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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

Thirty-first Sunday in Ordinary Time
November 5, 2023

SCOTT WESLEY BROWN IN CONCERT



SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 19 ~ 6:30p
First Baptist Church
110 Cwyn Avenue, Elkin NC

Scott Wesley Brown is an American CCM singer and songwriter. He has recorded 25 albums and toured in over 50 countries. His songs have been covered by other Christian artists – including Petra, Pat Boone, Bruce Carroll, Sandi Patty, and Amy Grant – and by opera star Plácido Domingo. Brown is an ordained Baptist minister and served as a worship pastor in San Diego.

My friendship with Scott began in 1970 in Falls Church, VA. Both of us were in the beginning of our ministry.

We connected right away. It is a joy to have Scott come here and share his gift of music with you.

Please come to his concert
Sunday,
November 19, 6:30p.
First Baptist Church
They have graciously offered to host since they have the sound equipment set-up.

Thank you!

Janis



Falls Church, 1970



Morning Church!

Entrenched in deep theological reading last weekend in preparation for this reflection, Kelley, my beloved lover of all things nature, called out to me to join her on our back porch: “IT’S WORTH IT!” Somewhat begrudgingly, I put down my books and emerged from my comfy chair. I was rewarded with an experience of the Hunter Moon rising above the Intracoastal Waterway. Wow! No words needed. A direct experience of AWE. (And I would have missed it, if not for a gentle nudge.)

This brought to mind a saying I’ve always admired: “I am a finger pointing to the moon. Don’t look at me; look at the moon.” I believe Jesus would have loved this humble phrase, sometimes attributed to the Buddha.

Seems that Jesus had a problem
with those who complicated a simple
(but not easy!) message:
“Love God. Love your neighbor.”

No fancy religious ceremonies and garments required. No degrees in theology necessary. No titles or distinguishing labels, please. Just humble, open hearts, ready to serve.

I’ve been blessed with many proverbial fingers pointing to the moon: loving parents, dedicated coaches and teachers, passionate pastors, R.C.I.A., 1987 (thanks to “your” Sister Janis), Centering Prayer, silent retreats, Zen masters in the guise of cats, Lectio Divina, morning coffee, the Living School, my aforementioned soul mate, Kelley. All of these, and many more, point to the one Master, the Christ.

God is our Source. Our Hope.
Waiting for us to become so absorbed in Love
that it spills out to all in need.
Like a full moon over water.

God’s blessings,

David Morris, LGBT

The Blessing That Doesn't End – Jan Richardson

From the moment
it first laid eyes
on you,
this blessing loved you.

This blessing
knew you
from the start.

It cannot explain how.
It just knows
that the first time
it sat down beside you,

it entered
into a conversation
that had already
been going on
forever.

Believe
this conversation
has not stopped.

Believe this love
still lives—
the love that crossed

an impossible distance
to reach you,
to find you,
to take your face
into its hands
and bless you.

Believe this
does not end—
that the gesture,
once enacted,
endures.

Believe this love
goes on—
that it still

takes your face
into its hands,
that it presses
its forehead to yours

as it speaks to you
in undying words,
that it has never ceased
to gather your heart
into its heart.

Believe
this blessing
abides.

Believe
it goes with you
always.

Believe
it knows you
still.



~ Reflecting and Acting on The Word ~

When is the last time you were still and silent enough to be awed by God’s presence?

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

NOVEMBER	
05	31st Sun OT Family Faith Formation Parents & Youth, 10:30a SSJ CyberSisters Zoom, 7-8:30p
07	Adult Faith Formation, 10a ~ The Chosen Communion Service, 12:15p Adult Faith Formation, 6:45p ~ The Chosen
08	RCIA, 6:00p; Choir, 7p
11	Veterans Day
12	32nd Sun OT Family Faith Formation Parents & Youth, 10:30a
13	Ladies Guild, 5p
14	Adult Faith Formation, 10a ~ The Chosen Communion Service, 12:15p Adult Faith Formation, 6:45p ~ The Chosen
15	RCIA, 6:00p; Choir, 7p
16	Six Jesuit Martyrs in El Salvador; & Julia Elba Ramos, Celina Mariceth Ramos (16) Wise Ones, 1p Cowboy's Restuarant Host: Gayle 336-835-2633, nanaalte@yahoo.com
18	Men's Breakfast, Cracker Barrel, 8:30a

