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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*

***Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time***  
***January 29, 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.**

# STRETCH YOUR



## Morning Church!

Sixty-two years ago this month, JFK delivered his Inaugural Address. Historians rank it as one of the best ever. First, JFK hoped his speech would inspire Americans to become fully invested in his vision. Then, Kennedy reminded the global community that personal sacrifice and commitment would be required of every citizen as the Cold War intensified and the emergent Nuclear Age would challenge international peace and stability.

*"...we shall pay any price, bear any burden, meet any hardship, support any friend, oppose any foe to assure the survival and success of liberty."*

*"Ask not what your country can do for you.  
Ask what you can do for your country."*

The Sermon on the Mount is Jesus' Inaugural Address. He taught a diverse crowd that covered a vast spectrum of humanity: Gentiles and Jews, religious, non-religious folk, and those rejected by the so called righteous ~ the sinners, prostitutes, tax collectors, and those who are poor. The Sermon on the Mount is Christ's vision for all who strive to follow him.

The Beatitudes are Divine Reversals, gospel values that are the exact opposite of what the culture prizes. No one strives to be poor in spirit, mournful, lowly, vulnerable, hungry, or thirsty. No one desires to be persecuted, judged, slandered or insulted. This goes against every fiber of personal pride and self-aggrandizement.

The Beatitude are the utmost expression of the Divine Reversal. In living a Beatitude life, you become a visible expression of who God is and what God honors and graces.

The crowd who followed Jesus to The Plain, yearned from the encouragement of those who truly understood their suffering and lived experience. They felt blest in Christ's Beatitudes mirroring their struggles and reminding them of God's saving presence.

*Blest are those who ought to have no reason why they are blest!  
I am always with you ~ in all you experience on your faith journey.*

The Beatitudes are our blessedness ~ despite what the world says. Striving to live the Beatitudes will stretch your heart to live *beyond* the narrowness of the 10 Commandments. Christ's new, life-giving teaching challenges believers to rely and completely trust God. Reflect on this adaptation:

*Will you pay any price, bear any burden, meet any hardship, support any friend,  
oppose any foe to assure the gospel is proclaimed wherever your feet are?  
Ask not what Christ can do for you. Ask what you can do for Christ.*

God's blessings,,

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## Reflecting and Acting on The Word

### Reflect:

Which Beatitude grabs your attention, comforts you, challenges you?  
Which Beatitude are you drawn to and which do you avoid?

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

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J A N U A R Y	
 29	4th Sun OT FFF 10:30-11:45a
30	St. Stephen Church Dedication Jan. 30, 1956
31	Communion Service, 12:15p
F E B R U A R Y	
01	RCIA, 6:30p
03	Clergy Connections, 5:30p
 05	5th Sun OT FFFormation after Mass SSJ Cybersisters Zoom, 6:30-8:30
07	Communion Service, 12:15p
08	RCIA, 6:30p
09	RCIA, 5:30p
11	SOUP-ER SATURDAY Soup Off, 5:30p
 12	6th Sun OT <b>WE BELIEVE in MARRIAGE DAY</b> <b>Married couples' vow renewal</b> FFFormation after Mass
13	SSJA/CGG, 10:00a-2:00p
14	St. Valentine's Day Communion Service, 12:15p
15	RCIA, 6:30P
16	Wise Ones, TBA, 1:00p 
18	SEPI Workshop for Hispanic Leadership St. John Ch., N. Wilkesboro Men's Breakfast, Cracker Barrel, 8:30a 
 19	7th Sun OT FFFormation, after Mass
21	Ministerial Association, 12N, HCMH
22	Service of Ashes, 12:15p & 6:45p
24	Stations of the Cross, 6:30p
26	1st Sun Lent FFFormation after Mass 



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 are invited to the tasting!  
**M'm! M'm! Good!**

☞ Mass Intentions	
29	+John Cahill, +Denis Cahill, Wm. & +Margaret Hannan, +John & Elizabeth Cahill, +Pauline Hannan, +Kathleen Elbi, +Jane Hardiman, +Mark Palus
F E B R U A R Y	
05	+Carol & Charles McQuade; Noreen O'Neill

