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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

Fourth Sunday of Easter
May 11, 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.

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!

Escuchar es sumamente importante en nuestro camino de fe. Al reflexionar sobre el evangelio de hoy, el reconocimiento de voz es fundamental. El oído, uno de los cinco sentidos, nos da la capacidad de captar más que voces. Hay risas, música, el rugido de la multitud, los alegres y acogedores ladridos de nuestro perro, y mucho más. Sin embargo, oír parece una actividad pasiva y capta sonidos, no necesariamente el significado de las palabras.

Escuchar, en cambio, es proactivo. Escuchar lleva la audición a un nivel mucho más profundo. Escuchar significa prestar plena atención al otro. Escuchar es presencia. Es una de las maneras más sagradas de mostrar honor y respeto a los demás. Cuando escuchamos, escuchamos de verdad, reverenciamos al otro.

Escuchar la voz del Buen Pastor es la única manera de encontrar los lugares más seguros para descansar, nutrirnos y estar a salvo, para que no nos arrebaten. Al escuchar y seguir al Buen Pastor, descubriremos los mejores pastos y las aguas más vivificantes. Escuchar y seguir al Buen Pastor es el Camino, el único camino, para encontrar el camino a casa.

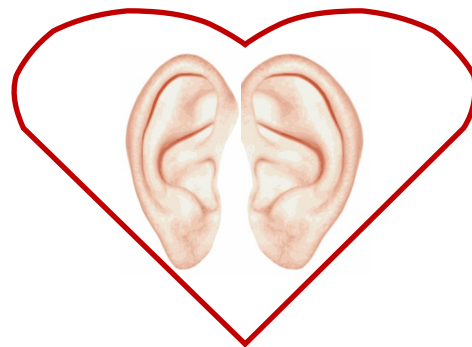
Aprender a escuchar es una disciplina. Es una disciplina deseable y necesaria para las Verdaderas Ovejas del la Buen Pastor. Una vez que aprendamos a escuchar de verdad, desarrollaremos nuestra propia Conciencia del Corazón para el Reconocimiento de la Voz. Nuestra Conciencia del Corazón nos ayuda a distinguir las voces verdaderas de las falsas.

Ojalá sigamos la Voz.

Nuestra vida eterna depende de ello.

En ComUNIDAD,

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OÍDO REVERENCIA



TRABAJO del CORAZÓN
Reflexionando sobre la Palabra

Escuchar es reverencia y presencia.
Reflexiona sobre qué tan bien escuchas
lo que dicen los demás y qué significan
sus palabras para ellos.



Mientras escribo esta homilía, aún
no sabemos quién será el próximo
Pastor de nuestra Iglesia. Oremos
por la unidad de nuestra Iglesia y
por nuestro próximo Papa

Morning, Church!

Listening is extraordinarily important on our faith-journey. As we reflect on today's gospel, voice recognition is what it's all about. Hearing, one of the five graced senses, gives us the ability to take in *more than* voices. There's laughter, music, the "the roar of the crowd", the welcoming, happy yips of our dog, and so much more. Hearing, though, seems like a passive activity and takes in sounds and not necessarily the meaning of the words.

Listening, on the other hand, is pro-active. Listening takes hearing to a much deeper level. Listening means giving our full attention to the other. Listening is presence. It is one of the most holy ways we show honor and respect for others. When we listen, really listen, we are reverencing the other.

Listening to the voice of the Good Shepherd is the only way we'll find the safest places to rest, to be nourished, and safe so we won't be snatched away. In listening to and following the Good Shepherd, we will discover the best pastures and the most life-giving waters. Listening to and following the Good Shepherd is *The Way* ~ the only way ~ we will find our way home.

Learning to listen is a discipline. It's a desired and necessary discipline for the True Sheep of the Good Shepherd. Once we learn to truly listen, we'll learn to develop our own interior Voice Recognition Heartware. Our Heartware helps us to distinguish the true voices from the phony ones.

Hopefully, we'll follow The Voice.
Our eternal life depends on it.

In CommUNITY,

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EAR REVERENCE



HEARTwork ~ Reflecting on the Word

Listening is reverence and presence.
Reflect on how well you listen
to what others say and what
their words mean to them.



As I write this homily, we don't know
who will be the next Shepherd
of our Church.

Pray for the unity of our Church
and our next Pope.

May		
	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 ~ Mis Arados, 577 N Main St., Sparta. Hosts: Judy & Frank Simon sjudy8967@gmail.com
	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 



Welcome,
Yahir Elias Barrientos,
Child of God,
Child of Grace!



Blessings on his parents and big sister,
Ivan, Laura and Genesis!



S. Teresa M. McKenna, SSJ
Born; May 17, 1934
Born to Eternal Life: May 4, 2025
73 years in religious life.



S. Roseann Treston, SSJ
Born June 17, 1935
Born to Eternal Life
May 6, 2025
72 years in religious life



☘ 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	



Blessings and love,
Eileen and Leo!



