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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

Third Sunday of Easter
May 4, 2025

Fasting and Feasting - Celebrating the 90 Days: Ash Wednesday to Pentecost

Ash Wednesday
Fast from negativity
Feast on a positive heart.

Be intentional when you pray, fast, and give alms.

Thursday
Fast from selfishness.
Feast on generosity.

Friday
Fast from compulsions.
Attend Stations of the Cross.

Saturday
Fast from hard-headedness.
Feast on cooperation.

1st Sunday of Lent
Fast from control.
Feast on collaboration.

Monday
Fast from self-indulgence.
Feast on abstinence.

Tuesday
Fast from resentment.
Feast on letting go.

Wednesday
Fast from resentment.
Feast on gratitude.

Thursday
Fast from stubbornness.
Feast on flexibility.

Friday
Fast from resentment.
Pray Stations of the Cross.

Saturday
Fast from abusing others.
Feast on appreciating others.

2nd Sunday of Lent
Fast from rigidity.
Feast on flexibility.

Monday
Fast from wasting time.
Feast on good planning.

Tuesday
Fast from judging.
Feast on affirming.

Wednesday
Fast from compulsions.
Feast on praying.

Thursday
Fast from shaming.
Feast on honoring.

Friday
Fast from wasting time.
Pray Stations of the Cross.

Saturday
Fast from sarcasm.
Feast on graciousness.

3rd Sunday of Lent
Fast from stressing differences.
Feast on appreciating them.

Monday
Fast from arrogant pride.
Feast on humility.

Tuesday
Fast from road rage.
Feast on road compassion.

Wednesday
Fast from fear.
Feast on risks for faith.

Thursday
Fast from a blind heart.
Feast on seeing with love.

Friday
Fast from being divisive.
Pray Stations of the Cross.

Saturday
Fast from hypocrisy
Feast on integrity.

4th Sunday of Lent
Fast from belittling.
Feast on praising.

Monday
Fast from useless stress.
Feast on being intentional.

Tuesday
Fast from arrogance.
Feast on humility.

Wednesday
Celebrate Sacrament of Reconciliation during Lent

Thursday
Fast from contempt.
Feast on admiration.

Praying
Fasting
Almsgiving

Friday
Fast from confrontation.
Pray Stations of the Cross.

Saturday
Fast from willfulness.
Feast on 20 minutes in prayer with God.

5th Sunday of Lent
Fast from insecurity.
Feast on confidence in God.

Monday
Fast from discouragement.
Feast on hope.

Tuesday
Fast from religious rigidity.
Feast on openness to God.

Wednesday
Fast from rebelling.
Feast on supporting.

Thursday
Fast from caustic glares.
Feast on loving glances.

Friday
Fast from judging.
Pray Stations of the Cross.

Saturday
Fast from being disorderly.
Feast on good planning.
Celebrate Sacrament of Reconciliation with your family

Passion Sunday
Fast from sadness.
Feast on honoring your grief.

Monday of Holy Week
Fast from craving approval.
Feast on who you are in God.

Tuesday of Holy Week
Fast from betrayals.
Feast on loyalty.

Wednesday of Holy Week
Fast from anger.
Feast on forgiveness.

The Triduum

Holy Thursday
Fast from laziness.
Feast on generous service.

Good Friday
Fast from fear.
Feast on sacrificing with joy.

Attend *Women of Jerusalem*.

Holy Saturday
Fast from anxiety and fear.
Feast on waiting in joyful hope.

Easter Sunday



Feast on the promise of Everlasting Life.

Easter Monday
Feast on Christ's light.

Easter Tuesday
Feast on Christ's recompense.

Easter Wednesday
Feast on Christ's presence.

Easter Thursday
Feast on Christ's courage.

Easter Friday
Feast on Christ's resolve.

Easter Saturday
Feast on Christ's mercy.

2nd Sunday of Easter
Feast on healed wounds.

Monday
Feast on gratitude.

Tuesday
Feast on thoughtfulness.

Wednesday
Feast on creation.

Thursday
Feast on joy.

Friday
Feast on patience.

Saturday
Feast on your Baptism.

3rd Sunday of Easter
Feast on waiting.

Monday
Feast on
being loved by God.

Tuesday
Feast on
being created by God.

Wednesday
Feast on
being chosen by God.

Thursday
Feast on
being anointed by God.

Friday
Feast on
being sent by God.

Saturday
Feast on
being God's prophet.

4th Sunday of Easter
Feast on
being lead by God.

Monday
Feast on
thirsty for God.

Tuesday
Feast on praising God.

