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Worship Times

Saturday Vigil Mass, 4:00p
Sunday Mass 11:15a; En español, 1:00p
Daily Mass, Holy Days Consult bulletin
Sacrament of Reconciliation
Saturdays, 3:00-4:00p

Sunday Mass 9:00a
Communion Service Tuesdays, 12:15p
Holy Days 7:00p
Sacrament of Reconciliation
By appointment

Welcome, New Parishioners

We are a Stewardship Community, sharing our time, talent, and treasure, in the most life-giving ways possible. Parishioners are expected to participate in weekly worship, in our community life, and in our service among our dear neighbors.

Sacramental Life ~ Baptism, Confirmation, Eucharist, Matrimony

For Sacrament preparation, you must be a registered, active member and attend preparation sessions.

Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA)

For those who desire to explore the Catholic Faith, spirituality, customs, and practices.

Anointing of the Sick

For those with chronic illness or who are pre-surgery, contact Father John or Sister Janis

Thirty-second Sunday in Ordinary Time
November 12, 2023

SCOTT WESLEY BROWN IN CONCERT



SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 19 ~ 6:30p
First Baptist Church
110 Cwyn Avenue, Elkin NC

Scott Wesley Brown is an American CCM singer and songwriter. He has recorded 25 albums and toured in over 50 countries. His songs have been covered by other Christian artists – including Petra, Pat Boone, Bruce Carroll, Sandi Patty, and Amy Grant – and by opera star Plácido Domingo. Brown is an ordained Baptist minister and served as a worship pastor in San Diego.

My friendship with Scott began in 1970 in Falls Church, VA. Both of us were in the beginning of our ministry.

We connected right away. It is a joy to have Scott come here and share his gift of music with you.

Please come to his concert
Sunday,
November 19, 6:30p.
First Baptist Church
They have graciously offered to host since they have the sound equipment set-up.

Thank you!

Janis



Falls Church, 1970

Morning Church!

The great English writer, John Milton, penned a poem about his experience of blindness. He believed everyone has a place in the world and specific tasks to perform regardless of their abilities or disabilities. In *On His Blindness*, Milton proposes a poignant phrase which leads into today's scriptures.

"They also serve who only stand and wait."

The topic for RCIA this week: what it means to wait for Christ's return. The Greeks term for Christ's return is the Parousia or Eschaton. Questions surfaced, like: How are we doing as we wait in joyful hope for the coming of the Lord? What are we doing and why? Where are we spending our time and exercising our free will? What are the forms of blindness that keep us from recognizing Christ?

We gain clearer "vision" by living lives in generous service of our Dear Neighbor. The cultural term "Self-serving" speaks of the selfishness that will captivate one's intentions and energies. Those who believe are ever-alert and responsive to others' needs and feelings. They anticipate when and how they can share their gifts and presence.

Today's parable is about active waiting, our readiness to serve.

Staying alert graces us to welcome Christ in spite of the variety of ways he disguises himself.

Staying alert graces us to anticipate his most unexpected arrivals.

The Oil is so important in this parable. For me it symbolizes tending the flame of faith for more than one encounter. It's having more than enough oil (faith, willingness, determination, hope, trust) to sustain your light into the future. Since we never know the day or the hour when Christ will be revealed to us, there's no room for procrastination here. What are we doing and why? Where are we spending our time and exercising our free will?

Regardless of our abilities or disabilities we can make wise, life-giving choices. We are called to stand ready to give generous service; and to do whatever it takes to conquer our blindness to the needs of others, especially those on the edges of God's Neighborhood. We wait in joyful hope for the coming of our Saviour.

God's blessings,

spanis



 **HEARTwork**

~ Reflecting and Acting on The Word ~

What does hospitality mean to you?

Name ways you are hospitable and available
to serve your Dear Neighbor?

