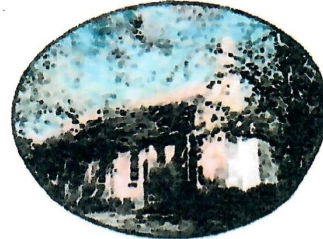




***St. John Baptist de LaSalle Catholic Church***

275 C.C. Wright School Road  
North Wilkesboro NC 28659-9103  
(336)838-5562  
Email: [Info@StJohnNC.org](mailto:Info@StJohnNC.org)  
Website: [www.StJohnNC.org](http://www.StJohnNC.org)



***St. Stephen Catholic Church***

101 Hawthorne Road  
Elkin NC 28521-3016  
(336) 835-3007  
Email: [Connect@StStephenNC.org](mailto:Connect@StStephenNC.org)  
Website: [www.StStephenNC.org](http://www.StStephenNC.org)

***Fr. John D. Hanic, V.F.*** (704) 763-2475  
***Rev. Mr. Harold Markle*** (336) 466-4173  
***S. Janis McQuade, S.S.J.*** (336) 835-4542  
***Fr. Jose Rebuque*** (203) 954-7134  
***Mr. Cuauhtemoc (Temoc) Herrejon*** (828) 773-2353

***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*

***March 8, 2026***

# PARISH FUND RAISER

*St. Stephen Catholic Church*

101 Hawthorne Rd,  
Elkin, NC 28621

## MULTI-FAMILY TAMALE SALE



**March 21**  
**9 AM - 3 PM**

**\$2 PER TAMALE**

**6 FOR \$10**

**12 FOR \$20**

**Comes with RED or GREEN SALSA**



**REFRESHMENTS AT AN EXTRA COST**



## **St. Stephen Parishioners: Invitation to Lenten Prayer**

**Come together  
and pray the Rosary  
for peace in our world  
Monday, March 9 ~ 6:00p**

**Feligreses de San Esteban:  
Invitación a la oración de Cuaresma**

**Reúnanse  
y recen el Rosario  
por la paz en nuestro mundo  
Lunes,  
9 de marzo a las 18:00 h**

*Stations of the Cross*

**Fridays of Lent, 6:30p**

**Feb 20 & 27    Mar 6, 13, 20, 27**



**EMPTY BOWLS ~ YADKIN CHRISTIAN MINISTRIES**

Yadkinville Moose Lodge  
1432 Country Club Road, Yadkinville

April 7, 2026

Lunch            11:30a - 1:30p

Dinner           4:30p - 6:30p

Tickets: \$25.00

**TAKE OUT ONLY ~ Drive Through Pickup**

*Women of Jerusalem*

**Good Friday**

**April 3**

*Opportunities for Adult Spiritual Formation*

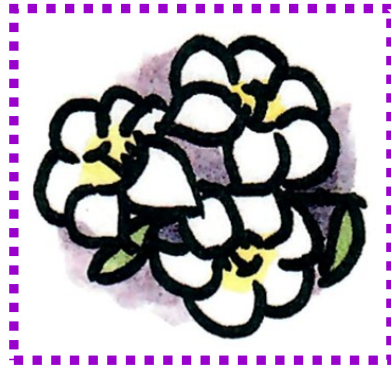
| <b>Tuesday, March 3</b>   | <b>Tuesday, March 10</b>  | <b>Tuesday, March 17</b>   |
|---|---|--|
| <i>God of All Power, Fountain of Grace,<br/>O, Living Water, show us your face.</i> | <i>God of All Mercy, restore our sight,<br/>Lead us from darkness into light.</i> | <i>God of Living not of the dead,<br/>Raise us to life beyond our death.</i> |
| <b>During the Communion Service<br/>12:15p or 6:30p</b>                             | <b>During the Communion Service<br/>12:15p or 6:30p</b>                           | <b>During the Communion Service<br/>12:15p or 6:30p</b>                      |

