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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



A Corporate Stand in Solidarity with Immigrants, Refugees and Asylum Seekers

From our founding in 17th-century France, the Sisters of Saint Joseph have sought to respond to the needs of the times with courage, creativity and compassion. Our earliest Sisters went out into their neighborhoods to serve God and the dear neighbor without distinction—especially those who were poor, sick, marginalized or forgotten. They crossed boundaries of class and culture, embodying a spirituality of love and unity.

In our day, we recognize that the plight of immigrants, refugees and asylum seekers is one of the defining moral challenges of our age. Families are torn apart, human dignity is denied, and fear of the “other” is used as a strategy to divide communities. In the midst of this reality, we hear again the Gospel invitation and our founders’ call to become instruments of unioning love with God and with one another.

Compelled by our love for God and the dear neighbor, we commit ourselves to stand in solidarity with immigrants, refugees and asylum seekers here in the United States and throughout the world. We lament that countless human beings are being driven from their homelands because of poverty, lack of opportunity and employment, violence, war, persecution, and climate change caused by unjust global systems, many of which are directly influenced by U.S. policies. We decry the systemic racism and abuse of power which underlies and supports the inequality, exclusion and mistreatment of people of color and causes untold suffering to the human community.

We believe, as women of the Gospel, that the highest law is love. We pledge to use our resources and our prophetic voice to call on our elected leaders to advocate for just immigration reform and humane treatment of all those who are here in our country without legal status.

We urge one another to take personal steps, in loving prayer and action, to commit ourselves to ongoing education, advocacy and accompaniment of our immigrant neighbors.

We invite our Associates, Partners in Mission and all people of good will to stand with us as we commit to these principles and actions that will offer a future full of hope for all who are seeking welcome and a home in these United States.

We desire to live out this vision, encouraged and strengthened by our faith and our vowed commitment. We echo the sentiment of the US Catholic Bishops who wrote in their special pastoral message to immigrants: “We stand with you in your suffering, since when one member suffers, all suffer (1Cor.12:26). You are not alone!” (U.S. Bishops Special Pastoral Message to Immigrants, November 2025)



**UNA POSTURA CORPORATIVA
EN SOLIDARIDAD CON
LOS INMIGRANTES, LOS REFUGIADOS Y LOS SOLICITANTES DE ASILO**

Desde nuestra fundación en la Francia del siglo XVII, las Hermanas de San José han buscado responder a las necesidades de cada tiempo con valentía, creatividad y compasión. Nuestras primeras hermanas salieron a sus vecindarios para servir a Dios y al querido prójimo sin distinción — especialmente a quienes eran pobres, enfermos, marginados u olvidados. Cruzaron las fronteras de clase y cultura, encarnando una espiritualidad de amor y unidad.

En nuestro tiempo, reconocemos que la difícil situación de los inmigrantes, los refugiados y los solicitantes de asilo es uno de los desafíos morales más apremiantes de nuestra era. Las familias se desgarran, se niega la dignidad humana y el miedo al “otro” se utiliza como estrategia para dividir a las comunidades. En medio de esta realidad, volvemos a escuchar la invitación del Evangelio y el llamado de nuestro fundador y nuestras fundadoras a convertirnos en instrumentos del amor que une con Dios y con cada prójimo.

Impulsadas por nuestro amor por Dios y por el querido prójimo, nos comprometemos a estar en solidaridad con los inmigrantes, los refugiados y los solicitantes de asilo aquí en los Estados Unidos como en todo el mundo. Lamentamos que innumerables personas estén siendo expulsados de sus tierras natales debido a la pobreza, la falta de oportunidades y empleo, la violencia, la guerra, la persecución y el cambio climático fenómenos impulsados por sistemas globales injustos, muchos de los cuales están directamente influenciados por las políticas de los Estados Unidos. Denunciamos el racismo sistémico y el abuso de poder que subyacen y sostienen la desigualdad, la exclusión y el maltrato de las personas de color y que causan un sufrimiento incalculable a la comunidad humana.

