

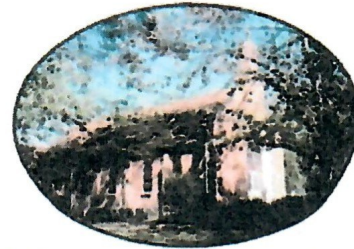


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Mass Schedule

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

***Esater Sunday
April 20, 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...



**Remember in prayer,
the Florida State University Community
and their families,
as well as the shooter and his family.**



2025 Jubilee Year of Hope



Pilgrim,
what is your **deepest hope**
for yourself, your family,
St. Stephen, your Church,
Creation this Easter?

Christ has died.
Christ is risen.
Christ will come again.

Peregrino,
¿cuál es tu esperanza más profunda?
para ti, tu familia, San Esteban,
¿tu Iglesia, tu Creación en esta Pascua?

Cristo murió.
Cristo resucitó.
Cristo volverá.

¡Buenos días, Iglesia!

Amamos la plenitud y la abundancia de vida que es la Resurrección de Cristo, porque fuimos creados para la abundancia. Fuimos creados para la abundancia de la gloria eterna.

Rehuimos y evitamos deliberadamente lo superficial y lo vacío, todo aquello que huele a estancamiento. Tendemos a evitar conversaciones honestas sobre nuestra mortalidad.

Estos últimos cinco años han estado llenos de experiencias vacías, experiencias que nos han vaciado, destrozado. El vacío es la dura sentencia de lo irremplazable: nunca lo recuperaré o nunca volveré a sentirme como antes: la epidemia de COVID... la epidemia de violencia armada... la insurrección del 6 de enero y el ataque a nuestra democracia y a nuestro Capitolio... la invasión rusa de Ucrania y los continuos ataques a sus ciudadanos, que dejan a más de seis millones de huérfanos dispersos por toda Europa... la invasión de Israel por parte de Hamás y la toma de cientos de rehenes... el creciente número de refugiados e inmigrantes desplazados que buscan seguridad y un hogar... los patrones climáticos erráticos, los terribles incendios e inundaciones en todo el país y en otros lugares...

¿Y si el Vacío no es Vacío?

¿Y si el Vacío no es un vacío ni un final desolador e implacable?

Simplemente contempla la Tumba Vacía de Jesús. Es la paradoja más sagrada que jamás haya existido.

Aquí el Vacío tiene la expresión más profunda de abundancia. Es aquí donde Jesús emergió de su Santa Oscuridad. Es aquí donde el Vacío es Presencia Divina.

La estatua que se muestra aquí se encuentra en el Cementerio Rock Creek en Washington, D.C. Es mi imagen favorita de la Pascua. Observa el rostro de María Magdalena y la absoluta urgencia en sus gestos extendidos mientras se dirige apresuradamente a Jerusalén.

María, en su encuentro con Cristo Resucitado, es la mayor de todas las reversiones divinas, la estampa sagrada definitiva para escapar de la muerte.

Esta Tumba Vacía significa que el Vacío es Presencia.

En ComUNIDAD,

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Visto ~ Domingo de Pascua



No imaginabas
que algo tan vacío
podiera llenarte
hasta rebosar,

y ahora llevas
el conocimiento
como un tesoro inmenso
o como un niño
que se enrosca
en tu corazón:

cómo el vacío
dará a luz
un mundo nuevo
que no puedes comprender
pero en cuyo borde
te encuentras.

Entonces,
¿por qué te demoras?
Ya has visto,
y por eso ya eres bendecido.
Has sido visto, y por eso
eres la bendición.

No necesitas
otra palabra.
Simplemente tienes
que ir y contar.
Simplemente tienes
que comenzar.

~ Jan Richardson

Morning, Church!

We love the full, pressed down overflow of life that is Christ's Resurrection, because we were created for abundance. We were created for the abundance of eternal glory.

We shy away from and deliberately avoid the shallow and the empty, anything that whiffs of stagnation. We tend to avoid honest conversations about our mortality.

These past five year have been full of empty experiences, experiences that have hollowed us out, just gutted us. Emptiness is the harsh sentence of irreplaceability: I'll never get that back or I'll never be the same feeling: the COVID epidemic...the epidemic of gun violence...the January 6 insurrection and attack on our democracy and our Capitol...Russian invasion of Ukraine and continuous attack on their citizens, which leaves six million+ orphans scattered across Europe... Hamas' invasion of Israel and taking hundreds of hostages...the growing number of refugees and displaced immigrants seeking safety and a home...the erratic weather patterns, the horrific fires and floods across our nation and elsewhere...

What if Empty isn't Empty? What if Empty isn't a void or an unforgiving, desolate ending? Just gaze into the Empty Tomb of Jesus. It's the holiest paradox ever. Here the Emptiness has the most profound expression of abundance. It is here that Jesus came forth from his Holy Darkness. It is here that Emptiness is Divine Presence.

The statue shown here may be found in Rock Creek Cemetery in Washington, DC. It is my favorite image of Easter. Take note of Mary Magdalene's face and the *utter urgency* in her outstretched gestures as she hurriedly makes her way to Jerusalem.

Mary encountered with the Risen Christ is the grandest of all divine reversals, the ultimate get-out-of death free holy card. This Empty Tomb means Emptiness is Presence.

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Seen ~ Easter Sunday



You had not imagined
that something so empty
could fill you
to overflowing,
and now you carry
the knowledge
like an awful treasure
or like a child
that curls itself
within your heart:
how the **emptiness**
will bear forth
a new world
you cannot fathom
but on whose edge
you stand.