Wednesday
Feast on God's faith in you.

Thursday
Feast on God's goodness.

Friday
Feast on worshipping God.

Saturday
Feast on
the faith of our ancestors.

5th Sunday of Easter
Feast on compassion.

Monday
Feast on a childlike wonder.

Tuesday
Feast on God's glory.

Wednesday
Feast on your faith journey.

Thursday
Feast on God's fabulous
deeds.

Friday
Feast on God's peace.

Saturday
Feast on God's respect of
you.

6th Sunday of Easter
Feast on being God's Child.

Monday
Feast on Christ's victory
over death.

Tuesday
Feast on blessings.

Wednesday
Feast on achievements.

Thursday
Feast on being Church.

Friday
Feast on inclusiveness.

Saturday
Feast on a variety of music.

Feast of the Ascension
Feast on Christ's
prayer for us:
"That all may be one."

Monday
Feast on Christ's words:
"Ask and you shall receive."

Tuesday
Feast on Christ's
prayer for us:
"I entrust them to You."

Wednesday
Feast on Christ's
prayer for us:
*"I guarded them
with your name."*

Thursday
Feast on Christ's prayer
for all of us:
*"I have revealed
your Name to them,
and I will continue
to reveal it
so that your love
for me may live in them."*

Friday
Feast on
Christ's words to you:
*"Do you love me?"
"Feed my lambs....
Feed my sheep..."*

Saturday
Feast on
Christ's words to you:
"Follow me."

Pentecost Sunday



Feast on the gift of the
Spirit sent by Jesus,
the love of God
always with you.

Monday
Feast on the Spirit's gift
given in Confirmation:
Wisdom.

Tuesday
Feast on the Spirit's gift
given in Confirmation:
Knowledge.

Wednesday
Feast on the Spirit's gift
given in Confirmation:
Fortitude.

Thursday
Feast on the Spirit's gift
given in Confirmation:
Understanding.

Friday
Feast on the Spirit's gift
given in Confirmation:
Piety / Spirituality.

Saturday
Feast on the Spirit's gift
given in Confirmation:
**Wonder and Awe
in God's Presence.**

Tri-C Almsgiving <i>Thank you so much !!</i>	
APR	Canned fruit
MAY	Toilet tissue
JUN	Toothpaste



Continue to hold *Pope Francis* in your prayers.
 Eternal rest grant him, O Lord.
 And let perpetual light shine upon him.
 May he rest in peace Amen. +
 Pray and fast for the *Conclave* who elect *our next Shepherd*.



PRAY the ROSARY DAILY

for the people of Ukraine & Russia;

for Presidents Zelenskyy, Putin & Trump; for a peaceful and just end to this war, and all wars...

Hail Mary, full of grace...



Remember in prayer,
 the Florida State University Community
 and their families,
 as well as the shooter and his family.



2025 Jubilee Year of Hope



Pilgrim,
 what is your **deepest hope**
 for yourself, your family,
 St. Stephen, your Church,
 in this time of transition?

Christ has died.

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

Peregrino,
 ¿cuál es tu esperanza más profunda?
 para ti, tu familia, San Esteban,
 tu Iglesia, en este tiempo de transición?

Cristo murió.

Cristo resucitó.

Cristo volverá.



¡Buenos días, Iglesia!

El agua es un símbolo central en las Escrituras, en particular el Mar de Galilea, que se encuentra a 116 kilómetros de Jerusalén. Los discípulos conocían este lugar de memoria. Allí, Pedro, Andrés, Santiago y Juan pescaban día y noche para sustentar a sus familias. Este lugar es su hogar.

Sin embargo, es el lugar donde sacrificaron sus recursos y sus familias para seguir a Jesús. Vieron a Jesús caminar sobre estas mismas aguas. Fue aquí donde Jesús despertó de un sueño profundo para calmar una tormenta y salvarlos. A orillas de este mar, presenciaron cómo Jesús alimentó a 5000 personas.

Mientras los discípulos se dirigían a la orilla, tras una noche de pesca sin éxito, escucharon una invitación: "Vengan a desayunar".

En la playa, Jesús se dirigió a Pedro y lo llamó directamente por su nombre tres veces: «¿Me amas?». Esta es una cirugía radical a corazón abierto, donde cada pregunta hiere más profundamente con cada negación dolorosa.

Hoy, Jesús está ante ti, te llama por tu nombre y te pregunta tres veces, lo que representa todas las veces que lo has negado: «¿Me amas?».