### Parish Celebrations

30 Marta Lopez

31 Dolores Spicer

01 Jusselly Gonzalez

22 Natasha Velez

02 Julie Cortez

23 Gabby LaCashio

Marbel Garcia

Margarita Serafin Lara

Jovanny Lopez

24 Andrew Ange

03 Ayda Lopez Chanes

Laura Barrientos

11 Bob Horneck

Aaron Kelly

13 Luis Martinez

Allan Lara

14 Karen Gochnauer

Marcus Orta

16 Julian Cortez

25 Ray Hernandez

19 Ryan Treannie

27 Catalina Hernandez

22 Julie Colglazier

28 June Soots

Wendy McClamrock



14 Lana & Bob Horneck

17 Catalina & Sergio Hernandez

27 June & Billy Soots



### St. Stephen Inclement Weather Policy

Sunday Mass &

Family Faith Formation

WATCH

WXII TV (12) or FOX TV (8)

for the scroll of closings.

### Almsgiving/Service Opportunities

### Feed the Elderly (every 6 wks)

Contact Gail (336) 835-2633

### Tri-County Christian Ministries

Call Tri-C (336) 526-1089

*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  
or ill.  
It is not for me  
to reckon  
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!**

**ENOUGH**

**GUN VIOLENCE  
& MASS  
SHOOTINGS  
IN THE U.S.**

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**

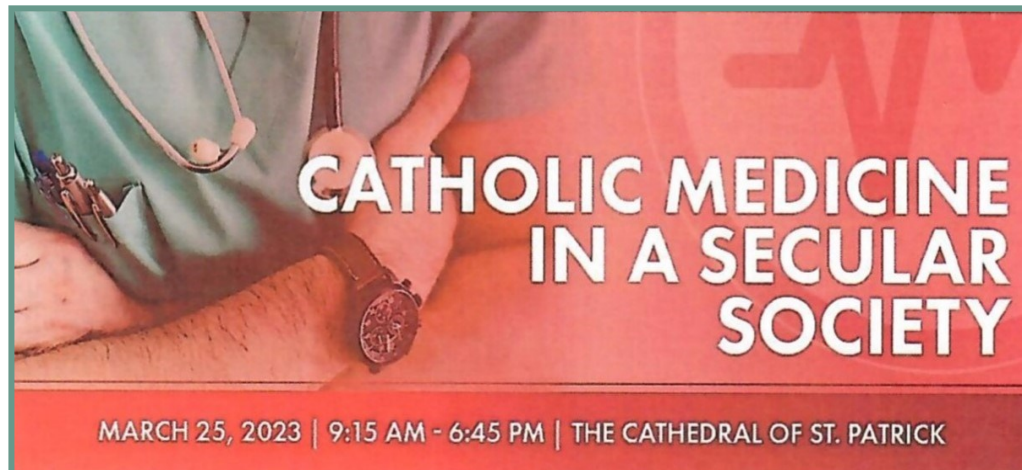
**St. Stephen  
Monthly Donation  
JANUARY  
Any non-perishable  
Toiletries  
Dish or laundry soaps  
until we get our list**





CONVERGING ROADS™  
CHARLOTTE, NC | MARCH 25, 2022

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### *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 experts either in person or online  
to discuss topics rooted**

**in the Catholic and Hippocratic ethical tradition.**

**For more information or to register,**

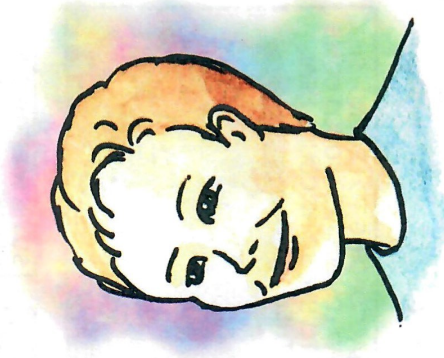
**Visit: <https://bit.ly/cr23-cnc>**

# How to be Happy!

*In today's Gospel Jesus teaches the eight beatitudes.  
Beatitude means happiness.*

