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**St. Stephen**

**Theresa Martin** Music Ministry  
**Natalie Lopez** Youth Faith Formation  
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**Phillip Parriah** RCIA

**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)**

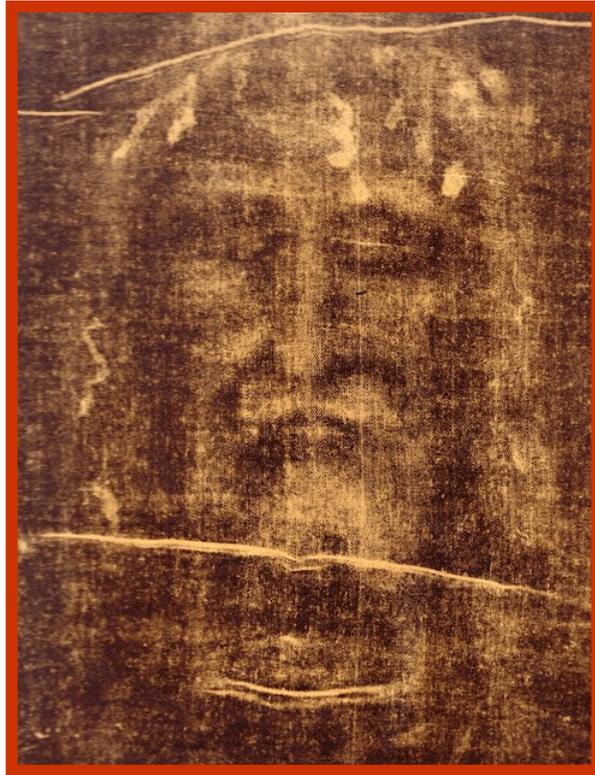
*For those who desire to explore the Catholic Faith, spirituality, customs, and practices.*

**Anointing of the Sick**

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

**First Sunday of Lent**  
**March 6, 2022**

*Save the Date* ✠ *Reserva*



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*Shroud of Turin  
Exhibit*

*Yadkin Valley Heritage Center*

*257 Standard Street*

*Elkin, NC 28621*

*August 14-21, 2022*

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*Exposicion del manto  
Sagrado del rostro  
de Jesus*

*Yadkin Valley Heritage Center*

*257 Standard Street*

*Elkin, NC 28621*

*August 14-21, 2022*

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Wise Ones Luncheon

March 17, 1:00p

*Dodge City*

2001 N. Bridge Street Elkin

RSVP Jerry (336)957-2250 by 3/10



**BE LIGHT  
IN THE  
DARKNESS**

**EACH DAY  
COMMIT  
TO  
ONE ACT OF LIGHT  
GIVEN IN KINDNESS  
THROUGH  
YOUR WORDS.**

**COMMIT  
TO  
ONE ACT OF LIGHT ...  
GIVEN IN KINDNESS  
THROUGH  
YOUR ACTIONS  
TO COUNTER  
THE DARKNESS  
THAT DESIRES  
TO OVERTAKE YOU  
AND ALL OF US.**

**COMMIT  
TO PRAYER  
THREE TIMES A DAY:**

**LORD, HAVE MERCY.  
CHRIST, HAVE MERCY.  
LORD, HAVE MERCY.  
May almighty God  
have mercy on us,  
forgive us our sins  
and bring us  
to everlasting life.  
Amen.**

*Kneelers Update*

The kneelers are being refurbished  
and prepared for installation.

The initial quote has increased only \$500.00

If you wish to make contribute,  
make your donations payable to:

St. Stephen Church.

No donation is too small.

*Thank you!*

**2022 MASS INTENTIONS**

To SCHEDULE A MASS at St. S,  
please use the white envelopes  
found in the pews. PRINT the name or intention  
for the Mass on the front of the envelope.  
A stipend for a Mass is ten (\$10) dollars in cash or  
a check payable to:

Fr. John Hanic. Give the envelope to S. Janis.  
OR

Call Sister Janis (336) 835-3007

**ALTAR FLOWERS**

If you wish to DONATE FLOWERS

marking an 2022 anniversary,  
birthday, special intention, in gratitude to God,  
in memory of a deceased loved, or just because,  
contact Donna, (336) 835-5245.