**Ministerial Association ~ Holy Week Services**

**12N ~ 1:00p**

**Host: Elkin Presbyterian Church 151 Hillcrest Drive, Elkin**

| Date               | Preaching                 | Ministry/Church                           | Church Hospitality  |
|--------------------|---------------------------|---|---|
| Mon.,<br>March 30  | Rev.<br>Hope Bryant       | Rebuilding Lives<br>Ministry              | First Baptist Ch.<br>Elkin  |
| Tues.,<br>March 31 | Pastor<br>Alvin Hayes     | St. Home<br>Missionary Baptist Church     | Galloway Episcopal Ch.<br>New Beginnings U.M. Ch.<br>St. Stephen Catholic Ch. |
| Wed.,<br>April 1   | Ed Birt                   | New Beginnings<br>United Methodist Church | First United Methodist<br>Church  |
| Thurs.,<br>April 2 | Jane Motsinger            | Feed the Elderly                          | Pastor Alvin Hayes<br>YVSA  |
| Fri.,<br>April 3   | Rev. Dr.<br>Kaury Edwards | First United<br>Methodist Church          | NO<br>MEAL  |



## **Easter Flowers**

**If you wish to honor a family member, friend, or your deceased loved ones this Easter, use the flower envelopes in the pew pockets.**

**Print your name and donation amount on the front of the envelope. On the back of the envelope, carefully print the names you want to honor.**

**Then, just put the envelope in the basket.**

**Thank you for your thoughtful remembrance of your loved ones that will beautify our altar, too.**

## **Flores de Pascua**

**Si desea honrar a un familiar, amigo o ser querido fallecido esta Pascua, use los sobres para flores que se encuentran en los bolsillos de las bancas.**

**Escriba su nombre y el monto de su donación en el anverso del sobre. En el reverso, escriba cuidadosamente los nombres a quienes desea honrar.**

**Luego, coloque el sobre en la canasta.**

**Gracias por su atento recuerdo de sus seres queridos, que también embellecerá nuestro altar.**



**PRAY the ROSARY DAILY**

...for peace in U.S., in Ukraine & Russia;  
for Presidents Zelenskyy, Putin & Trump;  
for Abbas & Netanyahu for the end to all bombings  
in Iran & Gaza, a peaceful and just end  
to these wars, and all wars...

| <b>Tri-C Almsgiving</b><br><i>Thank you so much !!</i> |                                    |                               |
|--|------------------------------------|-------------------------------|
| <b>JAN</b><br>Canned tomatoes<br>Spaghetti sauce       | <b>MAR</b><br>Laundry<br>detergent | <b>MAY</b><br>Toilet<br>paper |
| <b>FEB</b><br>Corn meal                                | <b>APR</b><br>Canned fruit         | <b>JUN</b><br>Tooth paste     |



PRAY FOR AN END  
TO VIOLENCE,  
ESPECIALLY GUN VIOLENCE



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

**TENDING the VINEYARD**

**DIOCESAN  
SUPPORT  
APPEAL 2026**

When we make our annual contribution to the **DIOCESAN SUPPORT APPEAL (DSA)**, we join with all our brothers and sisters in Christ throughout the diocese to do the Lord's work - works of love and service that no one individual or parish can do alone. May our words and actions be a response to God's great love.

**WAYS to GIVE**

- PLEDGE**  
Pledging allows you to make a greater gift over time. When you make a pledge, you will receive monthly reminders by mail or email until your pledge is paid by December 31, 2026.
- ONE-TIME GIFT**  
Respond to a mailing or in-pew appeal at your parish. Please make checks payable to DSA and note the name of your parish in the memo line. Do not send cash through the mail.
- ONLINE GIFT**  
Make a one-time gift or set up a monthly pledge via credit or debit card at: [charlottediocese.org/dsa](http://charlottediocese.org/dsa).
- STOCK DONATION**  
Donate publicly traded shares of appreciated stock by completing our stock transfer form. [charlottediocese.org/ways-to-give](http://charlottediocese.org/ways-to-give)
- IRA CONTRIBUTION**  
If you are over 70 ½ you can donate your IRA distributions. Have your distribution made payable to DSA, include your name and address, and send it to the Diocese of Charlotte.

**Dios de todo poder, fuente de gracia,  
¡Oh agua viva, muéstranos tu rostro!**

*¡Buenos días, Iglesia!*

A lo largo de este año, hemos acompañado a quienes han recorrido el camino de OCIA: Belva y Gregory Billings, Israel Lynch, Brittany Reece, Francis Ritz y Joshua Talbott. En diciembre, celebraron el Rito de Bienvenida; en febrero, el Rito de Elección. Los próximos tres domingos, celebrarán el Rito de Escrutinio.

