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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, sharing our time, talent, and treasures in life-giving ways.
To register and get more information: go to our website ~ www.StStephenNC.org

Sacrament Preparation (Baptism, 1st Communion, Reconciliation (Penance), or Matrimony)
Call S. Janis (336) 835-4542

Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA)

Offered for adults who desire to explore the Catholic Faith, spirituality, rites, and practices.

Sacrament of Anointing and Pastoral Care

If you or someone you know is desirous of God's healing and would like to receive the sacred anointing, contact S. Janis.

Fourth Sunday of Lent
March 30, 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.*

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...



Women of Jerusalem Prayer Service
 Good Friday, April 18th, 2025
 5:30 to 6:30 PM
 St. Stephen Church
 Elkin, North Carolina

You're invited!
Stories:
**The Sisters of St. Joseph
 & the SSJ Associates**

A Slide Presentation & Dinner
A Sharing of S. Janis'
Pilgrimage to France

Thursday, April 10, 2025
6:30p
Family Life Center

R.S.V.P. by
Friday, April 4, 2025
via FLOCKnote email

to help us prepared for those
who will attend the catered dinner.

¡Están invitados!
Historias:
**Las Hermanas de San José
 y los Asociados SSJ**

Presentación de diapositivas y cena
Compartir la peregrinación
de Santa Janis a Francia

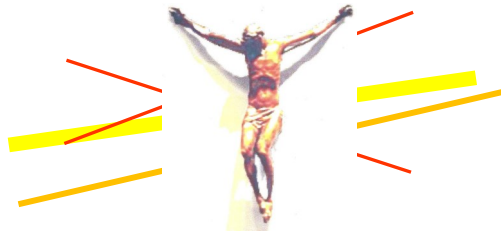
Jueves, 10 de abril de 2025,
18:30 h
Centro de Vida Familiar

Confirmar asistencia
antes del
viernes, 4 de abril de 2025
por correo electrónico
de FLOCKnote

or
Connect@StStephenNC.org
para ayudarnos a prepararnos
para quienes asistirán a la cena.

2025 Ministerial Association
Holy Week Services & Luncheon
12N ~ 1:00p
Host : First Baptist Church, Elkin

4/14	Preacher	Pastor Ernest Martin Union Grove Baptist Ch, Ronda
	Hospitality	First Baptist Church, Elkin
4/15	Preacher	Rev. Arlo Tysinger Elkin Presbyterian Ch, Elkin
	Hospitality	Galloway Episcopal Church, New Beginnings United Methodist Church St. Stephen Catholic Church
4/16	Preacher	Pastor Howard Fleming First United Methodist Church, Elkin
	Hospitality	Elkin Presbyterian Church, Elkin
4/17	Preacher	Sister Janis McQuade, S.S.J. St. Stephen Catholic Church, Elkin
	Hospitality	First United Methodist Church, Elkin
4/18	Preacher	Rev. Wallice Hairston Purpose of Love Ministries, Winston Salem



Opportunities for the Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession)

Make an appointment **any time** with Fr. John, (704) 763-2475 or Fr. Jose, (203) 954-7134

Oportunidades para el Sacramento de la Reconciliación (Confesión)

Concierte una cita **en cualquier momento** con el Padre John, (704) 763-2475 o con el Padre José, (203) 954-7134.

April	01	After the Communion Service, 1:15p	Fr. John
	04	After Stations of the Cross	Fr. John
	06	After Mass	Fr. José
	16	St. John, 7p	Fr. John & Fr. José

¡Buenos días, Iglesia!

El ex pastor Bill Johnson define el derecho como tal. El derecho es el cáncer más extendido en nuestro mundo actual. Hay líderes mundiales que creen tener derecho a invadir otro país y tomarlo como suyo; y otros que creen que pueden comprar o intimidar a otros países para que se unan a Estados Unidos. El derecho es la actitud de arrogancia y la ruina de las relaciones correctas.

Vemos esto en el evangelio de hoy cuando el pródigo exige su herencia a su padre y deja a su familia a su antojo.

