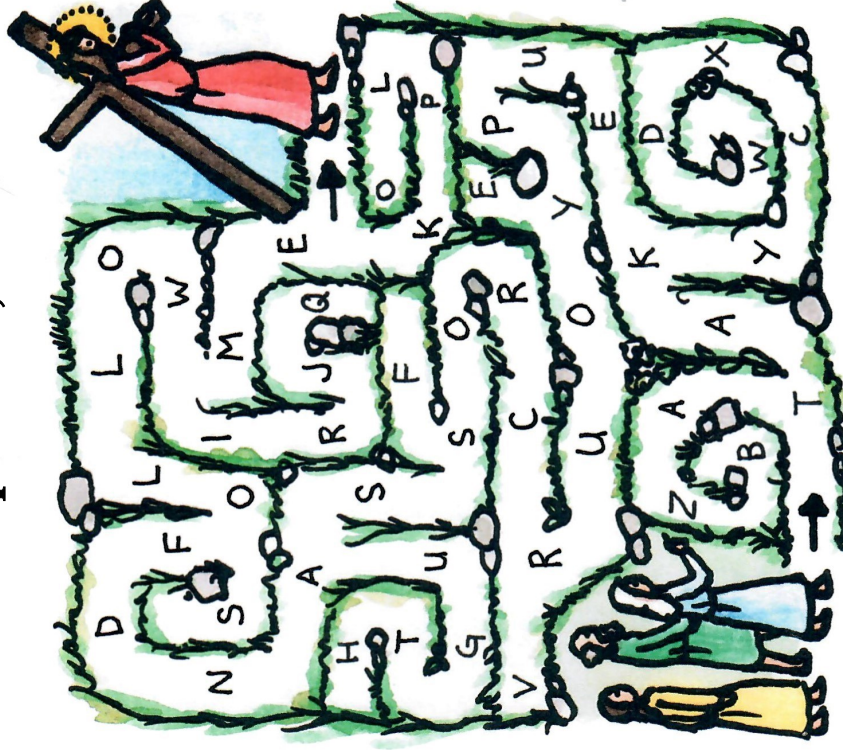
Sometimes we think that we need nice things or to be with fun people if we want to be happy. It's easy to forget that we will never be completely happy here. Next time you feel unhappy, remember that it's a cross that can help you get to Heaven!



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The Kids' Bulletin

22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time
September 3, 2023



What did Jesus say that the people would have to do to be His disciples? Find your way through the maze and then use the letters from that path to fill in the blanks.

Saint Rose of Viterbo

September 4

ROSE WAS BORN TO A POOR FAMILY IN VITERBO, ITALY, IN 1233. SHE WAS TAUGHT THE FAITH AND LOVED GOD FROM A VERY YOUNG AGE.



See Jesus dying on the cross for us!

WHEN SHE WAS THREE HER AUNT DIED, BUT SHE CAME BACK TO LIFE WITH ROSE'S PRAYERS!



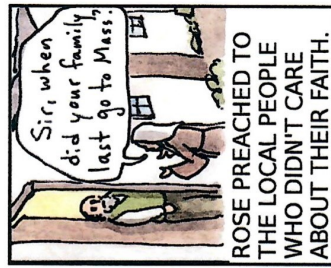
Dear Jesus, please have mercy on my poor aunt!

AT THE AGE OF TEN SHE BECAME A THIRD-ORDER FRANCISCAN.



What a joy to be able to live a life of poverty like St. Clare and St. Francis!

Sir, when did your family last go to Mass?

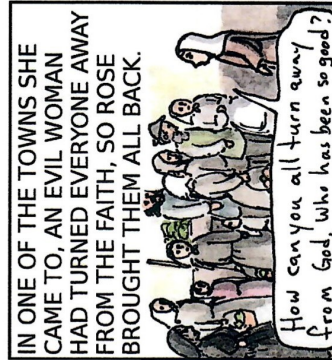


ROSE PREACHED TO THE LOCAL PEOPLE WHO DIDN'T CARE ABOUT THEIR FAITH.

BECAUSE SHE STOOD UP FOR THE POPE HER FAMILY WAS KICKED OUT OF TOWN BY THE GOVERNOR.



IN ONE OF THE TOWNS SHE CAME TO, AN EVIL WOMAN HAD TURNED EVERYONE AWAY FROM THE FAITH, SO ROSE BROUGHT THEM ALL BACK.



How can you all turn away from God, who has been so good?

ROSE TRIED TO BECOME A NUN BUT WASN'T ALLOWED IN BECAUSE SHE HAD NO DOWRY. SHE ENDED UP LIVING THE REST OF HER SHORT LIFE IN A CELL AT HER PARENTS' HOME.



I will serve God happily in here, then!

ROSE DIED WHEN SHE WAS ONLY 18. SHE HAD SPENT HER LIFE PRAYING, SACRIFICING AND PREACHING TO BRING SINNERS BACK TO GOD. ONCE THE SUFFERING JESUS HAD APPEARED TO HER, AND SHE RESOLVED TO TRY TO MAKE UP FOR THE SINS THAT HURT HIM. WHAT WILL YOU DO FOR JESUS TODAY?

"Take up Your Cross" Match-up

Jesus began to tell the disciples that He would have to suffer and be killed. How did the disciples react? What did Jesus say then?

Connect the phrases on the left with the ones that follow on the right.

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| 1. Peter said, †
"God forbid, Lord! | A. will find it. |
| 2. Jesus said, †
"Get behind me, †
Satan! | B. must deny himself,
take up his cross
and follow me." |
| 3. You are not †
thinking as God does | C. You are an
obstacle to me. |
| 4. Whoever wishes †
to come after me | D. No such thing shall
ever happen to You! |
| 5. Whoever wishes †
to save his life | E. but as human
beings do." |
| 6. and whoever loses †
his life for my sake | F. for one to gain the
whole world and
forfeit his life? |
| 7. For what profit †
would there be | G. will lose it |