All are welcome!
Bienvenidos!
Chào mừng!

Sunday Mass, 9:00a

Holy Days, 7:00p

Communion Service
Tuesdays, 12:15p

Sacrament of Baptism
Preparation
1st Saturdays
Call Temoc (828) 773-2353

O.C.I.A.
Adults desiring to explore
the Catholic faith, contact
Sister Janis
(336) 835-4542

Sacrament of Reconciliation
by appointment
Fr. Engelbert
(704) 578-2478
Fr. John
(704) 763-2475 or after Mass

Sacrament of Matrimony
One year to six months
prior to the wedding,
contact S. Janis
(336) 835-4542

Anointing of the Sick
Fr. Engelbert
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November 22, 2026 **22 noviembre 2026**

Feast: Our Lord, Jesus Christ,
King of the Universe

Solemnidad: de Nuestro Señor Jesucristo,
Rey del Universo



Servant-Leader

In every place
and time
the blessed walk
among us.
There's amighty throng
that stand at our side,
the Saints and
Beloved of God.

~Saints and Belove of God, Dan Schutte

https://youtu.be/dzVC5Z0UbAA?si=Z8812wQe59E28xno

We Remember, We Celebrate, We Believe

Donor	Remembering
Theresa Martin	El-Khouri Family, Isaac Family, Jabaley Family, Thomas Family, Martin Family, Dan Gerber
Peggy Reikowsky	Pat Chatham, James Dana, Lynda Dana, Marjorie Dana

Eternal rest, grant them, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them.
May they rest in peace. Amen+



Celebrating 70 Acts of Kindness in gratitude for 70 years of St. Stephen Church

This is a blessed time in the history of our faith community. Our parish is known for its generous service, hospitality, and life-giving ministry among our dear neighbors.
You are invited to continue that same loving spirit by doing 70 Acts of Kindness between now and the

Feast of St. Stephenbon December 26.

Keep a record of your loving acts
They will offer at Mass on the
Feast of the Holy Family.
Sunday. December 21.



Thank you...

...to our Faith Formation Families, especially the children, who made crowns for our community in celebration of ALL SAINTS DAY...

...to the parents who created our All Souls Altar...

God bless you all!

y'all are Saints-in-the-Making!

National leaders have titles like prime minister, king, queen, president, ayatollah, monarch, chancellor, or tribal chief. Today, as the Church brings another liturgical year to a close, we stand before a striking paradox. We celebrate the Solemnity of Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe. Yet when we look to the Gospel to see our King calling us to follow him and his example and become Servant-Leaders.

Some earthly rulers measure their power in territories they conquer, how many laws they can enforce, how fiercely they can crush their rivals, and how easily they control or deceive their citizens.

This is not Servant-Leadership and it's not who Jesus is and calls us to be. Jesus does not rule by grasping at power; he rules by giving himself away in generous service. Christ's kingship is built entirely on self-sacrificing love, so we can follow him with complete trust

In 1925, when dictatorships and fierce nationalism had the world in a stranglehold, Pope Pius XI instituted this feast. The Pope wanted to remind the faithful that no earthly government, political ideology, or human leader has the final word over a human soul. A century later, that reminder is just as urgent in public life, and in the quiet corners of our own hearts.

When Christ is truly our King, his values become our values. We recognize his face in the hungry, the forgotten, the least, the lost, the lonely, and the difficult people in our own families. We choose forgiveness over bitterness, humility over status, and service over control. His reign does not take away our freedom; it sets us free from the exhausting burden of trying to be the rulers of our own little worlds.

As we celebrate the feast of Christ the King,
ask yourself a simple, honest question:
Who actually rules my life?

Los líderes nacionales ostentan títulos como primer ministro, rey, reina, presidente, ayatolá, monarca, canciller o jefe tribal. Hoy, al concluir la Iglesia otro año litúrgico, nos encontramos ante una paradoja sorprendente: celebramos la solemnidad de Nuestro Señor Jesucristo, Rey del Universo. Sin embargo, al acudir al Evangelio, vemos a nuestro Rey llamándonos a seguirle —a seguir su ejemplo— y a convertirnos en líderes que sirven.

Algunos gobernantes terrenales miden su poder por los territorios que conquistan, la cantidad de leyes que logran imponer, la ferocidad con la que aplastan a sus rivales y la facilidad con la que controlan o engañan a sus ciudadanos.