Si respondes «Sí», continúa siguiéndolo con todas las formas creativas y amorosas en que «alimentas y cuidas» a sus ovejas.

En ComUNIDAD,

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🌿 TRABAJO del CORAZÓN

Reflexionando sobre la Palabra

Jesús te llama por tu nombre y se presenta ante ti. Te pregunta tres veces, representando todas las veces que lo has negado: "¿Me amas?"

Si respondes "Sí", continúa siguiéndolo a través de todas las maneras creativas y amorosas en que Él "ALIMENTA y CUIDA" a sus ovejas.



Este es uno de los símbolos comunes que se reconocen mundialmente hoy en día.



El símbolo del pez, particularmente en el cristianismo, deriva de la palabra griega "ICHTHYS", que significa "PEZ", y también es un acrónimo de "JESUCRISTO, HIJO DE DIOS, SALVADOR". Los primeros cristianos usaron este símbolo como código secreto y representación visual de su fe durante un período de persecución.

Explicación: ICHTHUS:

La palabra griega para "pez", ΙΧΘΥΣ, es la base del símbolo.

Las letras de la palabra griega para pez (ΙΧΘΥΣ) son las primeras letras de la frase "Jesucristo, Hijo de Dios, Salvador".

SÍMBOLO CRISTIANO PRIMITIVO:

El símbolo se convirtió en una forma para que los primeros cristianos se reconocieran entre sí durante una época de persecución.



Morning, Church!

Water is a central symbol in the Scriptures, in particular, the Sea of Galilee, which is 72 miles from Jerusalem. This is a spot known by heart by the disciples. This is the location where Peter, Andrew, James and John fished day or night to sustain their families. This place has always been their home.

Yet it is the place where they cut lifelines with their livelihoods and families to follow Jesus. They saw Jesus walk on these very waters. It is here Jesus awoke from a sound sleep to still a storm and save them. On the shores of this sea, they witnessed Jesus feed 5,000 people.

As the disciples were making their way towards shore, after an unsuccessful night of fishing, They heard an invitation, "Come, have breakfast."

On the beach, Jesus singled Peter out and addressed him directly three times by name,

"Do you love me?"

This is radical open heart surgery, with each question cutting deeper for each wounding denial.

Today, Jesus stands before you and calls you by name and asks you three times ~ which represents all the times you have denied him, "Do you love me?"

If you answer, "Yes", then continue to follow him by all the creative and loving ways you "FEED and TEND" his sheep.

Jesus calls you by name and stands before you. He asks you three times, representing all the times you have denied Him:

"Do you love Me?"

If you answer "Yes," then continue to follow Him through all the creative and loving ways you "FEED and CARE" for His sheep.

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🌱 HEARTwork ~ Reflecting on the Word

Jesus calls you by name and stands before you.

He asks you three times, representing
all the times you have denied Him:
"Do you love Me?"

If you answer "Yes," then continue to follow him
through all the creative and loving ways you
"FEED and CARES" for His sheep.



This is one of the common symbols
that is recognized worldwide today.



The fish symbol, particularly in Christianity, is derived from the Greek word "ICHTHYS," meaning "FISH," and is also an acronym for "JESUS CHRIST, SON OF GOD, SAVIOR".

The early Christians used this symbol as a secret code and a visual representation of their faith during a period of persecution.

ICHTHUS:Explanation:

The Greek word for "fish," ΙΧΘΥΣ, is the foundation of the symbol.

The letters of the Greek word for fish (ΙΧΘΥΣ) are the first letters of the phrase "Jesus Christ, Son of God, Savior".

EARLY CHRISTIAN SYMBOL:

The symbol became a way
for early Christians to recognize each other
during a time of persecution,

May	
 04	3rd Sun Easter Baptism: Yahir Barrientos Vow Renewal Eileen & Leo Ouellette 
 06	AFF The Chosen, 10a; Communion Service, 12:15p Adult 1 Sacrament prep, 6:30p
 07	Adult 2 Sacrament prep, 6:30p; Choir, 7p
11	4th Sun Easter <i>Happy Mother's Day</i>
 12	Ladies Guild, 5:00p
 13	AFF The Chosen, 10a Communion Service, 12:15p
 14	Adult 2 Sacrament prep, 6:30p; Choir, 7p 
15	Wise Ones, TBA 1p
17	Men's Breakfast, Cracker Barrel, 8:30a 
18	5th Sun Easter SSJ Brunch, 12N 
19	Give blood Elkin Rescue Center, 1:30-6p
   20	AFF The Chosen, 10a Communion Service, 12:15p Adult 1 Sacrament prep, 6:30p
21	Adult 2 Sacrament prep, 6:30p; Choir, 7p 
25	6th Sun Easter
  27	AFF The Chosen, 10a Communion Service, 12:15p Adult 1 Sacrament prep, 6:30p
 28	Adult 2 Sacrament prep, 6:30p Choir, 7p 



Easter Flowers	
<i>S. Janis</i>	<i>Living and deceased members of the Sisters of St. Joseph and family</i>



*Blessed
Carlo
Acutis*

Canonization of Carlo Acutis is postponed due to Pope Francis' death.