☪ Mass Intentions	
05	Marianne McQuade (Birthday)
12	In gratitude for our Veterans
19	+Kathleen Hyer 1 st Anniv

Birthdays &



Anniversaries

05 Shayla Ange	21 Ronnie Krakovsky
07 Phil Martin	22 America Lopez
09 Debbie Parrish	Ryan St. Cyr
10 Richard Bernabe	24 Dalilah Hernandez
14 Veronica Trinadad	Lupe Hernandez
15 Jane Norman	25 Victor Bustos, Jr.
18 Ania Trejo	26 Victor Bustos, Sr.
20 Reyna Hernandez	28 Stephen Faust
21 Newell Hauser	29 Grace Jenkins

07 Rosa & Gerardo Parral
13 Ayda & Sheldon Chanes
16 Ramona & Jim Doyle
17 Epi & Julian Cortez



In October 2021, Pope Francis announced a two-year *process of listening and dialogue* of the Catholic Church, known as the “Synod on Synodality.” A “synod” (*walking together*) is a *journey of discernment* rooted in the Holy Spirit. In the Synod on Synodality, the entire Church has been called to discern how the Spirit is moving through and with the Body of Christ — inside and outside the Church — so that we may continue to fulfill our mission to evangelize in the world.

The Synod on Synodality invites all Catholics to listen with open hearts and minds, to share from their own lived experiences, and to make space for the voices of those often marginalized or excluded. With these synodal aims, Pope Francis has invited the Church into what is fundamentally a process of healing — both from wounds suffered inside the Church, and those experienced in other areas of our lives and relationships.

The Synod is a chance for the Catholic Church to listen intentionally and deeply to the Body of Christ.

Also, this emphasis on *deep listening* is an *aim of restorative justice*, with restorative practices like circle process offering spaces for people to connect deeply with one another, to share stories, and in some cases, to address harm or conflict.

Restorative practices help make room for the Holy Spirit to do its transformative work in the world. As such, they have much to offer the Synod on Synodality’s listening processes.

For more than a decade, Catholic Mobilizing Network (CMN) has promoted *Restorative Justice* within the Catholic community, having witnessed the transformative effects of restorative practices within the context of our anti-death penalty work and engagement with individuals and communities that have suffered trauma, crime, and violence.

We are hopeful that throughout the Synod on Synodality, more Catholic communities will embrace these life-giving approaches to healing, listening, and being in relationship with one another.

In this Synod, in this deep listening within the Church members, are the seeds of hope!



Cardboard CITY 2023



257 Standard Street
Elkin, NC

Saturday, November 18, 2023

5:00 - 6:30 pm

Spread the word and **plan** to join us for our annual *Get Out of the Box* fundraising event.

Volunteer participants agree to be *in the box* until a **minimum** of \$500 is raised for the shelter. The Ark provides housing and supportive services for homeless families and single women.

Amanda Brewer, Event Chairlady

Contact info: amandavbrewer@gmail.com

To volunteer, donate, or get more
information:

theark.director@gmail.com

www.thearkelkin.org



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

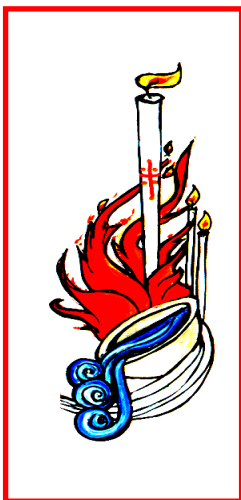
Tickets must be purchased by:
September 24 Sign up at church
or contact

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**



CARE for CREATION
RECYCLE INK CARTRIDGES
Recycle containers
are in the lobby.



Adult Sacraments

First Communion
Confirmation

Sacrament of Matrimony

For couples who would like to marry
or who are married civilly and would
like to have your marriage
blessed in the Church.

Anointing of the Sick

Offered to the hospitalized
or homebound

R.C.I.A.

For Adults desiring to explore
the Catholic Faith.

For more information,
call S. Janis (336) 835-4542

We pray
for our sisters
and brothers
in Maui,
Morocco,
Middle East,
and Libya.



Our Lady of Protection
Ukrainian Madonna

FEBRUARY 24, 2022
20 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!

Do you know the number
of U.S. Mass
shootings and
gun-related deaths
so far in 2023?



