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St. John

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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 treasure 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.

Twenty-ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time

October 20, 2024

October 13, 2024

Prayer Before An Election

Lord God, as the election approaches, we seek to better understand the issues and concerns that confront our city, our state, and our country, and how the Gospel compels us to respond as faithful citizens in our community.

We ask for eyes that are free from blindness so that we might see each other as sisters and brothers, one and equal in dignity, especially those who are victims of abuse and violence, neglect, deceit and poverty.

We ask for ears to hear the cries of the least, the lost, and the lonely, women and men oppressed because of race, creed, religion, age, or gender.

We ask for Christ's mind and heart to be open to hearing the voice of those leaders who will lead us to living the gospel fully.

We pray for discernment to choose leaders who hear your Word, live your love, and keep your ways of truth as they follow Christ's Way of justice, compassion, and peace.

We ask this in the Name of Jesus, who is our Savior, now and forever. Amen.+

Our Father, Hail Mary, Glory Be...

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*Adult
Faith Formation
Opportunity*

*Tuesday, November 4, 5:00p
St. Stephen Family Life Center
Sister Janis
"Pre-planning
Your Funeral Service"*

This is the address of *Seaman Recruit Ethan Van Horn*, if you wish to send him a note or card. He cannot receive packages.



*SR Van Horn, Ethan
ECHO 206
USCG Training Center
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¡Buenos días, Iglesia!



A medida que nuestro Año litúrgico de Gracia llega a su fin, los motivos de la Palabra comienzan a crecer de una manera siniestra y amenazante. A primera vista, la lectura de hoy de las Escrituras hebreas nos sitúa en el entorno de la Cuaresma. Inmediatamente podemos reconocer que el Siervo Sufriente del que se habla aquí es el mismo Siervo Sufriente del Viernes Santo. Sin duda, el Siervo Sufriente, y todos los que se esfuerzan por seguir su Camino, eligen, con un coraje poco común, mantenerse firmes mientras son abordados por realidades siniestras más grandes que los monstruos de los cuentos de hadas.

Isaías enfrenta la inevitable realidad de una deuda artificial en la que ha incurrido mientras servía a un profeta de Dios entre los hebreos exiliados y sus captores asirios. Isaías eventualmente paga con su vida por su fiel liderazgo-servidor. Llama continuamente a los hebreos a ser firmes y fieles y, al mismo tiempo, llama a sus secuestradores a la verdadera conversión. Isaías es resiliente en la fe y confía en la presencia de Dios en su vida. La presencia salvadora de Dios lo honra para continuar respondiendo al llamado de Dios, incluso en su sufrimiento. Sufrirá mientras se enfrenta a la injusticia, proclama un futuro lleno de esperanza y la verdadera paz que solo Dios puede dar.

Los exilios de nuestros Ancestros en la Fe fueron registrados para nuestra formación y conversión espiritual. Los exiliados espirituales existen incluso hoy. Mientras regresamos a casa con Dios, nosotros también experimentaremos exilios que nos aíslan de nuestras familias, vecinos, comunidades religiosas y conexiones sociales. Quienes se encuentran en el exilio espiritual o emocional están constantemente defendiéndose de la desesperanza y el aislamiento. Durante toda su vida, han anhelado un profeta o una comunidad de fe que los conduzca a relaciones consoladoras y vivificantes. Todos estamos sujetos a momentos en los que las nubes de duda permanecen en nuestros corazones como un sufrimiento invisible.

El sufrimiento es una faceta inherente al viaje de fe de un creyente. El sufrimiento sirve como una gracia transformadora que puede llevarnos a una comprensión más profunda del Misterio Pascual del Bautismo. El bautismo es la puerta sagrada que abre nuestro camino sagrado hacia Dios. Nuestro viaje de fe bautismal es un viaje de toda la vida. La gracia del Bautismo nos guía para servir como profetas de esperanza para los demás, especialmente para nuestras familias.

No podemos preguntar cuál es nuestro “lugar” en el más allá.

