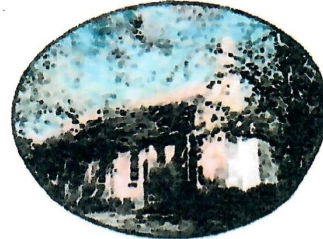




St. John Baptist de LaSalle Catholic Church

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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.*

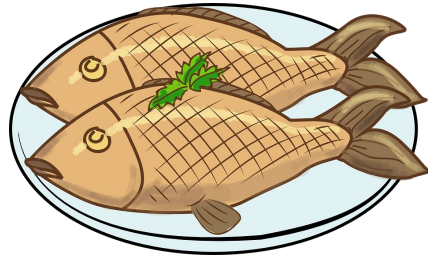
Sacrament Preparation
Call S. Janis, (336) 835-4542

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

April 19, 2026

PARISH FUND RAISER



Friday, April 24

5:15 ~ 7:45p

Family Life Center

Reservations ***must***

be made by: **Sunday, April 19**

Sign up on clipboard in the lobby.

Menu

Fried cod fish, hush puppies,

French fries, & coleslaw

(Made to order plates; no substitutes)

Cost \$10

A Prayer for the Easter Season: April 2 ~ May 24, 2026

*As we celebrate the Divine Truth of Resurrection,
let us pray for the courage of our Risen Savior and
the First Followers to live our faith with conviction...*

Prayer for Conscience and Courage

*Loving God,
lead us beyond ourselves
to care and protect,
to nourish and shape,
to challenge and energize
both the life and the world
You have given us.
God of light and God of darkness,
God of conscience and God of courage
lead us through this time
of spiritual confusion and public uncertainty.
Lead us beyond fear, apathy and defensiveness
to new hope in You and to hearts full of faith.
Give us the conscience it takes
to comprehend what we're facing,
to see what we're looking at
and to say what we see
so that others, hearing us,
may also brave the pressure that comes
with being out of public step.
Give us the courage we need
to confront those things
that compromise our consciences
or threaten our integrity.
Give us, most of all,
the courage to follow those before us
who challenged wrong and changed it,
whatever the cost to themselves.
In Jesus' Name, we pray.
Amen. Alleluia +*



*The Newest Members
of Our Community*

*Belva Mary Billings
Gregory Joseph Billings
Israel James Moses Lynch
Brittany Kursten Teresa Reece
Francis Ritz*

*We are blessed
in your presence among us!*



...to our Liturgical Ministers
who served during Holy Week...
...our Environment team; Music Minister;
Greeters / Ushers: Acolytes; Proclaimers,
EMs; Tellers; and Altar Linen Ministers ...
...to those who led Stations of the Cross...
...to Jacquie Darcey and the wonderful
woman of our parish who prayerfully
led us on the journey
with the Women of Jerusalem...
...Your ministry among us helped create
a prayerful celebrations throughout
Holy Week...*Thank you so much!*

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

PRAY the ROSARY DAILY
 ...for peace and leaders of nations;
 ... for the end to all bombings,
 a peaceful and just end
 to these wars, and all wars...
 & the violence in Mexico...

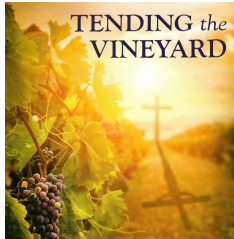


PRAY FOR AN END
TO VIOLENCE,
ESPECIALLY GUN VIOLENCE



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

WAYS to GIVE



**DIOCESAN
SUPPORT
APPEAL 2026**

Pledge: Give over time until December 31, 2026

One-time Gift: use the DSA envelopes and make a one-time gift.

Online Gift: charlottediocese.org/dsa

Stock Donation: charlottediocese.org/ways-to-give

IRA Contribution: charlottediocese.org/ways-to-give

You are invited to our Open Table

4:30-6:30pm

Third Thursdays ~ NO COST

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Apr. 16	Jul.16	Oct. 15
May 21	Aug. 20	Nov. 19
Jun. 18	Sept. 17	Dec. 17



¡Buenos días, Iglesia!

Cualquiera que haya experimentado un trauma o una pérdida inmensa comprende la mente y el corazón de los discípulos al salir de Jerusalén. Su dolor paralizante y su esperanza destrozada los sacudieron hasta lo más profundo de su ser.