El Rito de Escrutinio tiene un propósito espiritual: «Descubrir y sanar todo lo débil, defectuoso o pecaminoso en los corazones de los Elegidos; y traer a nuestro corazón, y luego fortalecer, todo lo recto, fuerte y bueno... para profundizar en la determinación de los Elegidos de aferrarse a Cristo y llevar a cabo su decisión de amar a Dios por encima de todo».

¿Compartes el mismo propósito espiritual que nuestros Elegidos? ¿Tu camino cuaresmal es más intencional que el del año pasado? Quizás las Escrituras de las próximas tres semanas puedan guiar tus intenciones y darte la gracia de aferrarte a Cristo y amar a Dios sobre todas las cosas.

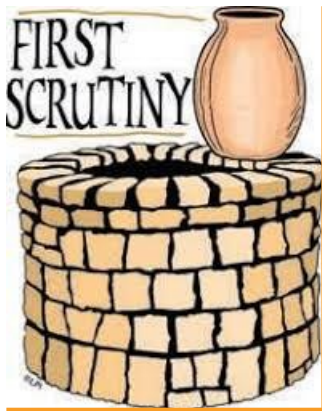
La mujer del pozo, una samaritana marginada en su pueblo, debe ir al pozo al mediodía para no encontrarse con quienes la juzgaban y la rechazaban a diario.

a Mujer del Pozo, que anhela la aceptación y el aliento de la gente del pueblo, los encuentra en el Divino Desconocido. Él la ve. Realmente la ve y ya conoce la historia de su doloroso camino.

El potencial de tener agua que sacia toda sed es tan vivificante para ella. El agua vivificante de Cristo rebosa en ella y se apresura a compartir su encuentro con el Mesías con los mismos ciudadanos que se negaron a compartir la vida con ella.

En el Uno, somos uno, en ComUNIDAD,

*spanis*



Al celebrar el Rito del Escrutinio, me pregunto:

¿Cuál es mi sed más profunda?

¿Qué compulsión, adicción, actitud  
y comportamiento me

invita Jesús a descubrir para derramar sobre  
él sus aguas vivificantes y sanarlo?

**Escucha a los demás:**

Además del ayuno tradicional, ayuna de palabras hirientes, calumnias y discursos críticos, especialmente en redes sociales y debates políticos. Ayuna de palabras y escucha más a los demás.

**Escucha a Dios:**

Observa el lenguaje corporal de los demás: ¿Quién necesita ánimo, presencia, esperanza o sanación?  
¿A qué clamor te invita Dios a servir

# God of All Power, Fountain of Grace, O Living Water, show us your face!

*Morning, Church!*

Throughout this year, we have accompanied those on the OCIA journey: Belva and Gregory Billings, Israel Lynch, Brittany Reece, Francis Ritz and Joshua Talbott. In December, they celebrated the Rite of Welcome; in February, the Rite of Election. The next three Sundays, they will celebrate the Rite of Scrutiny.

The Rite of Scrutiny has a spiritual purpose ~ “to uncover and heal all that is weak, defective, or sinful in the hearts of the Elect; and to bring out, then strengthen all that is upright, strong, and good...to deepen the Elect’s resolve to hold fast to Christ and carry out their decision to love God above all.” As all Rites, they are celebrate for the conversion of the whole parish community.

Do you share the same spiritual purpose as our Elect? Is your Lenten journey more intentional now than in previous years? Perhaps the Scriptures for the next three weeks can guide your intentions and grace you to “hold fast to Christ and to love God above all”, too.

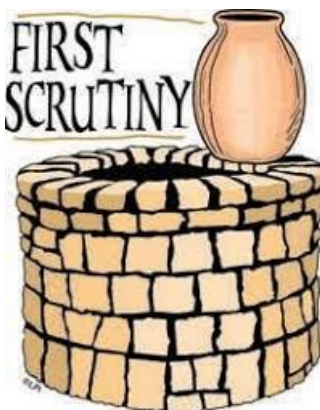
The Woman at the Well, a Samaritan, who is ostracized in her own town, must come to the well at midday, lest she encounter those who judged and shunned her daily.

The Woman at the Well, who longs for acceptance and encouragement from the townsfolk, finds it in the Divine Stranger. He *sees* her. He really sees and already knows the story of her painful journey.

The potential to have water that quenches all thirsts is so life-giving for her. Christ’s life-giving water overflows in her and she rushes to share her encounter with the Messiah with the very townsfolk who refused to share life with her!

