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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(704) 763-2475
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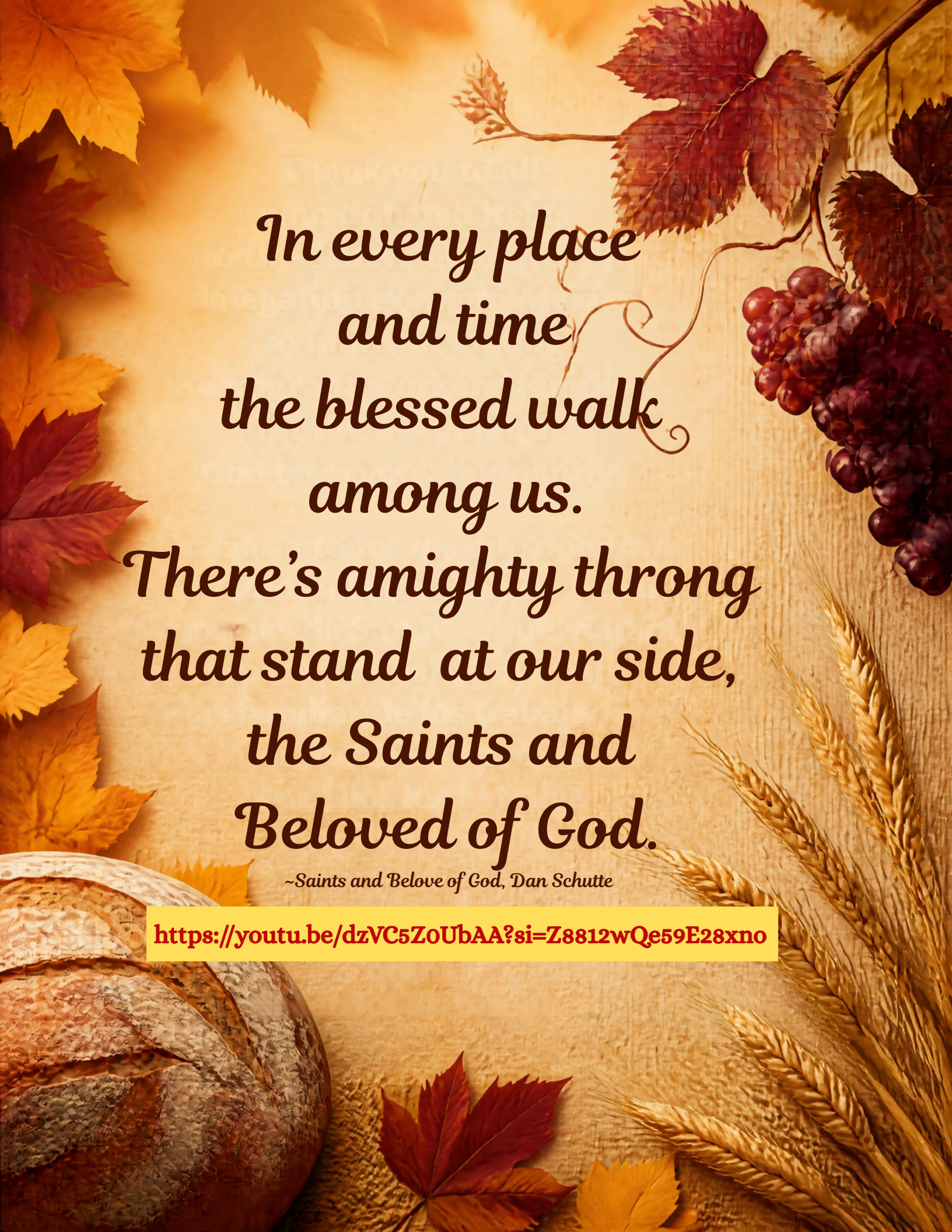
All Saints Day

XXX Domingo del Tiempo Ordinario



All Saints Day Mass, Sunday, 9a

All Souls Day Mass, Monday, 5p


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
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Celebrating

70 Acts of Kindness in gratitude for St. Stephen Faith Community 70 Years

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. Stephen
on December 26.

Keep a record of your loving acts

They will offer at Mass on the

Feast of the Holy Family,
Sunday, December 27.



Thank you...

...Greg Billings, Ed Kageorge, & Israel Lynch,

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to the *Angels* who straightened

the FLC work room...God bless you real good!

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Pastoral Staff

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Theresa Martin
(336) 816-0214

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Administrator
Fr. Engelbert Ofon
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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 Communion Service, 12:15p

04 Choir, 7p

08 32nd Sun OT ~ Mass, 9a
Family Faith Formation, 10:15-11:45a

09 OCIA Inquiry, 6:30p

10 Ministerial Assoication, 12N
Communion Service, 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 Communion Service, 12:15p

18 Choir, 7p
OCIA Mystagogia, 7p

19 Wise Ones ~ Chinese Buffet, 1p, N. Bridge St
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
OCIA Rite of Welcome ~ Mass, 9a
Family Faith Formation, 10:15-11:45a

23 OCIA Catechumenate, 7p

24 Communion Service, 12:15p

25 Choir, 7p

26 Happy Thanksgiving!

29 1st Sun Advent ~ Mass 9a
Rite of Candidacy ~ Confirmation
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
incluye esta actividad como uno de tus 70 actos de bondad por los 70 años.

Thank you for your generous contributions to our Operation Christmas Child Shoebox project. Many very nice items have been donated.
We still need items like: T-shirts, socks, hats, gloves, brushes, and combs.
Also, it costs $10.00 for Samaritan's Purse to ship a shoebox,
so if you would be willing to donate money for shipping,
that will also be very much appreciated.
You can make out checks to the St. Stephen Ladies' Guild.
On 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.