Ahora, considere la pandemia y la etapa pospandemia, que provocaron a nivel mundial grandes pérdidas, dolor y trauma. Considere el trauma social, espiritual y político —aún vigente en todo el mundo— que nos sacude hasta los cimientos. Considere el peso acumulativo que estas experiencias ejercen sobre su espíritu.

Todos nosotros nos encontramos en nuestra propia caminata hacia Emaús —posterior a la Resurrección— al unimos a los dos discípulos que emprenden el camino de regreso a casa. Han experimentado un terremoto espiritual y sus corazones —que alguna vez estuvieron colmados de esperanza ante la presencia del Mesías— se hallan sumidos en una profunda desolación. Han perdido toda esperanza y expectativa respecto a la consumación del Reino de Dios.

Tal es el estado de sus corazones cuando Jesús se une a ellos. Presten especial atención al modo en que Jesús sale al encuentro de su desesperación y los conduce hacia su presencia sanadora. En lugar de intentar «arreglar» a unos discípulos que parecían haber caído en la «senilidad espiritual», Jesús les ofrece un recorrido a través de todas las promesas que Dios hizo y cumplió a lo largo del tiempo. Los honró con su presencia, sin interrumpirlos ni juzgarlos. De la manera más amorosa, les concedió la gracia del recuerdo. Jesús reconoció su dolor y su efecto secundario: el olvido. Los sirvió siendo su memoria, recordándoles su historia sagrada. Escuchar al Divino Narrador reavivó una chispa en sus corazones. Escuchar a Jesús relatar *Su* historia los transformó.

Al igual que estos discípulos, nosotros anhelamos ser transformados por la gracia. Deseamos sanar de nuestros traumas, nuestro dolor, nuestra desesperación y cualquier otro malestar espiritual que nos aflija.

Preguntas de reflexión

La pregunta es: ¿Cómo caminas junto a los demás?

¿Los interrumpes o los juzgas? ¿O acaso los conduces hacia...?

¿Eres tú el único que desconoce lo que le sucedió a Jesús en Jerusalén?

Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

En el Uno, somos uno, en ComUNIDAD,

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Morning, Church!

Anyone who's experienced a trauma or a tremendous loss, understands the mind and heart of the disciples existing Jerusalem. Their numbing grief and crushed hope shook them to their core.

Now, consider our pandemic and post-pandemic time that caused worldwide great loss, grief, and trauma. Consider the ongoing and worldwide social, spiritual, and political trauma shaking us to our core. Consider the cumulative weight of these experiences have on your spirit.

All of us are on our post-Resurrection Emmaus walk as we join the Two Disciples making their way home. They've experienced a spiritual earthquake, Their hearts, once full of hope in Christ's presence, are beyond despondent. They're out of hope and expectations for the fulfillment of the Reign of God.

This is the state of their hearts when Jesus joins them. Pay close attention to *The Way* Jesus meets them in their despair and leads them to his healing presence. Instead of trying to "fix" these spiritually senile disciples, Jesus offers them a walk through all the promises God made and kept over time. He graced them with his presence without interrupting or judging them. In a most loving way, he restored their gift of remembering..

Jesus recognized their grief and its side effect forgetfulness. He served them by being their memory, reminding them of their sacred history. Listening to the Divine Storyteller rekindled a spark in their hearts. Listening to Jesus tell HIStory transformed them.

Like these disciples, we desire to be transformed in grace. We desire to be healed of our trauma, grief, despair, and any other spiritual heartburn that afflicts us.

Questions: How do you walk with others? Do you interrupt or judge them?

















Or do you lead them to Jesus' healing presence?

Are you the only one who doesn't know what happened in Jerusalem to Jesus?

Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

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

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A P R I L	
29	<i>Palm Sunday of the Lord's Passion</i> No Family Faith Formation
MINISTERIAL ASSOCIATION <i>Holy Week Service & Luncheon</i> Elkin Presbyterian Ch, Mon ~ Fri, 12N ~ 1:00p	
31	NO Communion Service
01	OCIA Rehearsal 6:30p; Choir, 7p 
02	<i>Holy Thursday, 7p</i>
03	<i>Women of Jerusalem, 5:30p</i>
	<i>Good Friday: Passion of the Lord, 7p</i>
04	OCIA Preparation Rites, 10a <i>Easter Vigil, 8p</i>
05	<i>Easter Sunday, Mass ~ 9a</i>
08	Choir, 7p 
 12	<i>2nd Sun Easter/Divine Mercy Sunday</i> Faith Formation ALL parents & children, after Mass
14	Communion Service, 12:15p Eucharistic Minister Renewal Session, 1p
 15	OCIA, 7p; Choir, 7p 
16	Wise Ones Mexico Viejo Grill, 1p Host: Kathy J 
 18	Men's Group @ Cracker Barrel, 8:30a Eucharistic Minister Renewal Session, 1p
 19	<i>3rd Sun Easter</i> Faith Formation ALL parents & children, after Mass
20	Give Blood Elkin Rescue Squad, 1:30-6:00p 
21	Ministerial Association, 12N HCH Communion Service, 12:15p
 22	OCIA, 7p; Choir, 7p 
24	<i>Fish Fry Fundraiser</i> <i>FLC ~ 5:15-7:45p</i> 
 26	<i>4th Sun Easter</i> Faith Formation ALL parents & children, after Mass
 28	Communion Service, 12:15p OCIA 2, 6:30p
 29	OCIA, 7p; Choir, 7p 