Readings <https://bible.usccb.org/>

Pope Francis ~ Walking the Word

*Do everything with one desire:
that the people who meet you come to know Christ
Try, in doing good, to disappear, with humility,
so that the Lord alone appears in what you do
and everyone comes to him.*

NOVEMBER	
 12	32nd Sun OT Family Faith Formation Parents & Youth, 10:30a
13	Ladies Guild, 5p 
 14	Adult Faith Formation, 10a ~ The Chosen Communion Service, 12:15p Adult Faith Formation, 6:45p ~ The Chosen
 15	RCIA, 6:00p; Choir, 7p
 16	Six Jesuit Martyrs in El Salvador; & Julia Elba Ramos, Celina Mariceth Ramos (16)  Wise Ones, 1p Cowboy's Restuarant Host: Gayle 336-835-2633, nanaalte@yahoo.com
18	Men's Breakfast, Cracker Barrel, 8:30a 
19	33rd Sun OT Family Faith Formation Parents & Youth, 10:30a Scott Wesley Brown Concert, 6:30p First Baptist Church, Gwyn Ave 
 21	Adult Faith Formation, 10a ~ The Chosen Ministerial Assoc., 12N ~ HCMC Communion Service, 12:15p Adult Faith Formation, 6:45p ~ The Chosen
22	RCIA, 6:00p; Choir, 7p
23	Happy Thanksgiving! 
 26	Feast of Christ Our King RCIA Rite of Welcome, 9a
28	Adult Faith Formation, 10a ~ The Chosen Communion Service, 12:15p Adult Faith Formation, 6:45p ~ The Chosen
29	RCIA, 6:00p; Choir, 7p
30	Feast of St. Andrew Christmas Novena begins

🌿 Mass Intentions	
12	In gratitude for our Veterans
19	+Kathleen Hyer 1 st Anniv
26	RCIA Candidates & Sponsors

Birthdays &



Anniversaries

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| 14 Veronica Trinidad | 22 Ryan St. Cyr |
| 15 Jane Norman | 24 Dalilah Hernandez |
| 18 Ania Trejo | Lupe Hernandez |
| 20 Reyna Hernandez | 25 Victor Bustos, Jr. |
| 21 Newell Hauser | 26 Victor Bustos, Sr. |
| 21 Ronnie Krakovsky | 28 Stephen Faust |
| 22 America Lopez | 29 Grace Jenkins |

- 13 Ayda & Sheldon Chanes
16 Ramona & Jim Doyle
17 Epi & Julian Cortez



Our Synod, our "walking together" continues:

- ☞ What is your sense of being in **Communion** with God, our Dear Neighbor, parish and faith?
- ☞ How would you assess your **Participation** in St. S's life and ministry?
- ☞ How are you participating in the **Mission** of Christ as a member of St. S?

Being Catholic 101: Advent & Christmas Traditions

For thousands of years, the evergreen tree has been a sign of hope and life. For ancient people, it was a reminder in the winter that sunlight and good weather would come again. For Christians, it's a reminder that Jesus came to bring us the hope of eternal life. While 16th century Germans are said to be the first people to bring Christmas trees into their homes, Saint Boniface, an 8th century Catholic missionary to the Germans, is credited with creating the first Christmas tree. This happened one Christmas Eve when he chopped down a large oak tree that the Germans used for pagan worship. He pointed to a nearby evergreen tree, saying that it represented peace and eternal life. He told the crowd of Germans to gather around evergreen trees in their homes in a spirit of kindness and love, to commemorate the child Jesus.

In the early 1800s, German settlers brought the Christmas tree tradition to Pennsylvania. The rest of America adopted the tradition in 1846, and slowly but surely the Christmas tree gained popularity. Now, Christmas trees are seen in homes and on display all over the world.

Their beauty and light remind us of the joy we have in Christ's presence.



Cardboard CITY 2023



257 Standard Street
Elkin, NC

Saturday, November 18, 2023

5:00 - 6:30 pm

Spread the word and **plan** to join us for our annual *Get Out of the Box* fundraising event.

Volunteer participants agree to be *in the box* until a **minimum** of \$500 is raised for the shelter. The Ark provides housing and supportive services for homeless families and single women.