The Sheep and the Shepherd

In today's Gospel reading Jesus tells us about His sheep. Do you know who His sheep are? We are His sheep! He loves us and protects us just like a shepherd cares for his sheep. And what do the sheep do in return? They listen to His voice and follow Him.

We also hear about Jesus being called the "Lamb of God." When He became man, He was like one of the sheep in God's sheepfold. But He was not the same as all the rest of us. He never did any sins Himself, but he died for us on the cross to save us from our sins. That is why at every Mass we say, "Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world. Have mercy on us."

Now that Jesus is not visibly here on earth, He has left us another shepherd to care for His flock. Do you know who that is? It's the pope! God gives him grace to guide and protect the Church. Can you say a Hail Mary for Pope Francis today?



BE LIKE JESUS.

BE A GOOD SHEPHERD

WHO LEADS OTHERS HOME TO GOD

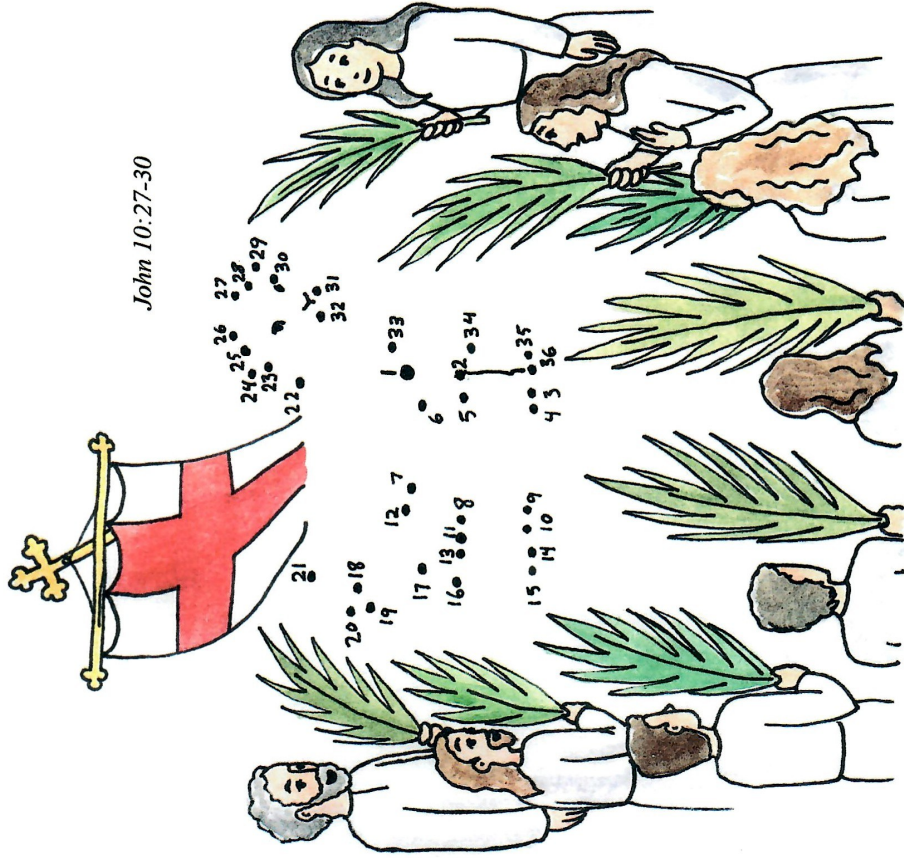
WITH LOVE AND MERCY.

Answer to Word Puzzle: GOOD SHEPHERD

The Kids' Bulletin

Fourth Sunday of Easter

May 11th, 2025



In today's second reading Saint John saw a great multitude gathered around someone. Connect the dots to find out who it was.

The 90 Days: Ash Wednesday to Pentecost

4th SUNDAY of Easter

Feast on
being led by God's love.

Monday

Feast on Being loved by
God.

Tuesday

Feast on
thirsting for God.

Wednesday

Feast on
praising God.

Thursday

Feast on
God's goodness.

Friday

Feast on
worshipping God.

Saturday

Feast on
your ancestor's faith.



REMEMBER:

BE an EASTER PERSON.

Live your life in gratitude and joy!

Jesus' Sheep Word Puzzle

Use the words in the list to fill in the blanks.

Use the numbered letters to fill in the blanks at the very end.

John 10:27-30

Jesus _____⁴.

"My sheep hear my voice;

I _____³ them

and they _____² _____⁷

I give them eternal life;

and they shall never _____⁸.

and no one can take them out of my _____¹².

My Father, who has _____¹ _____¹⁰ them to me,

_____⁵ _____¹⁰ than all,

and no one can take _____⁶

out of the Father's hand.

The _____⁹ and I _____¹¹ one."

FOLLOW

ME

FATHER

GIVEN

SAID

KNOW

PERISH

IS

HAND

GREATER

THEM

ARE

Jesus is the

1 2 3 4

5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12