In the **Jubilee of Teenagers** in Rome, he is the first millennial saint. This will bring many young people to Rome for the **Catholic Church's Jubilee of Hope**.

Carlo Acutis, who died of leukemia in 2006 at the **age of 15**, was known for his devotion to the Eucharist and Marian apparitions, which he catalogued on a website he designed.

His beatification, or declaration as "Blessed," occurred in October 2020.

The recognition of two miracles attributed to his intercession, including the healing of a young Costa Rican woman, paved the way for his canonization.

Acutis is also considered a "patron saint of the Internet" due to his interest in computers and his miracles website.

☪ Mass Intentions	
04	+Lorraine Benfanti r/b Jane & Rob Worley Yahir Barrientos Eileen & Leo Ouellette
11	All Mothers, living and deceased
18	The Keller, Gore, and Ford Families Kevin McQuade
25	+Anthony DeJohn r/b Barb & Bob Crista & Patrick Gantz

Birthdays & Anniversaries



01 Emilio Lopez	20 Lizette Hernandez
Phillip Parrish	21 Luz Hernandez
02 Cecelia Martinez	23 Aymes Davis
04 Samantha Ange	Morgan Orta
Guillermo Lara	Jonny Ramirez
Christian Ouellette	25 Ana Karen Carmona
05 Julia Carreon	27 Lila Keller
08 Matt Norman	28 Diego Carreon, Jr.
11 Maddox LaCashio	30 Alex Lara
15 Ron Berryman	Brian Lopez
Luis Lopez	31 Hilda Lopez
19 Miguel Nava	
16 Rebekah & Ryan Treannie	21 Lupe & Ray Hernandez
28 Theresa & Phil Martin	



Pope Francis Walking the Word

Prayer is always born again: each time we join our hands and open our hearts to God, we find ourselves in the company of anonymous saints and recognized saints who pray with us and who intercede for us as older brothers and sisters who have preceded upon this same human adventure.

There is no grief in the Church that is borne in solitude, there are no tears shed in oblivion, because everyone breathes and participates in one common grace.

Do You Love Me?

In today's Gospel reading, Jesus asked Peter three times if he loved Him. Peter was a bit offended that Jesus asked him the same thing three times. After all, Jesus knew everything- so He knew that Peter loved Him.

Simon, son of John, do you love me?



But think back to a few weeks ago: on Holy Thursday night some people asked Lord, You Peter if he even knew Jesus, and he know I said "No!" three times! Maybe love You! Jesus was trying to show Peter that it's easy to say "I love you," but it's harder to really love Him.



If Jesus asked you today, "Do you love me?"

what would you say to Him? What would you do to show Him that you really do love Him? The best ways to love Jesus are talking to Him every day in prayer, and being good to the people around you- they are taking Jesus' place for you. Are you ready to show your love for Jesus?