Podemos ocupar nuestro lugar aquí y ahora.

Sin duda, el Camino a la grandeza del evangelio es servir o sufrir en el Nombre de Jesús.

En ComUNIDAD,

È Reflexionando sobre la Palabra

¿Cómo ve su llamado al liderazgo de servicio?

¿Ves pequeños sufrimientos, es decir, inconvenientes, decepciones, problemas o molestias mientras la gracia te está invitando

¿Rendirse a la gracia transformadora de Dios?



Morning, Church!

As this liturgical Year of Grace winds down, The Word motifs begin to crescendo in an ominous and threatening manner. At first glance, today's reading from the Hebrew scripture places us in the Lenten environs. Immediately we can recognize the Suffering Servant spoken of here as the one and the same Suffering Servant of Good Friday. *Without a doubt*, the Suffering Servant, and all who strive to follow his Way, choose, with uncommon courage, to stand fast while they are being accosted by greater ominous realities than fairy tale monsters.

Isaiah faces the unavoidable reality of an artificial debt he has incurred while serving as God's prophet among the exiled Hebrews and their Assyrian captors. Isaiah eventually pays with his life for his faithful servant-leadership. He continually calls the Hebrews to be steadfast and faithful, and, at the same time, calls their abductors to true conversion. Isaiah is resilient in faith and trusts God's presence in his life. God's saving presence graces him to continue to respond to God's call, even in his suffering. Suffer he will as he stands over and against injustice, proclaims a future full of hope, and the true peace only God can give.

The exiles of our Ancestors in Faith were recorded for our spiritual formation and conversion. Spiritual exiles exist even today. As we journey home to God, we, too, will experience exiles that isolate us from our families, neighbors, faith communities, and social connections. Those in spiritual or emotional exile are constantly fending off hopelessness and isolation. All life long, they've longed for a prophet or faith community who will lead them to consoling, life-giving relationships. All of us are subject to moments when the clouds of doubt linger in our hearts as an invisible suffering.

Suffering is an inherent facet of a believer's faithjourney. Suffering serves as a transformative grace that can lead us to a deeper understanding of Baptism's Paschal Mystery. Baptism is the sacred door that opens our sacred path to God. Our Baptismal faithjourney is a life-long journey. The grace of Baptism mentors us to serve as prophets of hope for others, especially our families.

We cannot ask what our 'place' is in the hereafter. We can discover our place here and now.








Without a doubt, The Way to gospel greatness is to serve or suffer in Jesus' Name.

In CommUNITY,

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 *Reflecting on the Word*

How do you view your call to servant-leadership?
Do you view tiny sufferings, i.e., inconveniences,
disappointments, problems, or hassles as grace is inviting you
to surrender to God's transformative grace?

OCTOBER	
01	Communion Service, 12:15p
 02	RCIA, 6:30p; Choir, 7p 
05	Blessing of Animals, Farmer's Market, 10:30a
 03-08	SSJ Fall Assembly
 06	27th Sun OT Faith Formation ~ Parents & Youth, After Mass, FLC
08	Communion Service, 12:15p
 09	RCIA, 6:30p; Choir, 7p 
 13	28th Sun OT Faith Formation ~ Parents & Youth, After Mass, FLC
 14	Ladies Guild, 5p
 15	SSJ Founder's Day 1650 Adult Faith Formation ~ The Chosen, 10a Communion Service, 12:15p Ministerial Association, 12N
 16	RCIA, 6:30p; Choir, 7p 
17	Wise Ones Crave Restaurant, Sparta, 1p Hosts: Judy & Frank (336) 701-7688 
19	Men's Breakfast, Cracker Barrel, 8:30a 
 20	29th Sun OT Anointing Mass Faith Formation ~ Parents & Youth, After Mass, FLC
21	Donate Blood, 1st Baptist Church, 1:30-6:00p 
22	The Chosen, 10a Communion Service, 12:15p
 23	RCIA, 6:30p; Choir, 7p 
 27	30th Sun OT Faith Formation ~ Parents & Youth, After Mass, FLC
 29	SSJ CGG, 10a Communion Service, 12:15p
 30	RCIA, 6:30p; Choir, 7p 