*Here are some ideas on how to live the beatitudes:*

1. Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. If you share your nice things and don't let your stuff be the most important thing in your life then you will be happy.
2. Blessed are they who mourn, for they will be comforted. If you are sad now, remember that in Heaven there will be no more suffering.
3. Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the land. Don't be selfish or pushy about things. God will make sure you get everything you need!
4. Blessed are they who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be satisfied. If you try to do what is right then God will make the right things happen.
5. Blessed are the merciful, for they will be shown mercy. If you forgive other people when they hurt you, then God will forgive you when you are sorry for your sins against God.
6. Blessed are the clean of heart, for they will see God. If God is the center of your life, then your heart is pure and ready to see God in Heaven when you die.
7. Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God. God loves peace, and loves it when we try to avoid getting into fights.
8. Blessed are they who are persecuted for the sake of righteousness, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. If you suffer for the truth, God will give you a joyful reward!

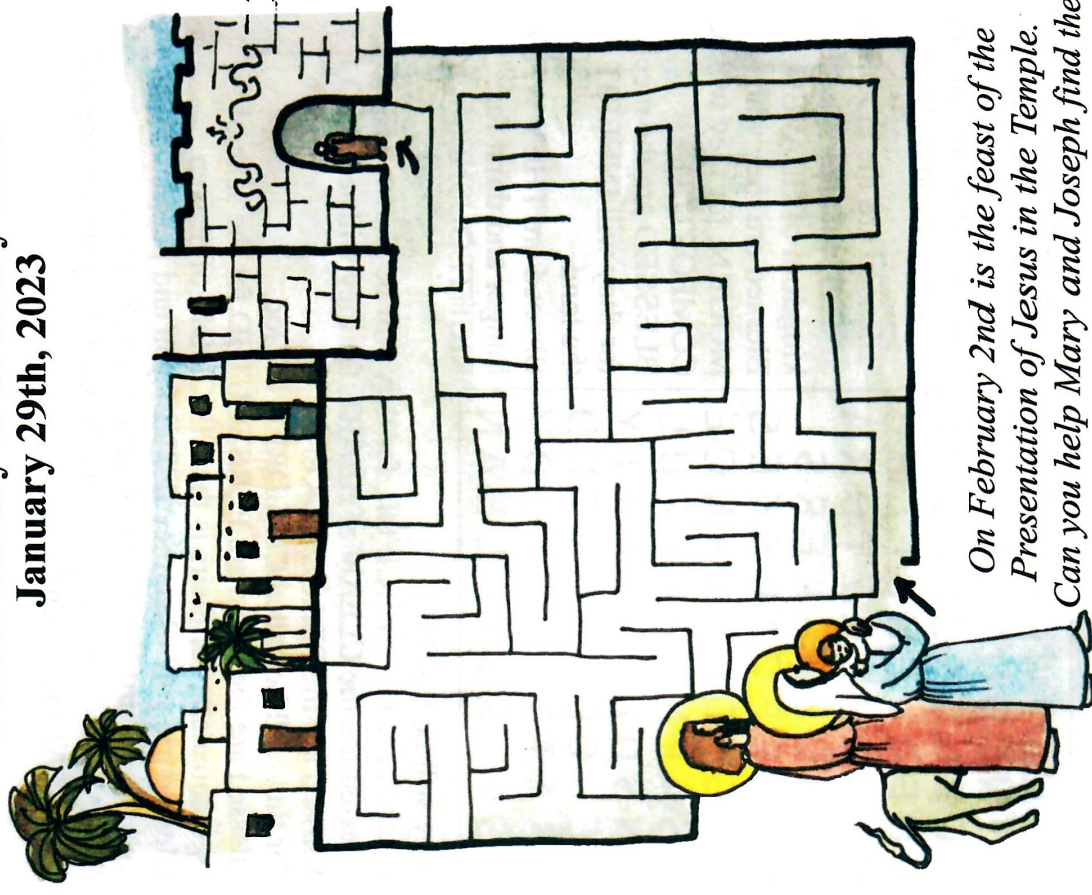


Answer to Beatitudes Word Find: Will be happy

[www.thekidsbulletin.wordpress.com](http://www.thekidsbulletin.wordpress.com)