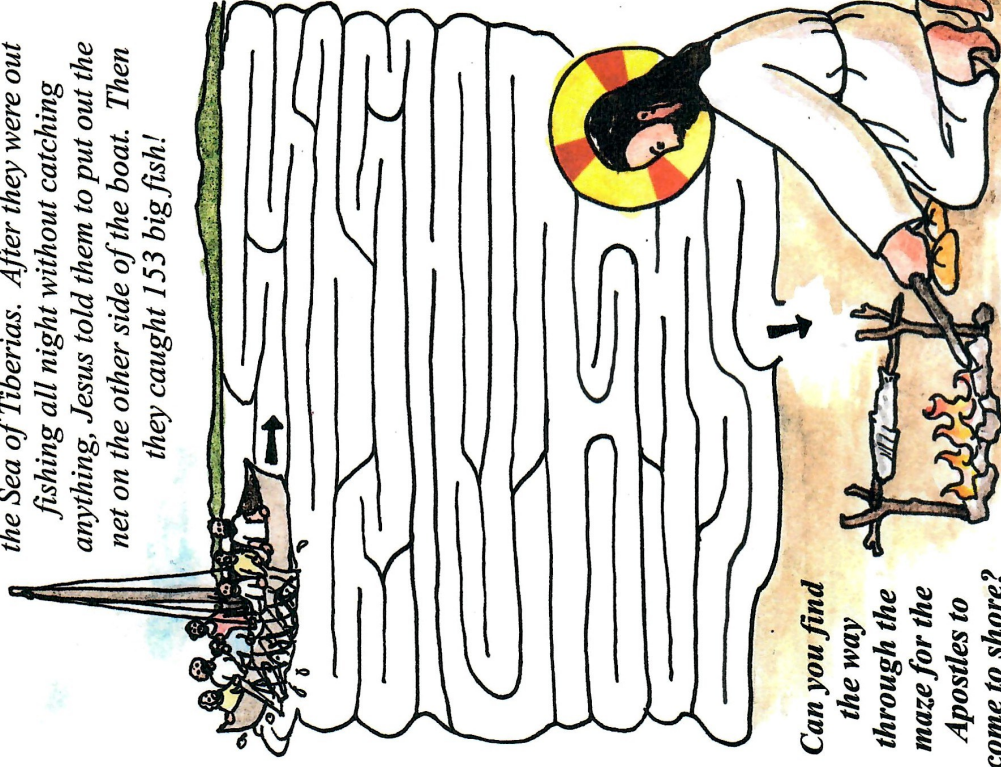


Answers to Cross-Word puzzle: Across: 2. weeping 6. rejoicing 8. in 9. helper 11. give 14. dawn 17. moment 21. over
Down: 1. mourning 3. praise 4. God 5. forever 7. let 9. holy 10. Lord 12. into 13. anger 15. at 16. on 17. my 18. me 19. to 20. be

The Kids' Bulletin

Third Sunday of Easter
May 4th, 2025

The third time that the Apostles saw Jesus after He rose from the dead was at the Sea of Tiberias. After they were out fishing all night without catching anything, Jesus told them to put out the net on the other side of the boat. Then they caught 153 big fish!



Can you find the way through the maze for the Apostles to come to shore?

John 21.1-19

The 90 Days: Ash Wednesday to Pentecost

3rd SUNDAY of Easter

Feast on waiting.

Monday

Feast on Being loved by God.

Tuesday

Feast on being created by God.

Wednesday

Feast on being chosen by God.

Thursday

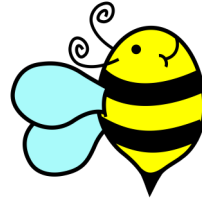
Feast on being anointed by God.

Friday

Feast on being sent by God.

Saturday

Feast on being God's prophet.



REMEMBER:

BE AN EASTER PERSON.

Live your life in gratitude and joy!

Saint Damien of Molokai May 10



ST. DAMIEN WAS BORN IN BELGIUM IN 1840. HE HAD TO QUIT SCHOOL AT 13 TO WORK ON THE FARM. EVERY DAY HE PRAYED IN FRONT OF A PICTURE OF ST. FRANCIS XAVIER, PATRON OF MISSIONARIES.



HE JOINED A RELIGIOUS ORDER AND WHEN HIS BROTHER GOT SICK, HE TOOK HIS PLACE ON A MISSION TO HAWAII.



DAMIEN WAS ORDAINED A PRIEST IN HONOLULU AT THE AGE OF 24.



AT THAT TIME PEOPLE WITH LEPROSY WERE QUARANTINED ON THE ISLAND OF MOLOKAI.



DAMIEN VOLUNTEERED TO GO THERE, EVEN THOUGH HE KNEW HE MIGHT CATCH THE DISEASE.

Father, I will go.



HE CARED FOR THE PEOPLE AND BUILT CHURCHES AND HOSPITALS. HE MADE LIFE MUCH BETTER FOR THEM.



I'll come out this afternoon if I can.

FATHER DAMIEN GOT LEPROSY HIMSELF WHEN HE WAS 45. HE CONTINUED TO WORK WITH THE PEOPLE AS LONG AS HE COULD. HE DIED AT AGE 49 AND WAS BURIED ON THE ISLAND.

ST. DAMIEN KNEW THAT THE PEOPLE IN MOLOKAI NEEDED GOD, JUST LIKE EVERYONE ELSE. HE DECIDED TO GO THERE EVEN THOUGH HE KNEW THAT HE WOULD PROBABLY GET THE DEADLY DISEASE OF LEPROSY. HE GAVE HIS LIFE FOR THOSE PEOPLE. WHAT CAN YOU DO FOR THE POOR OR SICK TODAY?