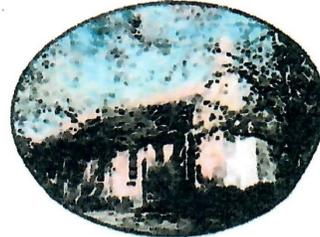




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**Theresa Martin** Music

**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*

**Sundays in Ordinary Time 23~26**  
**September 7 ~ 28, 2025**

## Gratitude for your Stewardship: Time, Talent, and Treasure

Thank you to Sergio Loyola (Gabriel's dad) for painting the exterior church door framework; to Andy Crawford for his invaluable tech support; Jerry Schaufenbuel for coordinating our monthly Wise Ones luncheons; to Aileen Cahill for the altar plants in honor of Doris Watson; to our ladies who clean our worship space and those who prepare our altar linens; to all who visit or reach out to our homebound or hospitalized; to our Ladies Guild who clean the church, send cards to our young adults who are in the military or away at college, as well as our homebound.

Gracias a Sergio Loyola (padre de Gabriel) por pintar el marco de la puerta exterior de la iglesia; a Andy Crawford por su invaluable soporte técnico; a Jerry Schaufenbuel por coordinar nuestros almuerzos mensuales de los Sabios; a Aileen Cahill por las plantas del altar en honor a Doris Watson; a nuestras damas que limpian nuestro espacio de culto y preparan los manteles del altar; a todos los que visitan o ayudan a nuestros confinados en casa u hospitalizados; a nuestro Gremio de Damas que limpiar la iglesia, envían tarjetas a nuestros jóvenes adultos que están en el ejército o en la universidad, así como a nuestros confinados en casa.

## Being Catholic Genuflection or Bowing

With reverence for the Eucharist and the Altar,  
we genuflect or bow whenever we walk across the sanctuary.  
What's the origin of the act of reverence and respect?

In the times of kings and kingdoms, when you came into the presence of royalty you were expected to curtsy or bow. This act of respect and honor given to humans prompted Christians to include this as a prayerful gesture before getting into their pews, or when as they walked across the sanctuary. They believed Christ Our King, reserved in the tabernacle for the homebound our hospitalized, merits our profound reverence and respect, more than any human king or queen.

## Wedding Rings

The Catholic Christian community created sacramental actions or customs from other cultural customs, like wearing a wedding ring. Wearing a wedding ring goes all the way back to the Egyptians when rings made of reeds were wore by each spouse as a "ring of love", a sign of eternal love. this custom, adapted in other cultures took on new meaning when the Roman emperor had his soldiers wear them as a sign of loyalty to him alone.

**May the Word of God, rich as it is, dwell in you.**

~ Colossians 3:1 6

**2025 Family Faith Formation  
Registration ~ August, 2025**  
Go to our website: [www.StStephenNC.org](http://www.StStephenNC.org)

Scroll down to the pink circle  
with the box of colorful children's hands  
Click on the hands  
and begin registration.

**Family Faith Formation Gathering  
Sunday, September 21st, after Mass.**

**Thank you.**



**Formación Familiar en la Fe 2025  
Inscripción ~ Agosto de 2025**  
Visite nuestro sitio web: [www.StStephenNC.org](http://www.StStephenNC.org)

Desplácese hacia abajo hasta el círculo rosa  
con el recuadro de manos de niños de colores.

Haga clic en las manos  
y comience la inscripción.

**Encuentro Familiar de Formación en la Fe  
Domingo, 21 de septiembre, después de la misa.**

**Gracias.**

**Dar: compartir tiempo, talento y tesoro***¡Buenos días, Iglesia!*

Durante septiembre, dedique tiempo a reflexionar sobre las Escrituras dominicales a la luz de compartir su tiempo, talento y tesoro.

*El la Uno, somos una, en ComUNIDAD,*

Enlace a las Escrituras dominicales: <https://bible.usccb.org/es>

**7 de septiembre ~ 23rd Domingo del Tiempo Ordinario**

El amor requiere sacrificio. El sacrificio es un don o acto gratuito realizado por amor.

- ☪ ¿Qué sacrificios has hecho en el pasado que han profundizado tu fe?
- ☪ ¿Qué sacrificios se te exigen ahora al compartir tu fe?