**SYNODALITY:  
WALKING TOGETHER**

- + Communion
- + Participation
- + Mission



**SINODALIDAD:  
CAMINANDO JUNTOS**

- + Communion
- + Participation
- + Mission

**Meaning of the Synod Logo:**

A large, majestic tree, full of wisdom and light, reaches for the sky. A sign of deep vitality and hope which expresses the cross of Christ. It carries the Eucharist, which shines like the sun. The horizontal branches, opened like hands or wings, suggest, at the same time, the Holy Spirit.

The people of God are not static: they are on the move, in direct reference to the etymology of the word synod, which means "walking together". The people are united by the same common dynamic that this Tree of Life breathes into them, from which they begin their walk.

These 15 silhouettes sum up our entire humanity in its diversity of life situations of generations and origins. This aspect is reinforced by the multiplicity of bright colours which are themselves signs of joy. There is no hierarchy between these people who are all on the same footing: young, old, men, women, teenagers, children, lay people, religious, parents, couples, singles; the bishop and the nun are not in front of them, but among them. Quite naturally, children and then adolescents open their walk, in reference to these words of Jesus in the Gospel: "I praise you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, because you have hidden these things from the wise and learned and revealed them to little children." (Mt 11:25)

The horizontal baseline: "For a synodal Church: *Communion, Participation and Mission*" runs from left to right in the direction of this march, underlining and strengthening it, to end with the title "Synod 2021 - 2023", the high point that synthesizes the whole.

~ Isabelle de Senilhes, Paris, France

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***A SYNOD SURVEY is being readied so that you can be prepared to engage in the upcoming LISTENING SESSIONS.***

***Synodal listening is oriented toward discernment in which people listen to each other, to their faith tradition and to "the signs of the times in order to discern what God is saying to all of us.***

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See our website to view the full **Synod Handbook**  
& other Synod info: [www.StStephenNC.org](http://www.StStephenNC.org)





## DESERT PRAYER

*Then Jesus was led up by the Spirit  
into the wilderness to be tempted by the devil.*

As we journey through life, we too will be let into the wild, the barren desert, and there, in the wilderness, alone with the Alone, we will encounter both the wild beast and the angel ministering to us.

Here are a few beautifully woven words by  
Jan Richardson for your journey into the wild:

*I am not asking you  
to take this wilderness from me,  
to remove this place of starkness  
where I come to know  
the wildness within me,  
where I learn to call the names  
of the ravenous beasts  
that pace inside me,  
to finger the brambles  
that snake through my veins,  
to taste the thirst  
that tugs at my tongue.*

*But send me  
tough angels,  
sweet wine,  
strong bread:  
just enough.*

*Morning, Church!*

We are in a desert not of our choosing. This is an austere place of isolation, famine, and dryness. This desert demands you stand toe-to-toe with temptation and not cave.

This desert pokes at all your weak spots, all your open wounds, all that you so meticulously masked from discovery, lest you be seen as vulnerable, as vulnerable as you truly are.

These are classic desert temptations are rooted in pride: the lure of power, possessions, and praise. They prey on your soul to create the desert deadness.

*Power:* Demonic desert dwellers use power to control and to manipulate those around them. Those who understand their power, use their it to influence, encourage and serve others.

*Prestige:* conspicuous consumption is a desired social profile perpetuates false security. How does the prospect of losing your soul in exchange for stuff profit you?

*Praise:* it is natural to want to be thanked. Yet, when this need for recognition and glory becomes excessive it cripples your spirit. Does your right hand need to know what your left hand is doing?

Jesus is our models how to contend with temptations. Weaken by his desert experience and famine, he drew on his prayerful communion with God as the sustaining grace to speak to evil's sinful perspective about what is lasting, true and good.

On February 24 got dramatically thrown back into the wild desert when Russia forces invaded Ukraine.