Esto no es un liderazgo de servicio; tampoco es la forma en que Jesús gobierna, ni lo que Él nos llama a ser. Jesús no gobierna aferrándose al poder, sino entregándose a sí mismo mediante un servicio generoso. El reinado de Cristo se fundamenta, por completo, en un amor que se sacrifica a sí mismo; por eso, podemos seguirle con absoluta confianza.

En 1925, cuando las dictaduras y un nacionalismo feroz atenazaban al mundo, el Papa Pío XI instituyó esta festividad. El Papa quería recordar a los fieles que ningún gobierno terrenal, ideología política o líder humano tiene la última palabra sobre el alma humana. Un siglo después, ese recordatorio sigue siendo igual de urgente, tanto en la vida pública como en los rincones más íntimos de nuestro propio corazón.

Cuando Cristo es verdaderamente nuestro Rey, sus valores se convierten en los nuestros. Reconocemos su rostro en los hambrientos, los olvidados, los más desfavorecidos, los perdidos, los solitarios e incluso en aquellas personas de nuestra propia familia con quienes nos resulta difícil convivir. Elegimos el perdón frente al resentimiento, la humildad frente al estatus y el servicio frente al afán de control. Su reinado no nos priva de nuestra libertad; al contrario, nos libera de la carga agotadora de intentar ser los soberanos de nuestros propios pequeños mundos.

Al celebrar esta fiesta de Cristo Rey,
planteémonos una pregunta sencilla y sincera:
¿Quién gobierna realmente mi vida?

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Family Faith Formation
Sundays
10:15-11:45a
Lupe Hernandez
Israel Lynch
Jessica Nieland
Beth Orta
Peggy Reikowsky

Ladies Guild
Aileen Cahill
2nd Mondays, 5p

Men's Group
Men's Breakfast Group
Jospeh Spears
3rd Saturday, 8:30a
Cracker barrel
Jonesville

NOVEMBER



01 Feast of All Saint ~ Mass, 9a
Family Faith Formation, 10:15-11:45a
SSJ ZOOM, 7:00-8::30p
02 All Souls Day ~ Mass, 5p
OCIA Inquiry, 7p
03 Mass, 12:15p
04 Choir, 7p
08 32nd Sun OT ~ Mass, 9a
Family Faith Formation, 10:15-11:45a
Honor our Veterans
09. OCIA Inquiry, 6:30p
10 Ministerial Assoication, 12N
Mass, 12:15p
11 Choir, 7p
15 33rd Sun OT
Family Faith Formation, 10:15-11:45a
16 Give Blood ~ Elkin Rescue Sqd, 1:30-6:00p
17 Mass, 12:15p
18 Choir, 7p
OCIA Mystagogia, 7p
19 Wise Ones ~ Chinese Buffet, N. Bridge St. 1p
Hosts: Ayda & Sheldon
21 Men's Breakfast, Cracker Barrel, 8:30a
Christmas Shoe Box Packing Party, 10a-2p
22 Feast: Jesus Christ, King of the Universe
Family Faith Formation, 10:15-11:45a
23 OCIA Catechumenate, 7p
24 Mass, 12:15p
25 Choir, 7p
26 Happy Thanksgiving!
29 1st Sun Advent ~ Mass 9a
Family Faith Formation, 10:15-11:45a
30 OCIA Catechumenate, 7p

CHRISTMAS SHOE BOX PACKING PARTY
SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 21
10:00a ~ 2:00p
Family Life Center
Collect Service Hours
or
Designate this as one of your
70 Acts of Kindness for 70 Years.

EVENTO DE EMPAQUETADO DE CAJAS DE ZAPATOS PARA NAVIDAD
SÁBADO, 21 DE NOVIEMBRE
10:00 a. m. – 2:00 p. m.
Centro de Vida Familiar (Family Life Center)
Acumula horas de servicio
o
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70 actos… ños.

THANK YOU to all who helped put the Christmas Shoe Boxes together

Thank you for your generous contrib… istmas
Child Shoebox project. Ma… donated.
We still need items like: …, brushes, and combs.
Also, it cost… se to ship a shoebox,
so i… nate money for shipping,
… very much appreciated.
… checks to the St. Stephen Ladies' Guild.
… the MEMO line: *Shoebox Ministry.*

We invite ALL parishioners to join
our Faith Formation Families,
Men's Group, and Ladies Guild
to pack the boxes.