**WHEN IS
ENOUGH,
ENOUGH?**



Tri-C Almsgiving
Thank you so much !!

NOV

Bar soap

DEC

Dry beans

Greatness for God

In today's gospel, Jesus warns the people about serving others just to get their attention and appreciation. He said some leaders made sure people noticed they were giving to the poor, and that they got the best seats at the gatherings.

Jesus knows what is in our hearts and why we make the choices we make. He said some leaders seemed more concerned that people *notice* their good deeds, instead of being good for God's sake. This is true greatness.



Jesus desires us to be loving in our thoughts, words, and actions because we love him ~ and not because we want to be noticed and appreciated for serving.

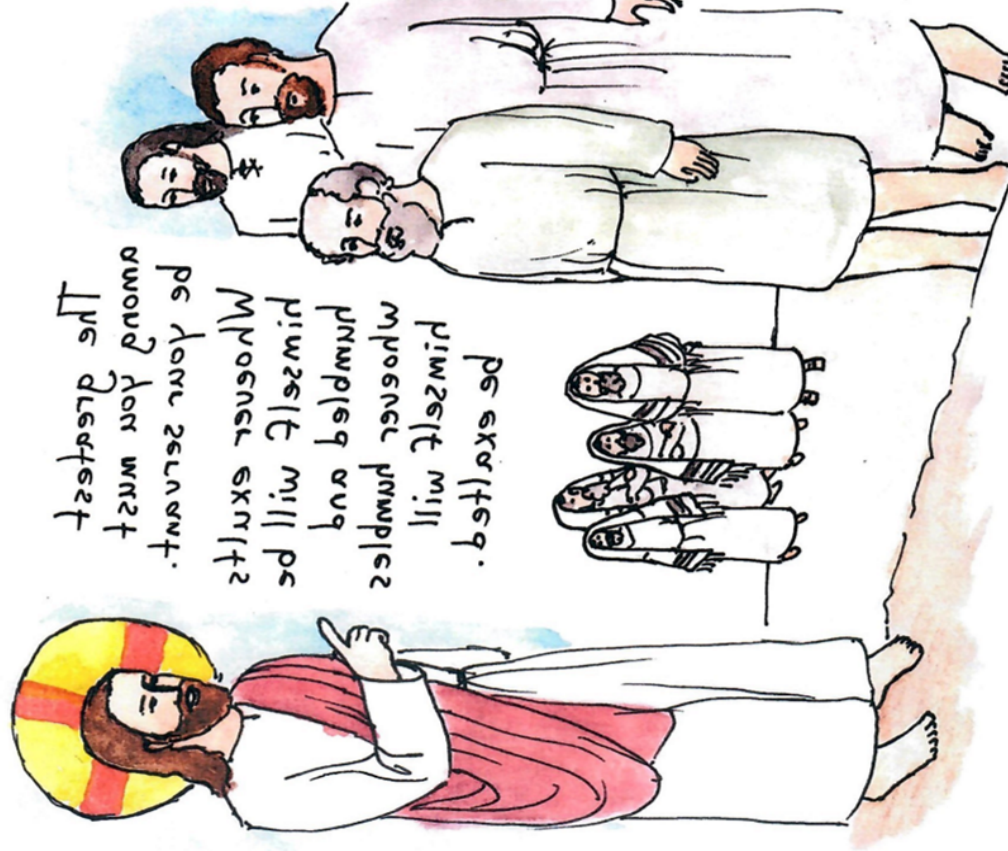
Choosing to think loving thoughts, say loving words, and do loving deeds is our way to say, "Yes" to Jesus. We are Servant-leaders because we have been called by Jesus to live our lives with generosity and joy.

This is what Jesus says about greatness, "The greatest among you is the one who serves the rest." Jesus invites us to be generous and loving ~ and not just to get others' attention and appreciation.

Crossword answers: Across: 1. to 2. give 3. beloved 7. work 9. too 10 well 11 foil 13. day 14. human 16 her 17 night
Down: 1 the 2. God 3. gospel 4. gentle 6. proclaimed 7. word 8. mother 10. with 12. among 15. in

The Kids' Bulletin

31st Sunday in Ordinary Time
November 5th, 2023



What was the last thing Our Lord said in today's Gospel reading? Look in the mirror to find out!

Blessed John Duns Scotus

November 8

JOHN DUNS SCOTUS WAS BORN AROUND 1270 IN SCOTLAND. HE WAS A GOOD BOY AND WAS TAUGHT WELL BY HIS PARENTS AND PRIESTS.