**14 de septiembre ~ Fiesta: Exaltación de la Santa Cruz**

En cada iglesia católica hay un crucifijo que recuerda el sacrificio de Cristo por nosotros.

- ☪ ¿Qué símbolos modernos tienen un significado especial para ti?
- ☪ ¿Qué aspectos de la cruz tienen un significado especial para ti?
- ☪ Dios desea plenitud para el mundo. ¿Cómo afecta esto tus planes para el día?
- ☪ ¿Y para la semana?

**21 de septiembre ~ 25<sup>th</sup> Domingo del Tiempo Ordinario**

San Pablo nos anima hoy a no cansarnos ni desanimarnos, sino a perseverar en el seguimiento de Jesús. Nuestra disposición a entregarnos, incluso ante el conflicto y la división, es una forma de medir el discipulado.

- ☪ ¿En tu lista de prioridades, qué lugar ocupa el dinero?
- ☪ ¿Cómo decides por quién o por qué oras cada día?

**28 de septiembre ~ 26th Domingo del Tiempo Ordinario**

Isaías describe a los israelitas llevando su ofrenda al Señor "en vasijas limpias". Mi don personal —mi paciencia, perseverancia y fidelidad a la voluntad de Dios— es tan importante como el dinero que ofrezco.

- ☪ ¿Cuán constante y concienzudo eres en la administración de tu tiempo, talento y recursos?
- ☪ ¿Cómo puedes compartir la comodidad que disfrutas con alguien hoy?
- ☪ ¿Qué es lo que más te apasiona?
- ☪ En la parábola del Evangelio, el hombre rico se negó a preocuparse por Lázaro.
- ☪ ¿Qué te invita Dios a cuidar con respecto a tu tiempo, talento y tesoro?

*Stewardship:  
Sharing Time, Talent, and Treasure*

Morning, Church!

During September, spend time reflecting on the Sunday Scriptures in light of your sharing your time, talent, and treasure.

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

*spanis*

Link to Daily and Sunday Scriptures: <https://bible.usccb.org/daily-bible-reading>

**September 7, 2025 ~ 23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time**

Love requires sacrifice. Sacrifice is a freely given gift or act done out of love.

- ☪ What sacrifices have you made in the past that have deepened your faith?
- What sacrifices in the ways you share your faith are being required of you now?
- What are the conflicts between Christ and our present culture?

**September 14, 2025 ~ Feast: Exaltation of the Holy Cross**

A crucifix hangs in every Catholic Church as a reminder of Christ's sacrifice for us.

- ☪ What modern symbols hold particular meaning for you?
- What aspects of the cross hold special meaning for you?
- God desires wholeness for the world. How does this affect your plans for the day? the week?

**Sept 21, 2025 ~ 25th Sunday in Ordinary Time**

St. Paul encourages us today not to grow weary or lose heart, but to persevere in following Jesus. Our willingness to give of ourselves, even in the face of conflict, and division, is one way to measure discipleship.

- ☪ On your list of priorities, where does money rate?
- How do you determine who/what you pray for each day?

**September 28, 2025 ~ 26th Sunday in Ordinary Time**

Isaiah describes the Israelites bringing their offering to the Lord "in clean vessels." The gift of myself - my own patient endurance and fidelity to the will of God - is as important as the monetary gift I offer.

- ☪ How can you share the comfort you enjoy with someone else today?
- What are you most passionate about?
- In the gospel parable, the rich man refused to care about Lazarus.
- What is God inviting you to care about re: your time, talent and treasure?

AUGUST	
✝ 02	OCIA 1, 6:30p
✝ 03	OCIA 2, 6:30p; Choir, 7p 
📖 04	Being Catholic, 6:30p
07	23rd Sun OT Baptism: Maythe Garcia Alberto 
📖 ✝ 09	Communion Service, 12:15p Being Catholic, 1:00p OCIA 1, 6:30p
✝ 10	OCIA 2, 6:30p; Choir, 7p 
13	60 <sup>th</sup> SSJ Anniversary Gathering
14	Feast: Exaltation of the Holy Cross
🌻 ✝ 15	Ladies Guild Presentation Newell Hauser Maintaining Personal Safety Give blood, Elkin Valley Baptist Ch. 1:30-6:00p
✝ 16	Communion Service, 12:15p OCIA 1, 6:30p
✝ 17	OCIA 2, 6:30p; Choir, 7p 
🦉 18	Wise Ones Luncheon, 1p Theo's; Hosts: Barb & Bob DeJohn SSJ Associates Orientation, 6:30p
🍷 20	Men's Breakfast, 8:30a, Cracker Barrel, J'ville
🌈 21	25th Sun OT Faith Formation ALL parents & children, after Mass
📖 ✝ 23	The Chosen, 10a Communion Service, 12:15p; OCIA 1, 6:30p
✝ 24	OCIA 2, 6:30p; Choir, 7p 
🌈 28	26th Sun OT Faith Formation ALL parents & children, after Mass