The Men's group and Ladies' Guild
can assist in supervising
the packing stations
and inspecting the completed boxes.

Birthdays



02 Jackie Wagoner
03 Eric Barrientos
04 Arelis Hadfield
Donna Stvartak
05 Shalya Ange
Ed Kageorge
06 Phil Martin
09 Debbie Parrish
14 Veronica Trinidad
15 Jane Norman
18 Ania Trejo
20 Reyna Hernandez
21 Newell Hauser
22 America Lopez
23 Katelyn Jarrard
25 Victor Bustos, Jr.
Stephen Faust
26 Victor Bustos, Sr.
27 Alejandro Carmona



Anniversaries

04 Roseamelia & Michael Kelly
06 Rosa & Gerardo Parral
13 Ayda Lopez & Sheldon Chanes
16 Ramona & Jim Doyle
17 Epi & Julian Cortez

y'all are Saints-in-the-Making!



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2026 TRI-C MINISTRIES ALMSGIVING

JUL Peas	**AUG** Flour	**SEPT** Shampoo
OCT Sm. Dish Liquid	**NOV** Bar Soap	**DEC** Dry Beans

PRAY

END TO ALL
WAR AND
GUN VIOLENCE,
ESPECIALLY IN
SCHOOLS

THANK YOU

THERESA

&

OUR CHOIR

NOVEMBER MASS

TUESDAYS

12:15p

Fr. Berto

RECYCLE

TYVM for RECYCLING
YOUR INK CARTRIDGES
AT CHURCH.
GOOD for EARTH &
HELPS the CHURCH.

THANK YOU

Peggy Reikowsky...

...for coordinating another
Christmas Shoe Box Outreach
w/ Doris, Gayle,
Donna, & Andy.

Apologies to volunteers omitted.

70 FOR 70

70 Acts for 70 Years
Decide each day how
you will show kindness
or gratitude in
meaningful ways.



S. Miriam Denis Conomy, SSJ
August 29, 1937 ~ November 10, 2026
71 years as a SSJ



S. Josephine Lucy, SSJ
December 13, 1934 ~ November 11, 2026
74 years as a SSJ



S. Alice Cecelia Yohe, SSJ
November 23, 1935 ~ November 10, 2026
73 years as a SSJ

Whatever you do to others...



Jesus is a fair king. In today's Gospel reading, He tells us how He will judge people at the end of time. Those who were good to God will be saved, and those who were not good to Him will be condemned. Whoever is good to others is good to God, and whoever is unkind to others is unkind to God.



Our Lord cares so much about His people that He will judge us according to how we treat each other. Jesus is the Good Shepherd and the King, and He cares about every one of us specially. Imagine a king who came to see every one of his subjects to make sure that they were doing okay. Well, Jesus does more than that- He died for us on the cross! He looks after us all the time, and He says that anyone who is unkind to us will be judged as being unkind to Him.

Christ the King is the just judge. How do you think you will be judged when you die, or at the end of time? Are you kind to others? Do you ever think about how you would treat Jesus if He were here? Do you treat other people the way you would treat Jesus?



Answer to front page: I myself will pasture them.
Answers to match-up puzzle: 1. you gave me food, 2.you gave me drink, 3.you welcomed me, 4.you clothed me, 5.you cared for me, 6.you visited me.

The Kids' Bulletin

Feast of Christ the King
November 22nd, 2026



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What does God say about His people in the first reading? Use the code to find out some of what He said.