Now, draw on every ounce of strength you have and raise your voice in prayer for your Ukrainian sisters and brothers.

*Do more* than raise your voice in prayer for them.

*Do more* than fast from your need to control, be praised, or have the latest and greatest whatever.

Fight off the temptation of apathy and the attitude "someone else can take care of it".

Raise your voice loudly in protest against this war. Lobby your senators and representatives for the U.S. to lead the world community in boycotting all commerce with Russia, especially its oil reserves.

This war is like a drop of water on a paper towel.

If we don't stand together, we will perish together in the desert of destruction.

God's blessings,

*Janis*

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|    | 06 | <b>1st Sun Lent</b><br><i>Rite of Election:</i> Martha Neaves<br>Faith Fusion, 10:30a                       |   |
|    | 07 | SSJA CGG 11a<br>RCIA  |  |
|   | 08 | Communion Service, 12:15p   |   |
|   | 11 | Stations of the Cross, 6p   |   |
|   | 12 | SSJ Assembly (Zoom) 9:00a-4:30p   |   |
|    | 13 | <b>2nd Sun Lent</b><br>1st Reconciliation FFF, 10:30a, FLC  |   |
|    | 14 | RCIA<br>Ladies Guild, 7p  |  |
|   | 15 | Communion Service, 12:15p<br>Clergy Connect, 3:00p  |   |
|    | 17 | <b>St. Patrick's Day</b><br>Dinner for Habitat for Humanity Crew, FLC<br>Wise Ones, Luncheon, Dodge City 1p |  |
|   | 18 | Stations of the Cross, 6p   |   |
|   | 19 | <b>St. Joseph's Day</b>   |  |
|    | 20 | <b>3rd Lent Rite of Scrutiny I</b><br>Faith Fusion, 10:30a  |   |
|    | 21 | RCIA<br>Give Blood, Elkin Rescue, 1:30-6p   |  |
|   | 22 | Communion Service, 12:15p   |   |
|   | 25 | Stations of the Cross, 6p   |   |
|  | 27 | <b>4th Sun Rite of Scrutiny I</b><br>1st Reconciliation FFF, 10:30a, FLC                                    |   |
|  | 28 | RCIA  |   |
|   | 29 | Communion Service, 12:15p   |   |

| PROCLAIMERS of the WORD |           |            |
|-------------------------|-----------|------------|
| Date                    | Reading I | Reading II |
| 3/6                     | Elia M    | Janis McQ  |
| 3/13                    | Ashley D  | Patrick C  |
| 3/20                    | Karen G   | Mary H     |
| 3/27                    | Ronnie K  | Kathy J    |

### Tri-C Christian Ministries

**CURRENT NEEDS:**  
ANY canned vegetables, esp. peas & any kind of beans; sm. Toiletries or laundry soap.

| MARCH |   |
|-------|---|
| 06    | +Carol McQuade (15th Anniv)<br>+Dorothy Hanic (15th Anniv)<br>Martha Neaves |
| 13    | +Tessie Horneck   |
| 20    | +Helen Pucell r/b Lana & Bob<br>+Mona Schaufenbuel r/b Jerry                |

### Birthdays & Anniversaries



06 Elia Martinez  
07 Jim Doyle  
Jerry Schaufenbuel



19 Erica & Ruben Ramirez  
22 Margarita & Guillermo Lada  
24 Jane & Rob Worley



### 2022 DSA

Mail your donations or drop in basket:  
DSA  
123 South Church Street  
Charlotte NC 28293-4003  
The memo line put: *St. Stephen, Elkin*

| 1st Sun Lent                                     |                |
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| <a href="http://www.usccb.org">www.usccb.org</a> |                |
| Deut 26:4-10                                     | Romans 10:8-13 |
| Psalms 91:1-2, 10-15                             | Luke 4:1-13    |

 Reflecting and Acting on the Word \_\_\_\_\_  
Go to your desert with God.  
Spend time in quiet and solitude.  
Listen to what the Spirit of Jesus says to you about the state of your heart and the state of God's Neighborhood.