### Birthdays & Anniversaries

01 Oscar Hernandez	16 Yareli Nava
03 Salomon Mata	17 Sergio Hernandez
05 Rianna Hernandez	18 Eric Garcia
06 Carlos Trejo	19 Andrea Faw
07 Liam Lopez	22 Aracely Hernandez
10 Sonia DeJesus	25 Theresa Martin
13 Erika Ramirez	29 Minne Espino
15 Peggy Reikowsky	
07 Barb & Bob DeJohn	
23 Maria & Jose Ledesma	
29 Julia & Diego Carreon	

🕊 Mass Intentions	
07	+Ellyn M. Garwood +Rich Falcone +Cecelia Jones r/b Richie Jones
14	+Ty Keller r/b Bob & Barb DeJohn +S. Donna Loeper, SSJ
21	+Matthew Smith Farrell +Al Monteforte
28	+ Patricia DeJohn r/b Bob & Barb DeJohn

### Pope Leo Walking the Word



Migrants and refugees stand as "messengers of hope" in a world darkened by war and injustice. They are "privileged witnesses of hope" because they daily demonstrate resilience and trust in God by their aspiration to find happiness in a better future. I encourage the Church and society to be "brothers and sisters" within a community that transcends nationality, skin color, religion, and other divisions.



**Sunday, September 21**  
Faith Formation Gathering  
ALL parents & children, after Mass

**Domingo, 21 Septiembre**  
Reunión de Formación en la Fe  
Para todos los padres y niños  
después de la Misa



**Sunday, September 28**  
Faith Formation  
ALL parents & children  
after Mass

**Domingo, 28 Septiembre**  
Formación en la Fe  
Para todos los padres y niños  
después de la Misa



# CARLO ACUTIS

## SAINT of the INTERNET

*"My life plan is to always be connected with Jesus."*

*"Eucharist is my highway to heaven."*

~ Carlo Acutis

### Getting to Know Our Newest Catholic Saint

- 🍷 Born in London May 3, 1991; returned to his parents' native Italy where he grew up
- 🍷 Like other teens, Carlo spent his days going to school, playing soccer and video games
- 🍷 He taught himself to computer programming and learned to build his own website
- 🍷 Carlo has earned the name, "Saint of the Internet"
- 🍷 As a young boy, Carlo became very inquisitive about the Catholic Faith; he questioned his parent and caused them to be more reflective about their Catholic Faith.
- 🍷 After receiving his First Communion, he asked his parents to come to church before Mass and to stay afterwards so he could pray before the tabernacle. He prayed the Rosary daily and frequented the Sacrament of Reconciliation often.
- 🍷 By the time he entered high school, Carlo had developed advanced computer skills as a programmer, as well as creating websites and editing what he created ~ like comic books.
- 🍷 By the time he turned 11, he had developed a deep interest in Eucharistic miracles. This led him to research and catalogue them. He asked his parents to take him on pilgrimages so he could visit the sites of the Eucharistic miracles he had researched. His website became a virtual museum for the 136 Eucharistic miracles around the world.
- 🍷 At the age of 15, Carlo was diagnosed with leukemia. The disease progressed quickly. He died in Monza, Italy, October 12, 2006 at the age of 15.
- 🍷 Pope Francis declared him *Blessed* in 2020, saying Carlo shows all of us how we can share our God-given gifts with others and draw them closer to God. Pope Francis had scheduled Carlo's canonization date for April 27, 2025. Pope Francis died April 21, 2025.
- 🍷 Pope Leo announced the new date of Carlo Acutis' canonization: September 7, 2025.