Creemos, como mujeres del Evangelio, que la ley más alta es el amor. Nos comprometemos a utilizar nuestros recursos y nuestra voz profética para llamar a nuestros líderes electos a promover una reforma migratoria justa y un trato digno y humano para todas las personas que viven en nuestro país sin estatus legal.

Nos instamos mutuamente a asumir medidas personales, tanto en la oración como en la acción amorosas, mediante la educación continua, a la defensa y el acompañamiento de nuestros hermanos y nuestras hermanas inmigrantes.

Invitamos a nuestros Asociados y nuestras Asociadas, Socios en la Misión y a todas las personas de buena voluntad a unirse a nosotras en este compromiso, mientras nos comprometemos con los principios y las acciones que ofrecerán un futuro lleno de esperanza para todos aquellos que buscan acogida y un hogar en estos Estados Unidos.

Deseamos hacer realidad esta visión, alentadas y fortalecidas por nuestra fe y el compromiso de nuestros votos. Hacemos eco de los obispos católicos de los Estados Unidos, quienes escribieron en su mensaje pastoral dirigido a los inmigrantes: “Estamos con ustedes en su sufrimiento, ya que cuando un miembro sufre, todos sufren (1 Cor. 12:26). ¡No están solos!” (Mensaje Pastoral Especial de los Obispos de EE. UU. a los Inmigrantes, noviembre de 2025)

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.*



***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!



FISH FRY FUNDRAISER...Matt Brown,
who initiated the parish event; cooked the fish,
hush puppies, & fries; and prepared
the cocktail & tartar sauce;
Andrea Faw & Stephen Faust,
who stepped up to help Matt;
donated all the food, take-out boxes, beverages
& utensils; **Ofelia Nava & Margarite Lara,**
donated and cooked the rice;
and our support crew: **Margarita Serafin Lara,
Israel Lynch, & Brittany Reece...**
...the parishioners who supported this fundraiser
via take-out or in-person dining!
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...Kathy Jenkins, our newest cantor;
Braulio Mata & Melia Orta,
our Youth Proclaimers...
...our generous parish women
who faithfully clean the church and
care for the **Altar linens** and *do so much*
behind the scenes to promote life at St. S...

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

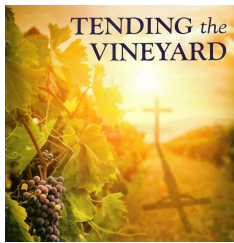
PRAY the ROSARY DAILY
 ...for peace and leaders of nations;
 ... for the end to all bombings,
 a peaceful and just end
 to these wars, and all wars...
 & the violence in Mexico...



**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

- 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

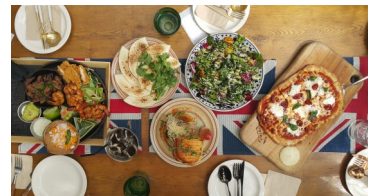
4:30-6:30pm

Third Thursdays ~ NO COST

FBC Elkin 110 Gwyn Avenue

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- David Ackerman
- Jessica Neiland
- Ann & Annette Nickerson
- Virginia, Genevieve, & Kiera O'Reilly
- Barbara & Paul Piquet
- Ana & Sergio Soloranzo
- Joseph Spears
- Donna & Joe Stvartak
- Patti Taddio
- Christine & Bryan Whitley



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

¡Buenos días, Iglesia!

La naturaleza orgánica de la vida es el cambio constante.
Toda la Creación se mueve gradualmente,
y de manera fluida, en una transformación de una imagen, forma u objeto en otro.
Esta transformación es la forma en que se despliegan la vida, la esperanza y la fe.

Como se afirma en la Constitución de las SSJ: «A medida
que la vida se despliega,
sabemos por experiencia que el Santo es fiel,
y nos capacitará para avanzar siempre hacia el amor de Dios y de todos los demás».