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

*spanis*



As we celebrate the Rite of Scrutiny I,  
ask yourself:

*What is my deepest thirst?*




*What compulsion, addiction, attitude,  
and behavior is Jesus inviting me to uncover  
so pour his life-giving waters over it and heal it?*

m a r c h




**REFLECT:**  
 What “wells”, i.e., relationships, addictions, compulsion, prejudices, behaviors, etc., do you frequent that contaminate your spiritual life and still leave you “thirsty”?


| 🕊️ Mass Intentions |   |
|--------------------|---|
| 01                 | +Georgette & William Dyer r/b Sean Dyer                           |
| 08                 | +Carol McQuade (20th A); +Dorothy Hanic(20th A)<br>+Tim McCulloch |
| 15                 | +Helen Purcell r/b Lana<br>Katie Delaney; Larry Liss (Birthdays)  |
| 22                 | +John Jennings; Reyna Jimenez; Vicky S. Pruitt                    |
| 29                 | +Georgette & William Dyer r/b Sean Dyer                           |

|  |                   |
|--|-------------------|
| <b>+Sister Jane K Field, SSJ</b>               |                   |
| <b>Born</b>                                    | June 25, 1954     |
| <b>Born to Eternal Life</b>                    | February 26, 2026 |
| in the 53 <sup>rd</sup> year of religious life |                   |

**Birthdays & Anniversaries**


|   |                       |
|---|-----------------------|
| 01 Charlie Faw  | 07 Jerry Schaufenbuel |
| 02 Kathy Jenkins  | Ximena Solorzano      |
| Payton Wagoner  | 08 Jasiel Hernandez   |
| 05 Patrick Colglazier   | Thi Tim Nugyen        |
| Jason Whitler   | 13 Lee Hadfield       |
| 06 Elia Martinez  | 23 Cindy Whitley      |
| 07 Jim Doyle  | 27 Delia Carmona      |
| 07 Beth & John Orta<br>19 Erika & Ruben Ramirez<br>22 Margarita & Memo Lara<br>24 Jane & Rob Worley |                       |

|  |   |
|--|---|
| 01   | <b>2nd Sun Lent</b><br>Faith Formation ALL parents & children, after Mass<br>SSJ Zoom, 6:30-8:30  |
| 03   | Chosen, 10a; Communion Service<br>Lenten Reflection, 12:15p & 6:30p                               |
| 04   | OCIA 6:30p; Choir, 7p   |
| 05   | SJU Students/Habitat for Humanity/APEX & Ladies Guild St. Patrick's Day Dinner, 5p                |
| 06   | Stations of the Cross, 6:30p  |
| 08   | <b>3rd Sun Lent</b><br>Faith Formation ALL parents & children, after Mass                         |
| 10   | Communion Service, 12:15p<br>Lenten Reflection, 12:15p & 6:30p                                    |
| 11   | OCIA 6:30p; Choir, 7p   |
| 13   | Stations of the Cross, 6:30p  |
| 15   | <b>4th Sun Lent</b><br>Faith Formation ALL parents & children, after Mass                         |
| 16   | Give Blood Elkin Rescue Squad, 1:30-6:00p   |
| 17   | <b>Happy St. Patrick's Day!</b><br>Communion Service, 12:15p<br>Lenten Reflection, 12:15p & 6:30p |
| 18   | OCIA, 6:30p. Choir, 7p  |
| 19   | <b>Happy St. Joseph's Day!</b><br>Wise Ones, 1p   |
| 20   | Stations of the Cross, 6:30   |
| 21   | Men's Group @ Cracker Barrel, 8:30a   |
|  <div style="display: inline-block; vertical-align: middle; text-align: left;"> <b>PARISH FUND RAISER<br/>                     TAMALES SALE<br/>                     Family Life Center<br/>                     9:00a ~ 3:00p<br/>                     See flyer p. 2</b> </div> |   |
| 22   | <b>5th Sun Lent</b><br>Faith Formation ALL parents & children, after Mass                         |
| 24   | <b>Feast: St. Oscar Romero</b><br>Communion Service, 12:15p; OCIA 2, 6:30p                        |
| 25   | <b>Feast: Annunciation</b><br>OCIA, 6:30p. Choir, 7p  |
| 27   | Stations of the Cross, 6:30p  |
| 29   | <b>Palm Sunday of the Lord's Passion</b><br>No Family Faith Formation                             |
| <div style="text-align: center;"> <b>Ministerial Association</b><br/> <b>Holy Week Services</b><br/> <b>Elkin Presbyterian Church, Elkin</b><br/> <b>Monday, March 30 ~ Friday, April 3</b><br/> <b>12N ~ 1:00p</b><br/> <b>Followed by a simple luncheon.</b> </div>  |   |