### Path to Sainthood

- 🍷 All of us are called to holiness, to sainthood. This is God's dream for each and all of us. The Church carefully considers those who model the gospel in heroic ways and calls them saints.
- 🍷 The steps of canonization are: Servant of God, Venerable, Blessed, and Saint. In order to be canonized, two miracles, based on the intercession of the person on the path of canonization must be verified by the Church.

### Miracles Attributed through Carlo Acutis' Intercession

- 🍷 Two miracles have been attributed to the intercession of Carlo Acutis: the healing of a young Brazilian boy, Matheus, with a rare pancreatic disorder, and the recovery of a young woman in Costa Rica from a life-threatening brain hemorrhage after a bike accident. These two healings were officially recognized by the Catholic Church, paving the way for his canonization to sainthood.



*Blessings on Pope Leo XIV  
and Bishop Michael, our Shepherds  
Continue to hold them in your prayers.*

**PRAY the ROSARY DAILY**

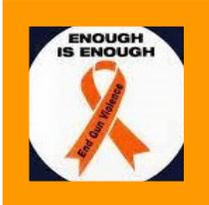
for the people of Ukraine & Russia;  
for Presidents Zelenskyy, Putin & Trump;  
for Abbas & Netanyahu  
for a peaceful and just end  
to these wars, and all wars...

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



<b>Tri-C Almsgiving</b> <i>Thank you so much !!</i>
<b>SEPT</b>
<b>Shampoo</b>

**Remember in prayer  
those families affected  
by the **mass shootings**  
as well as the families  
of the shooters.**



**2025 Jubilee Year of Hope**



Pilgrim,  
what **leads you to hope**  
for yourself, your family,  
St. Stephen, your Church,  
in this time of great change?

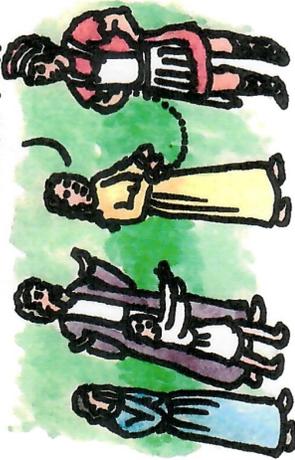
Christ has died.  
Christ is risen.  
Christ will come again.

Peregrino,  
qué **te lleva a tener esperanza**  
para ti, tu familia, San Esteban,  
tu Iglesia, en este tiempo de gran cambio?

Cristo murió.  
Cristo resucitó.  
Cristo volverá.

# Family and Friends or God?

**YES, I AM A CHRISTIAN.**



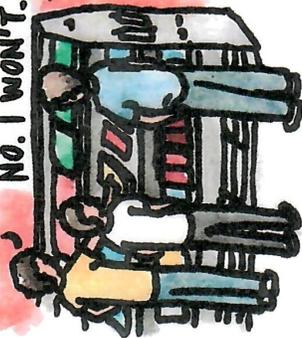
In today's Gospel reading Jesus says, "If any one comes to me and does not hate his own father and mother and wife and children and brothers and sisters, yes, and even his own life, he cannot be my disciple."

You probably thought that God doesn't want us to hate anyone, right? Well, God does! What Jesus was saying was that we should love God more than we love the people closest to us. He means that we should be ready to do what God wants even if that means losing our family or best friends.

Normally God wants us to stay close to the people we love, but what if you had to choose between doing the right thing or keeping your friends? Are you ready to give up anything or anyone that would stop you from loving God?

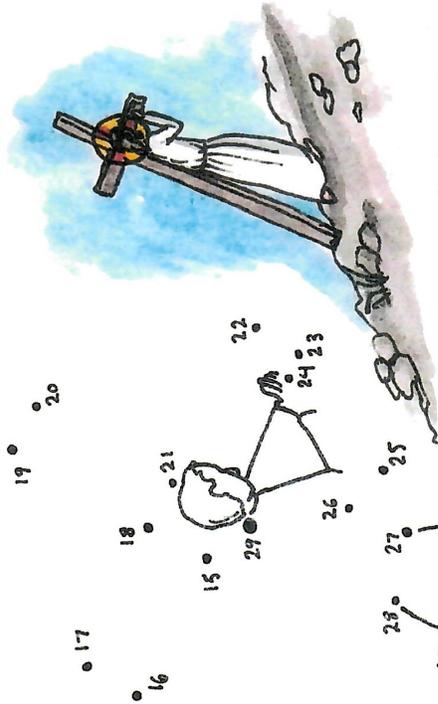
Answer to Word-Find:  
We ask God for His mercy.