### COMMUNION SERVICE TUESDAYS, 12:15p

March 8, 15, 22, 29; April 5 & 12

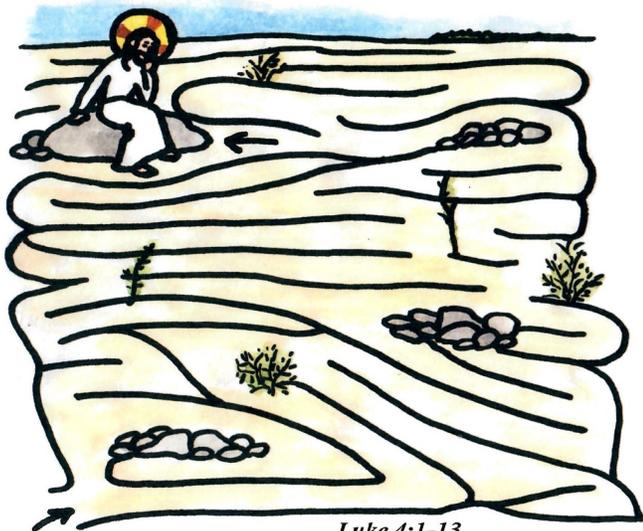


### STATIONS of the CROSS FRIDAYS, 6:00p

March 4, 11, 18, 25; April 1 & 8  
Sign up for reader or crucifer

# The Kids' Bulletin

First Sunday of Lent  
March 6th, 2022



Luke 4:1-13

Jesus spent 40 days in the desert preparing for His work. During Lent we spend 40 days getting ready to celebrate Jesus' death and resurrection.

*Can you find your way into the desert to be with Jesus?*

## Lent:

Getting ready for Jesus' death and resurrection

Lent is the special time when we prepare for the celebration of Jesus' passion, death and resurrection. We get our souls ready by doing prayer, fasting, and almsgiving.



Prayer is talking with God. We need to talk with God even more than we need to talk to our family and friends. Lent is a good time to get into a habit of talking with God every day.



Fasting is eating less than you normally would. It's a good idea to give up a little something you like for Lent. Giving things up helps us remember we need God, not just food.

Almsgiving means giving to those who are in need. It helps us to be generous like God. Maybe you have a bit of money you can give to the poor or to the Church.



Answers to True or False: 1. true, 2. false, 3. false, 4. true, 5. false, 6. true, 7. false.

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## Jesus Was Tempted by the Devil: True or False?

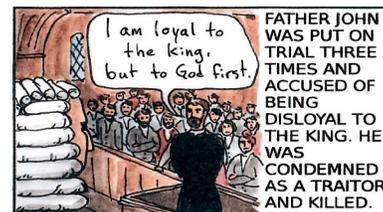
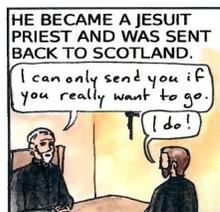
How well do you know the story from today's Gospel reading?

1. Jesus went to the desert and didn't eat anything for 40 days. True or False?
2. Jesus was never tempted by the devil. True or False?
3. Jesus wasn't hungry, even after 40 days with no food. True or False?
4. The devil said that all the kingdoms of the world belonged to him. True or False?
5. Jesus said that He would only worship the devil if he gave Him all the power first. True or False?
6. Jesus wouldn't throw Himself off the Temple because He said it was "putting God to the test." True or False?
7. The devil kept bothering Jesus, even when he ran out of things to tempt him about. True or False?



## Saint John Ogilvie

March 10



SAINT JOHN OGILVIE SPENT MUCH OF HIS LIFE STUDYING TO LEARN THE TRUTH ABOUT GOD. ONCE HE KNEW WHAT WAS RIGHT HE KNEW HE HAD TO SHARE IT WITH OTHERS, SO HE BECAME A MISSIONARY IN HIS OWN COUNTRY. CAN YOU BE DARING ENOUGH TO TELL THE TRUTH NO MATTER WHAT?