Amanda Brewer, Event Chairlady

Contact info: amandavbrewer@gmail.com

To volunteer, donate, or get more
information:

theark.director@gmail.com

www.thearkelkin.org



A Christmas Story: The Musical

December 10th, 2023 @ 3pm
Yadkin Arts Council Arts Center
Yadkinville

Cost is \$24 Adults & children
Show Only No Meal Serve

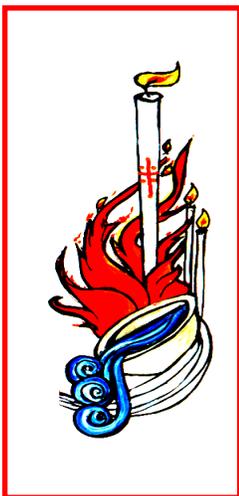
Tickets must be purchased by:
September 24 Sign up at church
or contact

Julie Colglazier (336) 353-822
The venue is small, so first come, first serve

Ticket prices include **all taxes & fees**
Tickets are **non-refundable**
Seating is **general admission**
Available upon request **ADA accessible seats**



CARE for CREATION
RECYCLE INK CARTRIDGES
Recycle containers
are in the lobby.



Adult Sacraments

First Communion
Confirmation

Sacrament of Matrimony

For couples who would like to marry
or who are married civilly and would
like to have your marriage
blessed in the Church.

Anointing of the Sick

Offered to the hospitalized
or homebound

R.C.I.A.

For Adults desiring to explore
the Catholic Faith.

For more information,
call S. Janis (336) 835-4542

We pray
for our sisters
and brothers
in Maui,
Morocco,
Middle East,
and Libya.



Our Lady of Protection
Ukrainian Madonna

FEBRUARY 24, 2022
20 months

Ukrainian Catholics dedicate their country
to *Our Lady of Protection*,
interceding to Mary to wrap their country
with her mantle of loving protection.

With the fast pace of communications these days, it's easy to become
overwhelmed and wearied by the barrage of news.
As Catholic Christians, you realized you are intimately tethered
to every Dear Neighbor locally and globally.
When you're feeling overwhelmed and weary, think of and pray for your
Ukrainian sisters and brothers who are overwhelmed and wearied by the barrage
~ *not of news* ~
but by daily bombings, death, family separation, and the other forms
of collateral damage of war since February 24, 2022.

Our Lady of Protection, pray for us!

Do you know the number
of U.S. Mass
shootings and
gun-related deaths
so far in 2023?



**WHEN IS
ENOUGH,
ENOUGH?**



Tri-C Almsgiving
Thank you so much !!

NOV

Bar soap

DEC

Dry beans

staying Ready to serve

Every day you have many opportunities to grow in faith and love. We grow in faith and love by the way we serve others. Staying alert and aware of the ways Jesus is asking you to stay ready to serve starts with praying each day. Ask Jesus to help you to be generous and kind, forgiving and helpful each day.



In today's gospel, Jesus tells a story of 10 young women who were asked to greet the groom when he returns to his home with their lamps burning bright.

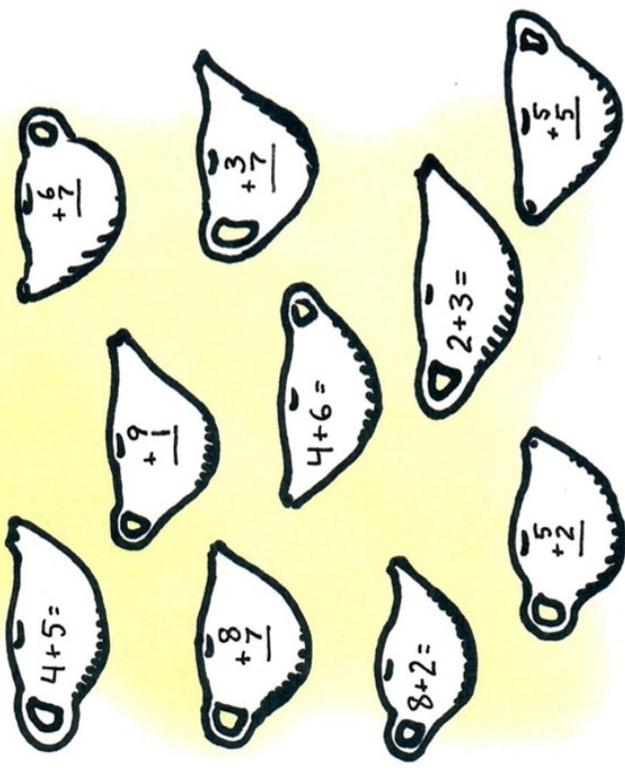
Lamps in these days used oil, not electricity, helped the people see at night. So, it would've been very important for everyone to keep your lamps full of oil and have an extra flask/container of oil for when the oil burned off.