OCT MASS INTENTIONS	
06	+Grace Jenkins +Msgr. Thomas P. Ivory Geri Rogers, S.S.J.
13	Christopher Trembley Birthday +Thomas Patrick Rosser Sisters of St. Joseph
20	Healing in our homes, hearts, nation, world
27	+Phil Altemueller r/b Gayle +Carter Chu r/b Debbie & Phillip

Birthdays & Anniversary



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|---------------------|---------------------------|
| 01 Ellen Bernabe | 12 Natalie Lopez-Williams |
| Liam Hernandez | 14 Raquel Martinez |
| Daniela Trejo | 18 Athena Spicer |
| 03 Nancy Hubbard | 19 Yandi Nava |
| Gerardo Parral, Sr. | 20 John Darcey |
| 04 Ngoe Vo | 22 Ty Keller |
| 06 Marisol Ledesma | Ruben Ramirez |
| 08 Maria Mata-Reyes | Leilany Garcia |
| Sergio Loyola | 25 Beth Altemueller |
| 10 Angel Ledesma | 26 Ramona Doyle |
| 11 Beth Orta | |

- 01 Ofelia & Alberto Nava
- 10 Andrea Faw & Stephen Faust
- 22 Liza Go & Jeff Harris
- 25 Samantha & Andrew Ange



You're invited!
Adult Faith Formation & Faithsharing:
The Chosen
Tuesdays, October 22, Nov 19
10:00a ~ 11:30a
 Contact S. Janis for more information



*We hold in prayer all who gather at the Synod
 in Rome. May they follow the lead
 of the Holy Spirit, as they discern and discover
 how God is leading us into the future.*

Great People Serve Others!

In today's Gospel reading, Jesus tells us that the people who are really great are those who serve. Here are some really great people:

Mary, the Mother of Jesus- God asked her to be the mother of His Son. Our Lady spent her whole life caring for Jesus, and now she watches over us and helps us. She is the greatest saint of all.



The pope has a very big job- looking after the whole Church. Did you know that the pope is called "The servant of the servants of God?" He is great because he is using his life to take care of God's people.

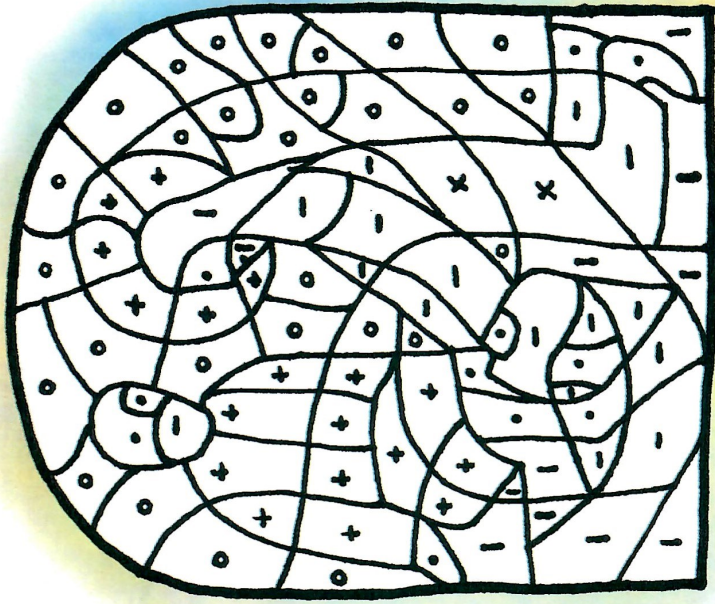
But who do you think is the best example of all? Jesus! He helped people all His life, and then He died so that everyone would have the chance to go to Heaven.



Answer to word-find:
Jesus died for our sins.