Esta parábola es atemporal. La tentación es pasarla por alto y no tomarse el tiempo para verla también como nuestra historia.

Al releer la parábola, ¿han sentido alguna vez el resentimiento y los celos del hermano mayor? ¿La preocupación persistente del padre?

¿La temeridad deliberada del hijo menor? ¿El asombro de los peones y el personal de la casa cuando el hijo pródigo recibe una bienvenida tan generosa?

~ Sirvientes: ¿Qué dirían si el hijo menor se marchara?

¿Qué dirían cuando regresara y encontrara una bienvenida festiva y los brazos abiertos de su padre?

~ Gente de países lejanos: ¿Alguna vez se han aprovechado de alguien para su propio beneficio económico o emocional? ¿Seguro que lo consideraban un blanco fácil!

~ El hermano mayor: ¿Cómo y cuándo los consume el derecho, la envidia o los celos?

~ La madre anónima: ¿cuándo te ha quitado el sueño un familiar o una relación?

~ El padre/madre perdonador: reflexiona sobre las relaciones que aún no has reconciliado e incluso celebrado. Nombra las gracias que necesitas para extender tu amor misericordioso a alguien que te ha lastimado o a alguien a quien has lastimado.

~ El pródigo: la imagen del derecho, el que espera que los demás cumplan sus órdenes, acepten su punto de vista o cree que la vida solo gira en torno a sus necesidades.

En ComUNIDAD,

🕊️ **TRABAJO del CORAZÓN** *Reflexionando sobre la Palabra*

¿Cuándo has reconocido el prodigalismo en tu propia vida?

¿Cuándo lo has reconocido en otros?

¿Cuál es la invitación de Jesús para ti hoy?



Con oración, reflexiona sobre
quién eres en la parábola.

Cada uno de nosotros ha sido uno
o todos los personajes
en algún momento.

Todos hemos
pasado tiempo en esa “tierra lejana”
de pecado y necesitamos la Gracia
y el perdón de Dios.

Se espera que todos
cumplamos
con nuestro deber pascual, es decir,
celebrar la Reconciliación Sacramen-
tal una vez al año y recibir la Eu-
caristía durante el tiempo de Pascua.

El miércoles 16 de abril,
a las 19:00 h,
en la iglesia de San Juan,
estás invitado a una celebración
comunitaria del
Sacramento de la Reconciliación
o en cualquiera
de los otros
horarios indicados
en la página 5.



Morning Church!

Retired pastor Bill Johnson's working definition of entitlement is prodigalism. Entitlement is the most pervasive cancer in our world today. Entitlement is the attitude of arrogance, and the ruiner of right relationships.

There are world leaders who believe they're entitled to invade another country and take it and its resources as their own; other leaders who believe they can bully or intimidate other countries into becoming part of the U.S.

We see this in today's gospel when the prodigal demands his inheritance from his father, then leaves his family to do whatever he willfully pleases.

This parable is timeless. The temptation is familiarity ~ to casually skim over it and not take time to see it as *your story, too*.

Re-read the parable: have you ever felt the anger, resentment, or jealousy of the older brother? The gnawing worry of the father? The willful recklessness of the younger son? The wonderment of the farmhands and house staff when the prodigal is so lavishly welcomed home?

- ~ *House servants*: what would you say when the younger son took off? What would you say when he returns to the celebratory welcome and open arms of his father?
- ~ *People in the distant country*: have you ever taken advantage of someone for your own financial or emotional benefit? You can bet they pegged him as an easy mark!
- ~ *The older brother*: how and when does entitlement, envy, resentment or jealousy consume you?
- ~ *The unnamed mother*: when have you lost sleep over a family member or relationship?
- ~ *The forgiving father/parent*: reflect on relationships you have yet to reconcile and even celebrate. Name the graces you need to reach out in merciful love to someone who has hurt you or someone you have hurt.
- ~ *The prodigal*: the image of entitlement, the one who expects others to do their bidding, accept their point of view, or who believe life only revolves around their needs.