This Sunday, pray each day to stay ready and alert to serve others. Keep the light of your faith bright in your heart. Love others as Jesus loves you ~ with concern, care, and compassion.

The Kids' Bulletin

32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time
November 12th, 2023



In today's parable, ten bridesmaids are waiting with their lamps. How many of them brought extra oil? Figure out the problems on each lamp. Colour in the ones that equal 10 to find out the answer!

Answers to puzzle: 5 had extra oil. Answer to Word-Find: My soul thirsts for Thee.

Saint Elizabeth of Hungary

November 17

ELIZABETH WAS THE DAUGHTER OF THE KING AND QUEEN OF HUNGARY IN THE EARLY 1200'S. SHE GREW UP LOVING GOD AND DOING LITTLE PENANCES.



No, thanks.

HER PARENTS ARRANGED FOR HER TO MARRY THE DUKE OF THURINGIA IN GERMANY. HE WAS A GOOD HUSBAND.



THEY BOTH LOVED GOD AND WERE GENEROUS TO THE POOR AND SICK.



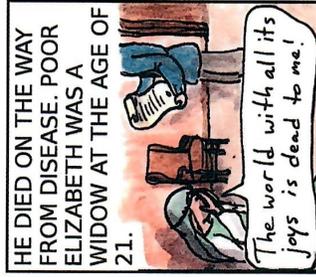
I have been asked to join the Crusade.

THEY HAD THREE CHILDREN, BUT HER HUSBAND HAD TO LEAVE ON A CRUSADE.



HE DIED ON THE WAY FROM DISEASE. POOR ELIZABETH WAS A WIDOW AT THE AGE OF 21.

The world with all its joys is dead to me!



SHE STARTED HOSPITALS, BUT HER HUSBAND'S RELATIVES WERE CRUEL TO HER AND REFUSED TO GIVE HER ENOUGH MONEY.

This is hardly enough to live on!



SO ELIZABETH JOINED THE FRANCISCAN ORDER AND SPENT THE REST OF HER SHORT LIFE IN PRAYER AND CARE FOR THE POOR. SHE DIED AT THE AGE OF 24.

I'm not feeling well...

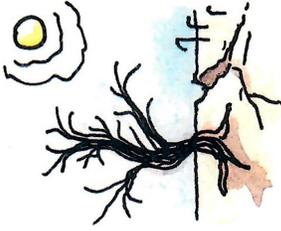


SAINT ELIZABETH DID NOT LET BEING RICH AND IMPORTANT IN THE WORLD GET IN THE WAY OF LOVING GOD AND OTHERS. SHE USED HER MONEY AND TIME TO CARE FOR THE POOR AND SICK, AND WHEN SHE HAD NO MONEY SHE STILL CARED FOR THEM. CAN YOU PRAY FOR THE POOR AND SICK PEOPLE TODAY?

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Psalm 63 Word-Find

See if you can find all the words in CAPITALS in this part of today's Psalm. The leftover letters will spell out a little prayer to God when you write them in the blanks at the end.



P A R C H E D P O W E R
M W Y S B A N Q U E T W
O I T H I R S T O U L T
S L I P S T O W A R E S H
A L T H E I G L O R Y I O
N A M L E N O I R S T W U
C T G A Z E S M O U S E R
U B L I F E S H A N D S E R
A R I C H E S G O O D R S
Y H E E K I N D N E S S

O GOD, you are my God whom I SEEK;
for you my FLESH PINES and my soul THIRSTS
like the EARTH, PARCHED and WITHOUT WATER.

Thus have I GAZED TOWARD you in the SANCTUARY
to see your POWER and your GLORY,
for your KINDNESS is a greater GOOD than LIFE;
my lips shall glorify you.

Thus WILL I BLESS you while I LIVE;
lifting up my HANDS, I will CALL upon your NAME.
As with the RICHES of a BANQUET shall my SOUL be
satisfied,
and with exultant LIPS my MOUTH shall praise you.