**STEAL THAT IF YOU WANT TO STAY FRIENDS WITH ME. NO, I WON'T.**



# The Kids' Bulletin

23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time  
September 7th, 2025



Luke 14:25-33

What do you have to do to be Jesus' disciple?

Connect the dots to find out, starting at the star beside the number 1. Then you can colour the picture in.

*Tomorrow is Our Lady's Birthday!  
What can your family do to celebrate Mary's Birthday?*

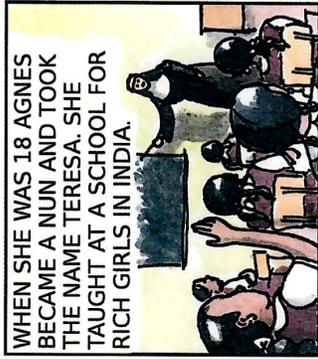
# Saint Teresa of Calcutta

## September 5

AGNES GONXHA BOJAXHIU WAS BORN IN YUGOSLAVIA IN 1910. HER FATHER DIED WHEN SHE WAS 8. AT AGE 12 SHE KNEW GOD WANTED HER TO BE A MISSIONARY.



WHEN SHE WAS 18 AGNES BECAME A NUN AND TOOK THE NAME TERESA. SHE TAUGHT AT A SCHOOL FOR RICH GIRLS IN INDIA.



ON A TRAIN WHEN SHE WAS 36, SR. TERESA FELT GOD CALL HER TO SERVE THE VERY POOR.



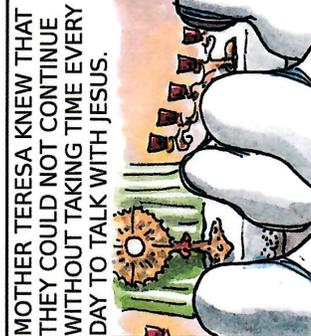
SHE GOT PERMISSION TO TAKE A NEW HABIT AND START A SCHOOL FOR POOR CHILDREN.



SOON OTHER WOMEN JOINED MOTHER TERESA TO HELP THE POOR AND DYING.



MOTHER TERESA KNEW THAT THEY COULD NOT CONTINUE WITHOUT TAKING TIME EVERY DAY TO TALK WITH JESUS.



Governments should also work to protect the poor and the unborn.



IN 1979 MOTHER TERESA WON THE NOBEL PEACE PRIZE, BUT SHE STAYED HUMBLE AND USED EVERY CHANCE TO TELL THE RICH AND POWERFUL PEOPLE TO PROTECT THE POOR AND WEAK.

SAINT TERESA OF CALCUTTA DIED ON SEPTEMBER 5TH, 1997. WE CAN LEARN FROM HER TO DEFEND AND HELP THOSE WHO CAN'T HELP THEMSELVES, ESPECIALLY THE POOR AND UNBORN CHILDREN. WE ALSO LEARN FROM HER EXAMPLE THAT WE NEED TO SPEND TIME IN PRAYER WITH JESUS EVERY DAY.

# Psalm 90 Word-Find

F W S A T I S F Y E E  
 A S W A H E R O L O G E  
 D E R E K U L O V E L N  
 S R A Y E S O G O D A N  
 R E N O J A N D R E H P G  
 N E S I O D R E A M I A  
 W A Y C H T S R Y A  
 E D A Y S Y W I S D O M

See if you can find all the words from today's Psalm that are written in CAPITALS. The leftover letters tell what we are doing when we pray this Psalm.



A THOUSAND YEARS in thy sight are but as YESTERDAY when it is past, or as a WATCH in the NIGHT.

Thou dost SWEEP men AWAY; they are like a DREAM, like GRASS which is RENEWED in the morning; in the MORNING it flourishes and is renewed; in the EVENING it FADES and withers.

So teach us to number our DAYS that we may get a HEART of WISDOM. Return, O LORD! How long? Have PITY on thy SERVANTS!

SATISFY us in the morning with thy steadfast LOVE, that we may REJOICE and be GLAD all our days.