Jesús, en la gracia apasionada de su mensaje de despedida,
ofreció a sus discípulos una esperanza inquebrantable en su tiempo de transición.
El Divino Maestro les imparte una lección más, importante:
un mandamiento singular ara
guiarlos con fe hacia el futuro:
Ámense unos a otros como yo los he amado.

Este mandamiento, que Jesús nos ha confiado, es nuestro propósito:
amar como Jesús ama,
dondequiera que nos lleven nuestros pasos, y responder con amor, creatividad,
autenticidad, paciencia y empatía.

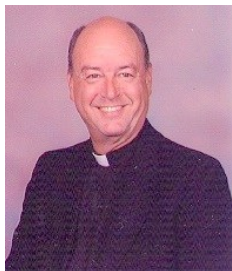
Amar como Jesús amó es la fuente de nuestra esperanza
y nuestra razón para esperar.
Amar como Jesús ama, a través de los cambios graduales o abruptos
de nuestro camino de fe,
es nuestro propósito lleno de gracia.

Al igual que los primeros seguidores, nos encontramos
en una transición de liderazgo.
El Padre John, quien ha servido aquí durante 24 años, se ha jubilado.
El Padre Englebert Ofon
ha sido nombrado nuestro administrador.

Nuestra celebración de «despedida y bienvenida» para el Padre John
y el Padre Englebert tendrá lugar el domingo 14 de junio,
con una Misa y un almuerzo parroquial.

Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

En el Uno, somos uno, en ComUNIDAD,



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Morning, Church!

The organic nature of life is constant change. All of Creation is moving gradually, and seamless in a transformation of one image, shape, or object into another.

This transformation is the way life, hope, and faith unfold.

As it says in the SSJ Constitution, “*As life unfolds, we know by experience that the Holy One is faithful, and will enable us to move always towards the love of God and of all others.*”

Jesus, in the passionate grace of his farewell message, offered his disciples a crushproof hope in their time of transition. The Divine Teacher is gives them one more important lesson, a singular commandment to faith them into the future:

Love one another as I have loved you.

This commandment, entrusted to us by Jesus, is our purpose: to love *as Jesus loves*, wherever our feet are, and to respond in love with creativity, authenticity, patience, and empathy.

Loving as Jesus loved is the source of our hope and our reason to hope. Loving as Jesus loves throughout the gradual or abrupt changes of our faithjourney, is our graced purpose.

Like the First Followers, we are in a transition of leadership. Fr. John, who has served here for 24 years, has retired. Fr. Englebert Ofon has been named our administrator.

Our “Farewelcome” for Fr. John and Fr. Englebert will be Sun., June 14, with Mass and a parish brunch.

Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

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



Janis



Our Rite and Reason to Hope

Now is the time
we re-claim and proclaim
with unrestrained abandon
through sacred Word
and Sacrament-like actions
whose we are and who we are

Now is the time
we remain deeply invested
in gospel vision
Now is the time
we remain profoundly committed
to our Christ's Mission
of unity and reconciliation

Now is the time
we remain open
to the grace of holy audacity
which will push us again and again,
in a bold spirit of powerlessness
to remain steadfast
as we live into
God's Great Dream for us

Now is the time
for ferocious fearlessness
with no doubts
about our Truth:
we are called,
Consecrated,
and sent forth
as a priests,
prophets,
and leaders.

It says so
on our Eternal Gift Certificate
of Baptism.

It keeps saying so
through the indiscriminate grace
of Christ Risen and present
n the ministry entrusted
to each of us ~
and all of us together

It's the Now
of God's extravagant
pouring on of Truth,
the Indwelling
of those sacred,
torrential Waters
and the elaborate anointing
of the Spirit's sealing
confirmation,
and, mostly, mostly,
through the sweaty,
ordaining chrisem
dripping from our brows.

Now ~ now, more than ever ~
is our time to embrace
God's Great Dream for us
and to Live Radical Hope.

This is our Rite
and God said ~
God said,
it is good.
It is Very Good.