So why do you linger?
You have seen,
and so you are
already blessed.
You have been seen,
and so you are
the blessing.

There is no other word
you need.
There is simply
to go
and tell.
There is simply
to begin.

—Jan Richardson

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 & SSJAssociates' 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, Elkin</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> Communion Service 12:15p  RCIA, 6:30p
23	Choir, 7p 
 24	Wise Ones ~ Theo's Restaurant, 1p  Host: Jerry
27	2nd Sun Easter Family Faith Formation
 29	The Chosen, 10a; Communion Service 12:15p RCIA, 6:30p

☘ Mass Intentions	
13	+Bill Bresse; Keller, Gore & Ford Families; +Lorraine Benfanti; Healing for Michelle
20	St. S Parishioners +Matthew G. Hyer +Judy Tymko

Birthdays & Anniversaries



15 Andy Crawford 27 Dianne Crawford
23 Sally Allred 27 Luis Rodriguez
23 Kimberly Lopez 30 Liza Go-Harris
26 Michael Hadfield 30 Vanessa Lopez

15 Judy & Frank Simon
21 Lupe & Ray Hernandez
29 Julie & Patrick Colglazier



Blessed Carlo Acutis

Blessed Carlo Acutis will be canonized by Pope Francis on April 27, 2025, during the **Jubilee of Teenagers** in Rome, making him the first millennial saint. This event is anticipated to bring many young people to Rome for the **Catholic Church's Jubilee of Hope**. Carlo Acutis, who died of leukemia in 2006 at the **age of 15**, was known for his devotion to the Eucharist and Marian apparitions, which he catalogued on a website he designed.

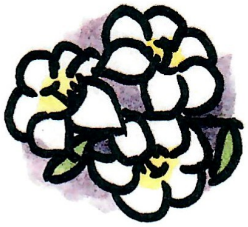
His beatification, or declaration as "Blessed," occurred in October 2020.

The recognition of two miracles attributed to his intercession, including the healing of a young Costa Rican woman, paved the way for his canonization.

Acutis is also considered a "patron saint of the Internet" due to his interest in computers

Easter Flowers	
<i>Becky Dursee</i>	<i>Charles Dursee</i>
<i>Richard Jones</i>	<i>Cecelia J. Jones</i>
<i>Wendy McClamrock</i>	<i>Mary E. Cain, Jeff Stout</i>
<i>Lou Stackhouse</i>	<i>Jeff Stackhouse</i>
<i>Jane & Rob Worley</i>	<i>Bill Bresse</i>

Jesus is Risen!! Alleluia!!



Easter is the greatest feast of our faith. Today we celebrate that Jesus, our Lord and Savior, rose from the dead to bring us New Life, New Hope, and deeper Faith.

On Good Friday, Jesus suffered and died on The Cross to redeem us from our sins and offer us the promise of life everlasting with him in heaven. Jesus didn't stay dead. He rose from the dead and told us, if we believe in him, even if we die, we, too will live forever!!

When Jesus died on The Cross, his apostles and friends were afraid. They were very sad, too. They tried to comfort each other, thinking they would never see Jesus again.

Imagine their surprise when Mary Magdalene came rushing into their room and told them Jesus had risen from the dead!! Peter and John went to the tomb to see for themselves. When they saw the empty tomb, they knew Jesus had kept his promise to them. He had risen from the dead!



**Risen Jesus, Savior of the world,
deepen my faith in you!**

Answer to puzzle on Front:
Jesus is Alive!
Answer to Word-Find Puzzle: Jesus
was raised from the dead.

The Kids' Bulletin

Easter Sunday

April 20, 2025



John 20:1-18

What are we celebrating on Easter?
Unscramble the letters
to fill in the blanks!



Alleluia!

Ash Wednesday to Pentecost

EASTER SUNDAY

**the promise
of everlasting life.**

Monday of Easter Week

Christ's light.

Tuesday of Easter Week

forgiveness

Week

Christ's presence.

Thursday of Easter Week

Christ's courage.

Friday of Easter Week

Christ's determination.

Saturday of Easter Week

Christ's mercy.



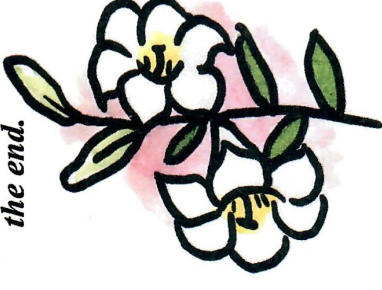
REMEMBER:

BE AN EASTER PERSON.

Live your life in gratitude and joy!

Easter Ward-Find

***See if you can find
all the words in
CAPITALS. Use
the leftover letters to
fill in the blanks at
the end.***



JGARDENEARLY
LEJESIMONS
ODUSTONE
OIBURIALOWMS
KSCRIPTUREAW
ICARTOMBNEGSS
NIREAIPDIPDS
GPECDFEDNIAEE
CLOTHSTYGNLME
BELIEVEDRGEP
OMTODARKHENTY
DEANGELSADEY

EARLY in the MORNING, while it was still DARK, Mary MAGDALENE had gone to see JESUS' TOMB. But when she got there she found it EMPTY! She ran and got SIMON PETER and the other DISCIPLE to show them. The STONE had been rolled back. The two men went in and saw that the BODY was gone, and only the BURIAL CLOTHS were sitting there. They BELIEVED although they didn't yet understand what the SCRIPTURE said about the RESURRECTION of Jesus. Mary stayed WEeping outside, but when as she stood LOOKING in, she saw two ANGELS. Then she saw a man in the GARDEN. She thought He was the gardener until He said, "MARY!" Then she knew who it was:

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