Easter Flowers

If you wish to donate to our Easter Flower fund to honor a living or deceased loved one, use the envelope in the pew pockets.
PRINT your NAME and donation amount on the front and PRINT the names of your loved ones on the back of the envelope.
Place the envelope in the collection basket.

🌿 Mass Intentions	
02	+Patrick Tyrrell r/b S. Janis
04	Belva & Greg Billings, Israel Lynch, Brittany Reece, Francis Ritz, and Josh Talbott and their sponsors
05	St. Stephen Parishioners
12	+Charles Dursee r/b Becky +Georgette & William Dyer r/b Sean Dyer +Gloria Garcia r/b Elia & Luis Martinez
19	+Joe Mandes +Judy Tymko
26	World Day of Prayer for Vocations

Birthdays & Anniversaries



04 Freddy Carmona, Jr.	12 Jose Ledesma
05 Marcelino Trinidad	15 Andy Crawford
06 Natalia Trinidad	17 Patty Taddio
08 Melisa Bustos	23 Sally Allred
Alberto Nava	Kimberly Lopez
08 Osvaldo Bustos	26 Michael Hadfield
10 Richard Jones	27 Dianne Crawford
11 Osvaldo Martinez	Luis Rodriguez
Keith Stringer	28 Israel Lynch
	30 Vanessa Lopez

04 Eileen & Leo Ouellette
05 Beth Altemueller & Newell Hauser
15 Judy & Frank Simon
21 Lupe & Ray Hernandez
29 Julie & Patrick Colglazier



“I am disheartened that the President chose to write such disparaging words about the Holy Father. Pope Leo is not his rival; nor is the Pope a politician. He is the Vicar of Christ who speaks from the truth of the Gospel and for the care of souls.”

~ Archbishop Paul S. Coakley,
president of the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops
issued a brief response to a social media post
by President Trump on Sunday evening.

Saint Mark

April 25

SAINT MARK
 WAS A FOLLOWER OF JESUS, ALTHOUGH HE WAS NOT ONE OF THE TWELVE APOSTLES.



Jesus is preaching - let's go listen!

HE WAS LIKELY ONE OF THE SEVENTY DISCIPLES THAT JESUS SENT AHEAD TO PREPARE FOR HIM.



Go to the towns and villages...

AFTER JESUS WENT INTO HEAVEN MARK TRAVELED WITH SAINT PAUL.



Thanks for coming! How are the others?



HE VISITED PAUL IN PRISON BEFORE HE WAS MARTYRED.

MARK ALSO SPOKE A LOT WITH SAINT PETER.



Jesus took John, James and me...

MARK WROTE THE LIFE OF JESUS SO THAT PEOPLE IN THE FUTURE WOULD BE ABLE TO READ ABOUT HIM.



Tie him up and we'll drag him through the streets.



SAINT MARK WENT TO ALEXANDRIA WHERE HE BECAME THEIR FIRST BISHOP. HE DIED AS A MARTYR FOR JESUS IN THE YEAR 68.

SAINT MARK KNEW THAT IT WAS IMPORTANT FOR PEOPLE TO KNOW ABOUT JESUS, SO HE WROTE HIS STORY, OR GOSPEL. DO YOU EVER READ BIBLE STORIES? DO YOU PAY ATTENTION TO THE GOSPEL READING AT CHURCH? TRY TO LEARN MORE ABOUT JESUS SO YOU CAN BE MORE LIKE HIM!

Picture Puzzle: The Road to Emmaus

How well do you know the story of the two disciples on the road to Emmaus? Figure out the order of the pictures and put the appropriate numbers in the corners.