In CommUNITY,

Prayerfully consider
who you are
in the parable.
Each of us has been *one*
or *all* of the characters
at one time or another.

All of us
have spent time
in that "distant land" of sin
and are in need
of God's grace
and forgiveness.

All of us
are expected to fulfill
our Easter duty,
i.e., to celebrate
Sacramental Reconciliation,
once a year,
and receive the Eucharist
during the Easter season.

**On Wednesday,
April 16, at 7:00 pm,
at St. John**
you are invited to celebrate
a communal celebration
of the Sacrament
of Reconciliation
or at any of the other times
listed on p. 5.

🌸 HEARTwork ~ Reflecting on the Word

When have you recognized prodigalism in your own life?

When have you recognized it in others?

What is Jesus invitation to you today?

April

	06	5th Sun Lent Family Faith Formation, 10a SSJ ZOOM, 7p
	08	The Chosen, 10a; Communion Service 12:15p COMMUNITY Connections, St. Home Ch, 3p RCIA, 6:30p
	09	Choir, 7p 
	10	SSJ & SSJ Associates' Come and See Le Puy, France Pilgrimage & Dinner, 6:30p FLC
	11	Stations of the Cross, 6p
	13	<i>Palm Sunday of the Lord's Passion, 9a</i> No Family Faith Formation
	14-18	<i>Ministerial Association Holy Week Services and Luncheon, 12N-1p</i> <i>Host: First Baptist Church, Elk</i>
	17	<i>Supper of the Lord, 7p</i>
	18	<i>Women of Jerusalem, 5:30p</i> <i>Passion of the Lord/Good Friday, 7p</i>
	19	<i>Holy Saturday Vigil, 8:30p</i> Men's Breakfast, Cracker Barrel, 8:30a
	20	<i>Easter Sunday, 9a</i>
	22	<i>Earth Day</i> The Chosen, 10a Communion Service 12:15p RCIA, 6:30p 
	23	Choir, 7p 
	24	Wise Ones TBA 
	27	2nd Sun Easter Family Faith Formation
	29	The Chosen, 10a; Communion Service 12:15p RCIA, 6:30p
		

Easter Flowers

If you wish to donate flowers
in memory or honor of a loved one,
use the Easter Flowers
envelopes in the pews.

Print your name and donation
on the front & **print the names**
of those you'd like remembered on the back.
Place the envelope in the basket.
Thank you!

Mass Intentions

30	+Patrick Tyrrell Kelley McQuade Anahi Espinoza
06	+Mary E. Burnham +Clyde Colwell

Birthdays & Anniversaries



05 Marcellino Trinidad	12 Jose Ledesma
06 Natalie Trinidad	15 Andy Crawford
08 Melisa Bustos	23 Sally Allred
08 Jennifer LaCashio	23 Kimberly Lopez
09 Osvaldo Bustos	26 Michael Hadfield
09 Alberto Nava	27 Dianne Crawfore
10 Richard Jones	27 Luis Rodriguez
11 Osvaldo Martinez	30 Liza Go-Harris
11 Keith Stringer	30 Vanessa Lopez

04 Eileen & Leo Ouellette
05 Beth Altemueller & Newell Hauser



+S. Lawrence Elizabeth Sandoli, SSJ

Born July 29, 1934

Born to Eternal Life March 23, 2025

in the 73rd year of religious life



+S. Anita Maria O'Dwyer, SSJ

Born February 24, 1934

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+Sister Barbara Kotzman, SSJ

Born July 29, 1934

Born to Eternal Life March 24, 2025

in the 73rd year of religious life



...Jane & Rob and Kathy Jenkins who take our
donations to Tri-C each week (30 lbs last month)
while Bill is in rehab...
...our ladies who clean the church...
...Andrea & Stephen, Ashley & Aymes
who now serve in our Teller Ministry...
God's blessings!

Saying You're Sorry is a Sign of Love



Today's gospel is about God's forgiveness. In the story a son runs away from home and wastes everything his father gave him.