# The Kids' Bulletin

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January 29th, 2023

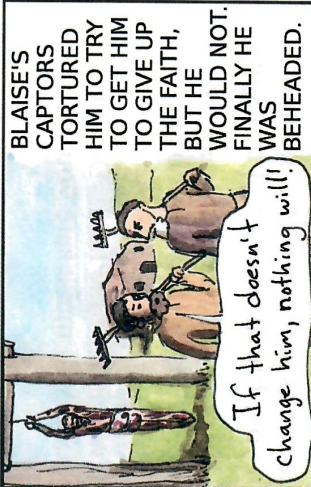
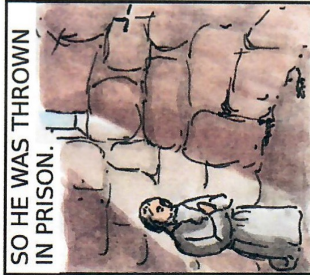


*On February 2nd is the feast of the  
Presentation of Jesus in the Temple.  
Can you help Mary and Joseph find the  
way through Jerusalem to present  
Baby Jesus in the Temple?*



# SAINT BLAISE

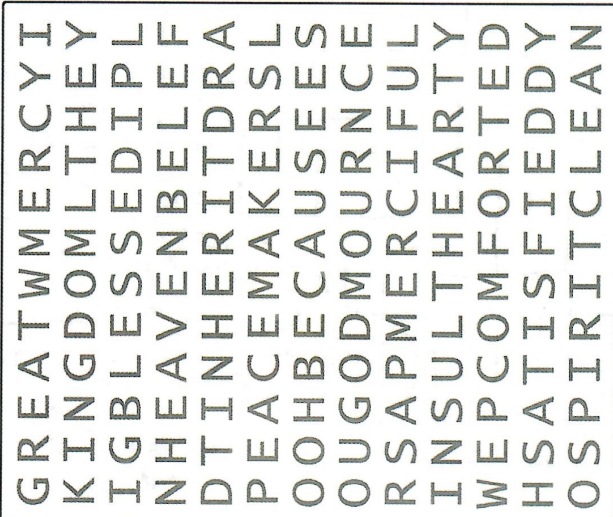
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SAINT BLAISE IS THE PATRON SAINT OF PEOPLE WITH THROAT PROBLEMS, SO YOU CAN PRAY TO HIM IF YOU GET A SORE THROAT. SAINT BLAISE TEACHES US TO BE KIND TO WILD ANIMALS, BUT MORE IMPORTANTLY HE TEACHES US TO NEVER GIVE UP OUR FAITH IN GOD, EVEN UNDER TORTURE.

# Beatitudes Word Find

Find the words in CAPITALS from today's Gospel reading in the puzzle and use the leftover letters to fill in the blanks.



"Blessed are the POOR in SPIRIT, for theirs is the kingdom of HEAVEN.  
Blessed are they who MOURN, for they will be COMFORTED.  
BLESSED are the meek, for they will INHERIT the land.  
Blessed are THEY WHO hunger and thirst for RIGHTEOUSNESS, for

they will be SATISFIED.

Blessed are the MERCIFUL, for they will be shown MERCY.

Blessed are the CLEAN of HEART, for they will see GOD.

Blessed are the PEACEMAKERS,

for they will be called CHILDREN of God.

Blessed are they who are PERSECUTED for the sake of

righteousness, for theirs is the KINGDOM of heaven.

Blessed are you when they INSULT you and persecute you

and utter every KIND of evil against you FALSELY

BECAUSE of me. Rejoice and be glad, for your reward will be GREAT in heaven."

If you be like Jesus, you

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