## JUBILARIANS 2026

### 80 Years

S. Saint Herman D'Uva  
S. Annemarie J. Feeley  
S. Maria Teresa Griffin

### 75 Years

S. Michael Eileen Kelly  
S. Elizabeth M. Lauginiger  
S. Antoinette Munafo

S. Rosemarie Elizabeth Puettner  
S. Anna Louise Schuck  
S. Kathleen Bernard Winner

### 70 Years

S. Joan Marie Callahan  
S. Theresa Cargan  
S. Julia Dougherty  
S. Lillian I. Devlin  
S. Mary Elizabeth Farrell  
S. Judith Gallen  
S. Johanna Gedaka  
S. Sandra A. Kessler

S. Beatrice McElrone  
S. Margaret Ann McFadden  
S. Barbara Elizabeth Nolan  
S. Anna Mary O'Mara  
S. Catherine Pisarczyk  
S. Denise Regina Sharp  
S. Helen Gertrude Steinmetz

### 60 Years

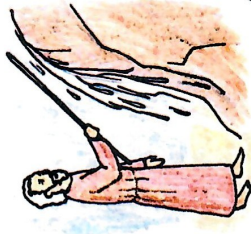
S. Grace Christi Costello  
S. Patricia J Gannon  
S. Mary Joan Huggard  
S. Eileen M. Lynch

S. Kathleen McGonigle  
S. Sally Russell  
S. Merylyn Anne Ryan

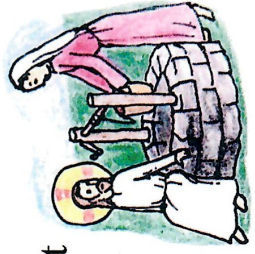
### 50 Years

S. Mary Ann Pfund

# Water...

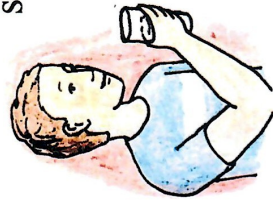


In today's first reading, the Israelites in the desert are thirsty and ask Moses for water. So God tells him to strike a big rock with his staff and water comes out. In the Gospel reading, Jesus tells the Samaritan woman that He can give her living water so that she will never be thirsty.



Water is a symbol of life. In the first story the people in the desert would have died if they didn't get water. Now Jesus gives us His life, which is grace. We receive it especially in Holy Communion. This is the living water that He is talking about. Our souls need His grace to stay alive.

When you have a drink of water, think about how your body needs water to stay alive, and how your soul needs God's grace. Saying a prayer is kind of like giving your soul a little drink!