The Kids' Bulletin

29th Sunday in Ordinary Time
October 20th, 2024



Mark 10:35-45

Jesus said that whoever wishes to be the greatest must be the servant of all. Colour in the picture to see who shows us how to serve best.

- Blue • Skin Colour
- + Yellow † Brown
- White x Red

Saint John Paul II

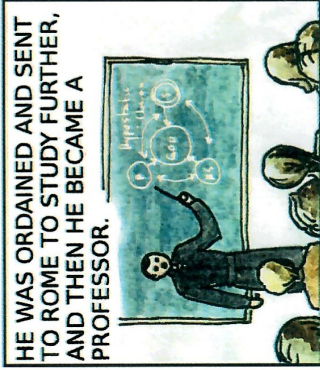
October 22

KAROL WOJTYLA WAS BORN IN POLAND IN 1920. BY THE TIME HE WAS 21, HIS PARENTS AND BROTHER HAD ALL DIED. DURING WORLD WAR II HE WENT TO A SECRET SEMINARY.

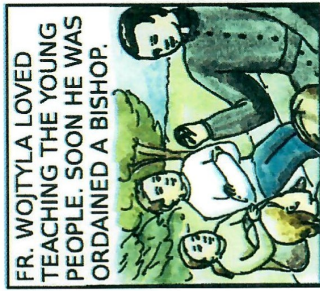


Shh! I think there's a spy!

HE WAS ORDAINED AND SENT TO ROME TO STUDY FURTHER, AND THEN HE BECAME A PROFESSOR.



FR. WOJTYLA LOVED TEACHING THE YOUNG PEOPLE. SOON HE WAS ORDAINED A BISHOP.



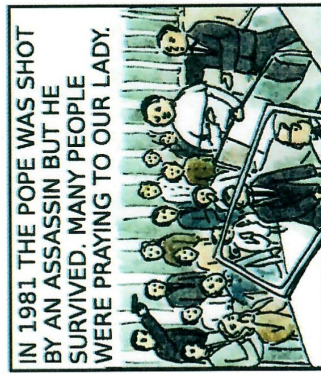
HE WAS AT THE SECOND VATICAN COUNCIL, AND A FEW YEARS LATER WAS MADE A CARDINAL.



IN 1978 HE BECAME POPE JOHN PAUL II. HE WENT TO MANY COUNTRIES TO EVANGELIZE AND MAKE PEACE.



IN 1981 THE POPE WAS SHOT BY AN ASSASSIN BUT HE SURVIVED. MANY PEOPLE WERE PRAYING TO OUR LADY.



POPE JOHN PAUL WORKED FOR MANY YEARS TRYING TO BRING PEACE AND HOPE TO THE WORLD. EVEN WHEN HE WAS OLD AND SUFFERED FROM PARKINSON'S DISEASE. HE DIED ON APRIL 2, 2005



SAINT JOHN PAUL GREW UP IN A TIME AND PLACE WHERE THERE WAS WAR ALL AROUND HIM. HE PRAYED AND WORKED TO BRING PEACE TO MANY NATIONS. WE SHOULD TRY TO BE PEACEFUL IN OUR FAMILIES AND SCHOOLS, AND PRAY FOR PEACE IN COUNTRIES WHERE PEOPLE ARE AT WAR.

Isaiah 53

Word-Find

JUSTIFYJES
CRUSHLIFEI
AFFLICTION
UPLASIEDFFI
PLEASOALERM
GLINRSYIRMI
VENINSGIT
ESGUILTHNT
SSERVANTGY



Try to find in the puzzle the words written in CAPITALS in today's first reading.

Use the leftover letters to fill in the blanks at the end!

The Lord was PLEASED to CRUSH him in INFIRMITY.

If he GIVES his life as an OFFERING for sin, he shall see his descendants in a long LIFE, and the will of the Lord will be accomplished through him.

Because of his AFFLICTION he shall see the LIGHT in FULLNESS of DAYS; through his SUFFERING, my SERVANT shall JUSTIFY many, and their GUILT he shall bear.