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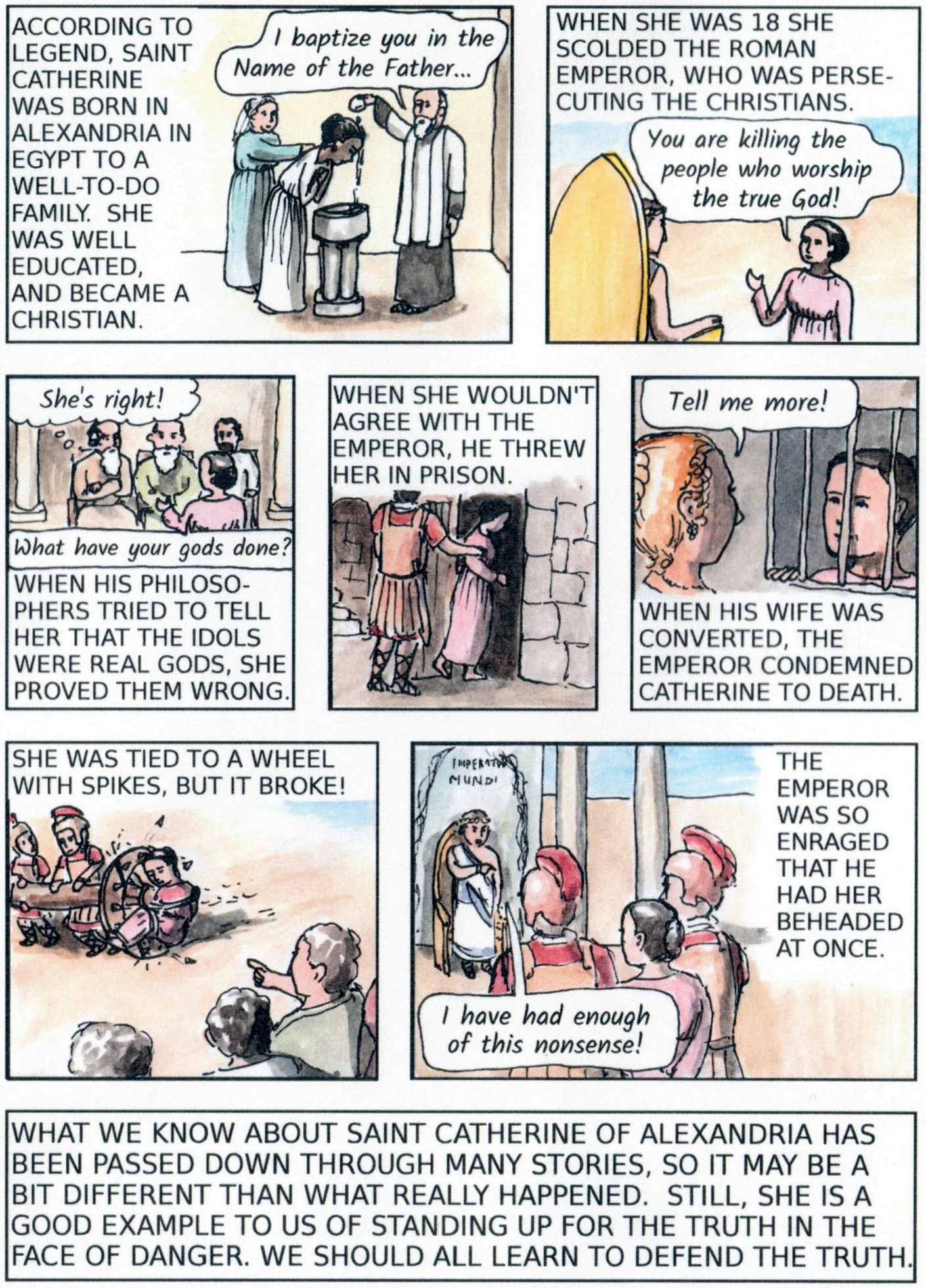
Saint Catherine of Alexandria

November 25



WHAT WE KNOW ABOUT SAINT CATHERINE OF ALEXANDRIA HAS BEEN PASSED DOWN THROUGH MANY STORIES, SO IT MAY BE A BIT DIFFERENT THAN WHAT REALLY HAPPENED. STILL, SHE IS A GOOD EXAMPLE TO US OF STANDING UP FOR THE TRUTH IN THE FACE OF DANGER. WE SHOULD ALL LEARN TO DEFEND THE TRUTH.

Gospel Match-Up

In today's Gospel reading, Our Lord tells the people how they will be judged. What did the righteous people do when they found people in need?

See if you can match up the needs on the left with the help on the right!

1. I was hungry and •	• you welcomed me,
2. I was thirsty and •	• you clothed me,
3. a stranger and •	• you gave me drink,
4. naked and •	• you cared for me,
5. ill and •	• you visited me.
6. in prison and •	• you gave me food,