~ Janis McQuade, SSJ

M A Y	
03	<i>5th Sun Easter</i> Faith Formation parents & children, after Mass SSJ ZOOM, 7-8:30p
05	Communion Service, 12:15p
06	Nurses' Day OCIA, 7p; Choir, 7p
07	Habitat for Humanity Awards Luncheon
10	<i>6th Sun Easter</i> <i>Happy Mother's Day</i>
11	Ladies Guild, 5p
12	Communion Service, 12:15p
13	OCIA, 7p; Choir, 7p
16	Men's Breakfast, Cracker Barrel, 8:30a
17	<i>Feast: Ascension</i>
18	Give Blood ~ Elkin Rescue Sq, 1:30-6:00p
19	Communion Service, 12:15p Ministerial Association, 12N
20	OCIA, 7p; Choir, 7p
21	Wise Ones, 1p Shiki's Host: Barbara DeJohn
24	<i>Pentecost Sunday ~ Wear Red Sunday</i>
26	Communion Service, 12:15p OCIA, 2, 6:30P
27	OCIA, 7p; Choir, 7p
31	<i>Feast: Holy Trinity Sunday</i>

🌿 Mass Intentions	
03	+Michael A. Garwood, Sr.
10	All Mothers, living & deceased; +Helen Purcell MacKenzie & McKinley Orta +Richard Bernabe
17	+Damian Whitsonant +Georgette & William Dyer
24	+Grace Jenkins

Birthdays & Anniversaries



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|----------------------------|----------------------|
| 01 Emilio Lopez | 20 Lizette Hernandez |
| Phillip Parrish | 21 Luz Hernandez |
| 02 Cecelia Martinez | 23 Aymes Davis |
| 04 Samantha Ange | Morgan Orta |
| Memo Lara | Jonny Ramirez |
| Christian Ouellette | 25 Ana Karen Carmona |
| 08 Matt Norman | 27 Lila Keller |
| 09 Francis Ritz | 28 Diego Carreon |
| 15 Ron Berryman | 30 Alex Lara |
| Luis Lopez | Brian Lopez |
| 19 Miguel Nava | 31 Hilda Lopez |
| 04 Rebekah & Ryan Treannie | |
| 28 Theresa & Phil Martin | |

If you're graduating from High School,
college or graduate school,
please call S. Janis



**IMPORTANT INVITATION to ALL ADULT
& CONFIRMED YOUTH**
St. Stephen needs your help in the service
of Liturgical Ministries:

Acolytes
Greeter/Ushers
Eucharistic Ministers
Proclaimers/Readers
Altar Linens

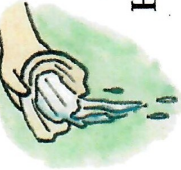
There is a Formation and Information
for each of these ministries.
Please consider helping
your parish community.



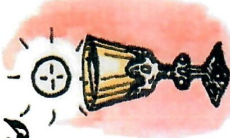
Sister Geraldine Kent, S.S.J.

Given by God August 10 1930
Given to God May 5, 2026
in her 71st year as a SSJ

Jesus Sends the Holy Spirit Through the Sacraments



In today's Gospel reading, Jesus tells the disciples that He is going away, but the Father will send the Holy Spirit to help them.



We can't see Jesus on earth any more, because His body went into Heaven at the Ascension. We can't see the Holy Spirit either, because He doesn't have a body. The Holy Spirit really is in the world, though. He is working in the Church and in people who obey and love God.