It is our duty to honour the Mother of God!

HE HAD TROUBLE LEARNING, SO HE PRAYED TO OUR LADY. THEN HE BECAME VERY INTELLIGENT.



Holy Mother, please help me to learn to read and write!

HE BECAME A FRANCISCAN AND CONTINUED STUDYING.



... So God must know all things!

AFTER STUDYING IN PARIS AND ENGLAND HE RECEIVED HIS DOCTORATE AND BECAME A PROFESSOR.



WHEN THE KING WANTED THE PROFESSORS TO SIDE WITH HIM AGAINST THE POPE, JOHN REFUSED.



I will remain loyal to the Vicar of Christ.

ONE OF HIS GREATEST TEACHINGS WAS THAT MARY WAS CONCEIVED WITHOUT ORIGINAL SIN.



Christ had the power to redeem his mother before her birth.

Father John, you are being sent to Germany.

I will leave right away!

FOR POLITICAL REASONS JOHN WAS SENT TO TEACH IN COLOGNE, GERMANY. HE DIED THERE AT THE AGE OF 43.



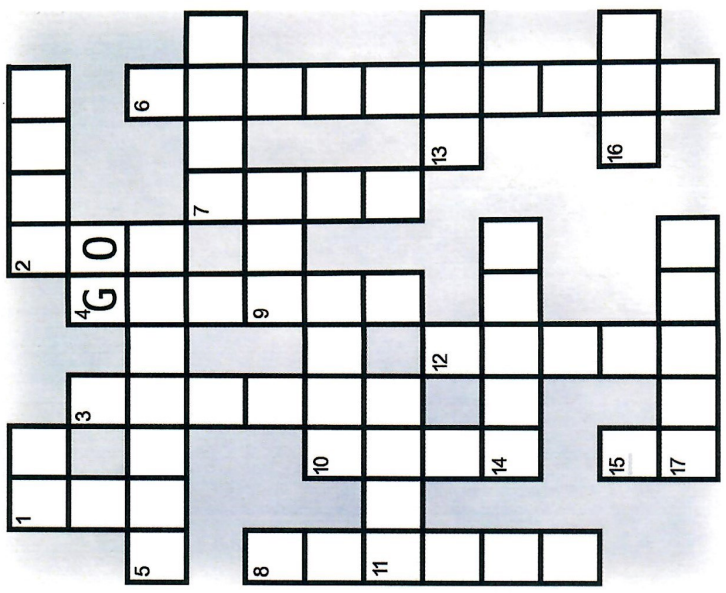
BLESSED JOHN KNEW THAT THERE IS NOTHING MORE IMPORTANT THAN KNOWING, LOVING, AND SERVING GOD. HE HAD A GREAT THIRST TO UNDERSTAND HIM BETTER SO HE STUDIED HARD. THE MORE HE UNDERSTOOD ABOUT GOD THE MORE HE COULD TEACH OTHERS ABOUT HIM. WE SHOULD PRAY FOR GOOD TEACHERS.

St. Paul's Letter

Cross-Word

Use the words from the list to fill in the blanks in today's reading from the letter to the Thessalonians and then fill in the puzzle.

A=Across
D=Down



- PROCLAIMED
- BELOVED
- MOTHER
- GOSPEL
- GENTLE
- HUMAN
- AMONG
- NIGHT
- WORK
- WORD
- WELL
- IN
- TO
- GOD
- THE
- TOO
- TOIL
- DAY
- HER
- GIVE
- WITH

Brothers and sisters: We were _____ (4D) _____ (12D) you, as a nursing _____ (8D) cares for _____ (16A) children. _____ (10D) such affection for you, we were determined to share with you not only _____ (1D) gospel of God, but our very selves as _____ (10A), so dearly _____ (5A) had you become _____ (1A) us. You recall, brothers and sisters, our _____ (11A) and drudgery. Working _____ (17A) and _____ (13A) in order not to burden any of you, we _____ (6D) to you the _____ (3D) of God.

And for this reason we _____ (9A) _____ (2A) thanks to _____ (2D) unceasingly, that, in receiving the _____ (7D) of God from hearing us, you received not a _____ (14A) word, but, as it truly is, the word of God, which is now at _____ (7A) _____ (15D) you who believe.