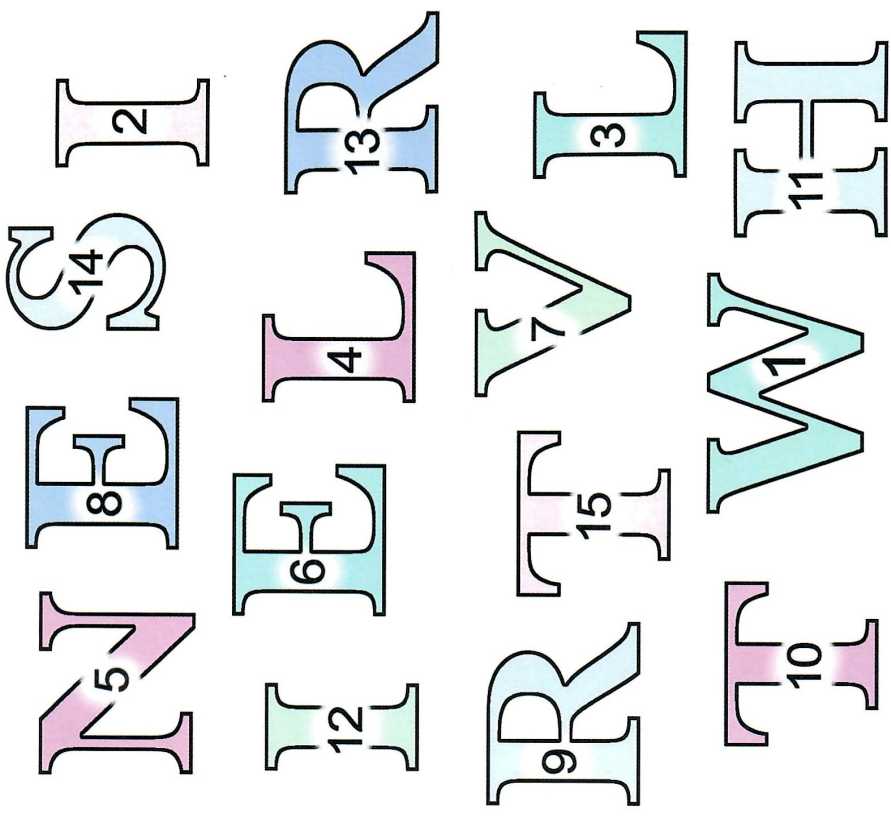


Answer to puzzle inside: because, hearts, Spirit, given, still, time, difficultly, might, courage, God, "Christ died"

Answer to puzzle on front: will never thirst.

# The Kids' Bulletin

Third Sunday of Lent  
March 8th, 2026



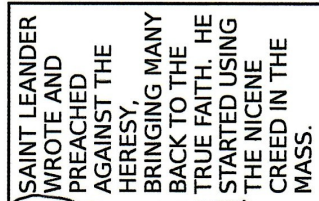
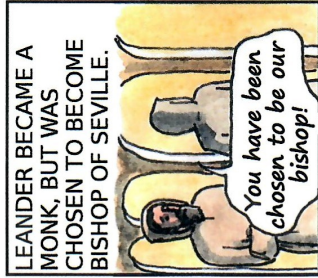
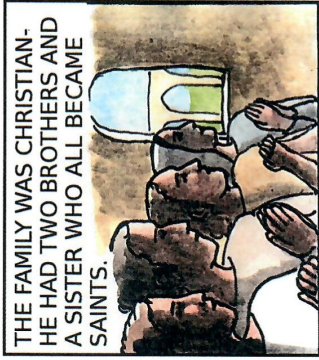
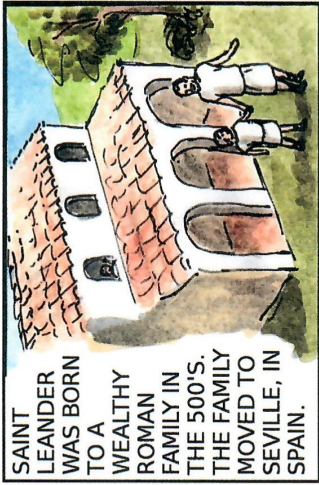
*Jesus says that if we drink  
His living water, we*



|    |    |    |    |    |    |   |   |   |
|----|----|----|----|----|----|---|---|---|
| 1  | 2  | 3  | 4  | 5  | 6  | 7 | 8 | 9 |
| 10 | 11 | 12 | 13 | 14 | 15 |   |   |   |

# Saint Leander of Seville

March 13



SAINT LEANDER DIED AROUND THE YEAR 600. WHEN HE DIED HIS BROTHER BECAME THE NEW BISHOP. BECAUSE THE LEADERS HATED THE TRUTH, BISHOP LEANDER HAD RISKED HIS LIFE TO TRY TO CONVERT PEOPLE. WE CAN LEARN FROM HIM THAT WE SHOULD ALWAYS TELL THE TRUTH ABOUT THE FAITH.

# Fill-in-the-Blanks

Fill in the blanks with the words in the box. Use the marked letters to fill in the blanks at the end.

1.  the love of God has been poured into our 2.  through the Holy 3.  who has been 4.  to us. For Christ, while we were 5.  helpless, died at the appointed 6.  for the ungodly. Indeed, only with 7.  does one die for a just person, though perhaps for a good person one 8.  even find 9.  to die. But 10.  proves his love for us in that...  
...WHILE WE WERE STILL SINNERS  
FOR US.
- 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10

|         |            |         |
|---------|------------|---------|
| COURAGE | DIFFICULTY | HEARTS  |
| GOD     | TIME       | GIVEN   |
| SPIRIT  | MIGHT      | BECAUSE |