The Holy Spirit comes to us through the sacraments. We get grace, which is God's life in us, when we receive the sacraments. Jesus gave us the sacraments to help us on our way to Heaven. Do you know the seven sacraments? Here is a list to help you to remember:



- Baptism
- Confirmation
- Holy Eucharist
- Reconciliation
- Anointing of the Sick
- Matrimony
- Holy Orders



The Kids' Bulletin

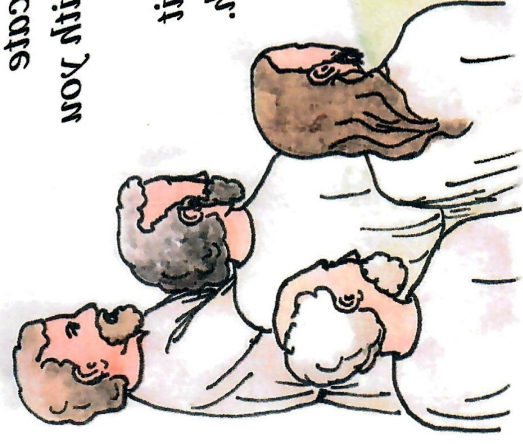
Sixth Sunday of Easter
May 10th, 2026



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ym qssk llhw
.ztrsmbrnmomoc



And I will ask
the Father:
llhw sH bnd
rethom noy svig
stacovA
noy llhw ed ot
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What did Jesus say to the disciples to prepare them for His departure? Look at this page in the mirror to find out!

Our Lady of Fatima

May 13

IN 1917 LUCIA, A NINE YEAR OLD GIRL, AND HER TWO YOUNG COUSINS, FRANCISCO AND JACINTA, LOOKED AFTER THEIR FAMILIES' SHEEP NEAR FATIMA, PORTUGAL.



There's lots of grass up there!

AN ANGEL APPEARED TO THEM SEVERAL TIMES, TEACHING THEM SOME PRAYERS.



O my God, I adore, I hope and I love Thee...

ON MAY 13TH OUR LADY APPEARED. SHE TOLD THEM TO PRAY AND SACRIFICE.



Pray the Rosary for peace.

Do you think it's true?



I don't know. Let's follow them!

WHEN PEOPLE HEARD ABOUT IT THEY WERE CURIOUS.

THE CHILDREN MADE MANY SACRIFICES AND PRAYED OFTEN.



We can give our lunch to the poor children!

THEY WERE QUESTIONED AND EVEN PUT IN JAIL BUT THEY OFFERED IT TO JESUS FOR THE CONVERSION OF SINNERS.



Are they going to kill us?

we will offer it to Jesus! if they do

AFTER APPEARING TO THE CHILDREN EACH MONTH, OUR LADY LET MANY OTHER PEOPLE SEE A MIRACLE IN THE SUN ON OCTOBER 13TH. SHE ASKED PEOPLE TO PRAY THE ROSARY.



Pray the Rosary!

The sun is spinning!

The sun is dancing!

Look at all the colors!

OUR LADY WANTS US TO PRAY AND MAKE SACRIFICES TO HELP SAVE PEOPLE FROM GOING TO HELL. SHE APPEARED TO LUCIA, FRANCISCO AND JACINTA SO THAT THEY COULD SHARE THIS REQUEST WITH MANY PEOPLE. THINK OF WAYS YOU CAN REMEMBER TO PRAY EVERY DAY AND MAKE LITTLE SACRIFICES.

An Acts of the Apostles Word Find

P H I L I P P E T E R
R H S A M A O C W A J
E N A M S T O A I
A L Y M S T O A I
C H O P R A G O D P S I
H O P R A G O D P S I
D Y H C E I J O H N
O W E L C O M I N G
W R E C E I V E T
N I E S P I R I T

Today's first reading is from the Acts of the Apostles. See if you can find all the words from the reading that are in CAPITALS in the puzzle. Use the leftover letters to fill in the blanks at the end!

PHILIP went to a Samaritan town and proclaimed the

CHRIST to them. The people united in WELCOMING the MESSAGE Philip PREACHED, either because they had heard of the MIRACLES he worked or because they saw them for themselves. THERE was great REJOICING in that town.

When the apostles in Jerusalem heard that SAMARIA had accepted the WORD of GOD, they sent PETER and JOHN to them, and they went DOWN there, and PRAYED for the Samaritans to receive the HOLY SPIRIT, for as yet he had not COME down on any of them: they had only been baptised in the NAME of the Lord Jesus. Then they laid HANDS on them, and they RECEIVED the