While the son is gone, his father waits for him to come home again.

Every day the father looks for his son to come back home. He loves his son even when his son makes selfish choices. He waits to welcome his son home, to forgive him, and let him know how much he loves him.

Forgiving someone is a sign of God's love in your heart.

Being forgiven is a sign of God's love in another's heart.

Asking for forgiveness is a sign of God's love in your heart.

When you make selfish, unloving choices, you hurt yourself and others. When you say your prayers at night, go over the choices you made during the day, the loving ones and the unloving ones. Ask God's forgiveness for your unloving choices and thank God for your all loving choices.

Say you're sorry when you hurt others.

Be willing to forgive those who hurt you, too.

God is always ready to forgive us!



Be forgiving.
Ask for forgiveness
when you hurt others.

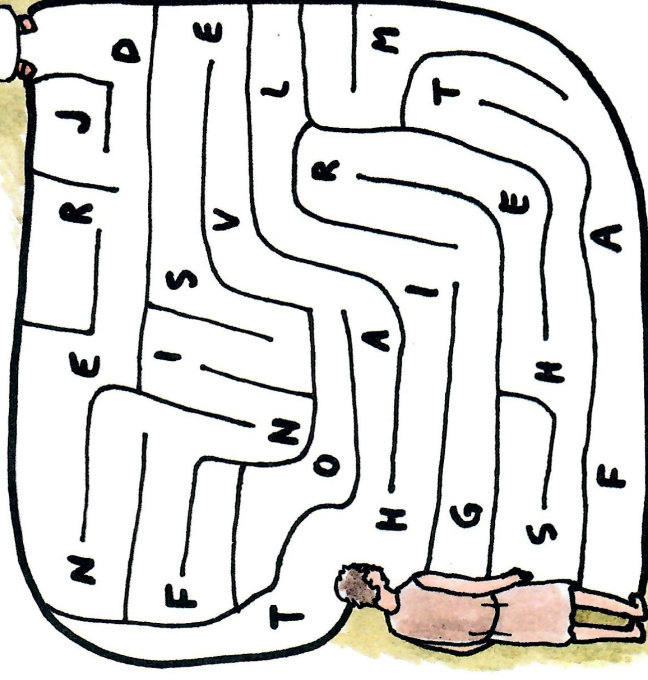
The Kids' Bulletin

Fourth Sunday of Lent
March 30th, 2025



*What did the son in today's
Gospel reading say to show his
father he was sorry?*

Luke 15.1-3, 11-32



*As you go through the maze, use only
the letters in the right path to fill in the blanks:*

Answer to Front Page: Father I have sinned. Answers to Cross-Word: ACROSS: 1.his 3.let
6.its 8.humble 9.praise 10.that 13.from 16.name 17.together 18.answered DOWN:
2.soul 4.times 5.glorify 7.set 10.taste 11.terrors 12.see 14.on 15.make



The 90 Days: Ash Wednesday to Pentecost

4th Sunday of Lent

Fast from belittling others.
Feast on praising others.

Monday

Fast from useless stress.
Feast on trusting God.

Tuesday

Fast from showing off.
Feast on others' gifts.

Wednesday

Fast from fear.
Feast on believing in Jesus.

Thursday

Fast from disliking others.
Feast on respecting others.

Friday

Fast from fighting.
Feast on kindness.

Saturday

Fast from willfulness.
Feast on five minutes
talking with God.

REMEMBER:



PRAY

GIVE UP UNLOVING WAYS & WORDS

BE GENEROUS

Saint Vincent Ferrer April 5



SAINT VINCENT ONCE WROTE THAT TO STUDY WELL MEANS CONSULTING GOD MORE THAN BOOKS. TO KNOW WHAT IS REALLY IMPORTANT WE SHOULD READ AND KNOW AND LOVE THE BIBLE, SINCE IT TEACHES US ABOUT GOD. TRY TO READ A BIT OF THE BIBLE EVERY DAY!