This Will Be Your Feast Day

Mornin', Church!

The Feast of All Saints is a profound reminder that all of us are called to be saints.

This is our *Blessedness.*

Also, this feast reminds us that the saints ~ recognized by the Church and those yet to be recognized, were people just like us. They were not perfect. They had failures, bad habits, and like us, they made a lot of mistakes.

Yet saints became saints because they gave their whole life to God ~ their sins, failures, mistakes, and messiness. They completely surrendered their whole life to God.

Saints gave witness to their deep faith in God by being faithful, truthful, and courageous. They shared their relationship with Jesus with others through their words, example, and generous service.

This feast calls us to give the same faithful witness to our beliefs each day, and, like them, to surrender our whole life to Christ, not once ~ but over and over again.

This helps us to grow in faith since we are all Saints-in-the-Making. It is God's dream that we live a life worthy of our Baptism and, one day, be with God for ever. Becoming a saint is what our faithjourney is all about: over time, with God's grace, our lives are transformed so that we clearly become the image and likeness of Christ.

O*ne day,*
this will be ***YOUR*** *Feast Day!*

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



Este será tu día de fiesta

¡Buenos días, Iglesia!

La Solemnidad de Todos los Santos es un recordatorio profundo de que todos estamos llamados a ser santos.

Esta es nuestra *bienaventuranza.*

Además, esta fiesta nos recuerda que los santos —tanto aquellos reconocidos por la Iglesia como los que aún no lo han sido— fueron personas como nosotros. No eran perfectos; tenían fallos, malos hábitos y cometían muchos errores, tal como nos sucede a nosotros.

Sin embargo, llegaron a ser santos porque entregaron toda su vida a Dios: sus pecados, sus fracasos, sus errores y sus imperfecciones. Se entregaron por completo a Él.

Los santos dieron testimonio de su profunda fe en Dios siendo fieles, veraces y valientes. Compartieron su relación con Jesús con los demás a través de sus palabras, su ejemplo y un servicio generoso.

Esta fiesta nos invita a ofrecer ese mismo testimonio fiel de nuestras creencias cada día y, al igual que ellos, a entregar toda nuestra vida a Cristo; no solo una vez, sino una y otra vez.

Esto nos ayuda a crecer en la fe, ya que todos somos «santos en camino». El sueño de Dios es que vivamos una vida digna de nuestro Bautismo y que, algún día, estemos con Él para siempre. Convertirnos en santos es, en esencia, el propósito de nuestro camino de fe: que, con el paso del tiempo y mediante la gracia de Dios, nuestras vidas se transformen hasta llegar a ser, claramente, imagen y semejanza de Cristo.

¡Algún día,
este será ***TU*** día de fiesta!

En el Único, somos uno... en COMUNIDAD.



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

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ST.S BULLETIN BOARD

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

BISHOP FULTON SHEENS' ANGELS WHO NEATENED THE FLC WORK ROOM

YOU'RE INVITED

Community Meal
October 28
EFBC
4:30-6:30p

RECYCLE

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

UPCOMING FUNDRAISER

SMASH BURGERS

Watch your bulletin for more information.

70 FOR 70

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

All Saints' Day



Today is a special feast day in the Church. We celebrate all the people now in Heaven.

Tomorrow, November 2nd, is the Feast of All Souls. It is a special day when we remember all the people who are still in waiting to be with God.

While we are alive, we try to love God and do what God asks so that when we die we can go t o Heaven to be with God.

Also, we can pray for all who have died that they will be with God for ever.

The Saints in Heaven loved and served God and made up for their sins. We can pray to them and they get to God for us, to help us get to Heaven too!

I PRAY
EACH DAY
TO BEOME
A SAINT.



Saints on the feet 1996: Best row. St. Purgatory of Vangis, St. Pute, St. Laspah, St. Maramura Ballek, Front row of Ane, St. Jona of Ane, St. Thessos of Lianur, Our Lady (Mary), St. Jean Marie Vianney, St. Mani Gercit. Avevvo to the Beathmasa Ruzdie, Be a saint

The Kids' Bulletin

Feast of All Sains
November 1, 2026



Today we celebrate all the people that are in Heaven with God. We call these people 'sains.' They were normal people like us who chose to follow God.

Here are some sains that you can colour:
Do you know who they are?

Saint Sylvia of Rome
November 5



SAINT SYLVIA'S STORY REMINDS US OF HOW IMPORTANT IT IS FOR PARENTS TO TEACH THEIR CHILDREN WELL. PRAY FOR YOUR PARENTS SO GOD WILL GIVE THEM THE GRACE THEY NEED TO HELP YOU, AND YOU CAN PRAY TO ST. SYLVIA FOR ANY PREGNANT MOTHERS YOU KNOW!

The Beatitudes Puzzle

Match the first and second parts of each of the beatitudes (Matthew 5:1-12) and then use the letters in the same order to fill in the blanks at the end.

1. Blessed are the poor in spirit, [B]
2. Blessed are they who mourn, [ ]
3. Blessed are the meek, [ ]
4. Blessed are they who hunger and thirst for righteousness, [ ]
5. Blessed are the merciful, [ ]
6. Blessed are the clean of heart, [ ]
7. Blessed are the peacemakers, [ ]
8. Blessed are they who are persecuted for the sake of righteousness, [ ]



T ...for theirs is the Kingdom of heaven.
A ...for they will inherit the land.
B ...for theirs is the Kingdom of heaven.
S ...for they will be satisfied.
E ...for they will be comforted.
I ...for they will see God.
N ...for they will be called children of God.
A ...for they will be shown mercy.

Living the Beatitudes will help me

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