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St. John		St. Stephen	
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Ann Stone	<i>RCIA</i>	Phillip Parrish	<i>RCIA</i>
Joel Everett	<i>Music</i>	Theresa Martin	<i>Music</i>

Mass Schedule			
St. John		St. Stephen	
Saturday	4:00p	Sunday	9:00a
Sunday	11:15a English 1:00p en español	Communion Service Tuesday, 12:15p	
Wednesday	11:00a	Holy Days	7:00p
Sacrament of Reconciliation			
Saturday	3:00 - 3:45p	<i>By appointment</i>	

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.

Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

July 14, 2024

R-E-S-P-E-C-T



Morning Church!

Soul singer Aretha Franklin is famous for her R-E-S-P-E-C-T anthem. Comedian Rodney Dangerfield bemoaned he never received respect from others. Respect is a virtue we offer our Dear Neighbor, and it is the gospel's expectation of us.

Several years ago, my family gathered in Atlanta for my grandniece's Bat Mitzvah. I participated in the ceremony by placing the tallits (prayer shawl) over my niece's shoulders. The tallits is worn when one reads or studies the Torah. The 613 knots on the fringes and its four edges symbolize the 613 Laws recorded in the Torah.

Her *Shabbat* Service concluded with the marvelous party in her cousin's home. Many acts of kindness and respect highlighted our time together. None us experienced tension over our religious differences. Instead, we shared loving respect so characteristic of *all* the Daughters and Sons of the Commandment of Love. The SSJ's Constitution says, we are called to "...love God, and neighbor without distinction." Unlike the reception Jesus received when he went to his home synagogue, everyone who participated in Stella's *Bat Mitzvah* showed and received *respect and love without distinction*.

As I write this homily before Chapter, what percolates to the top are the centuries-long hostilities between Israel and the Palestinian radicals of Hamas; and Putin's tyrannical invasion and bombing of Ukraine 28 months ago.

In being tribal, narrow-minded and distrustful, people are unable to see others as Children of God. The prophet Ezekiel reminds us that those who are "*hard of face and obstinate of heart*" fail to recognize and respect the prophets in there midst (or their Dear Neighbor, either!).

Let's live a *mitzvah-centered life*, as those who strive to live God's Commandment of Love. Do more than just dance to Aretha's R-E-S-P-E-C-T. Clothe yourselves with the inclusive love of God, who respects each of us and all of us ~ and calls us to respect each other. Welcome and respect the prophetic voices among us calling us to ongoing conversion of heart. It's who we are called to be ~ and say we are.

In CommUNITY,







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🌱 **HEARTwork Reflecting & Acting on The Word**

How do you handle disrespect?

What does Jesus expect of you when you have been disrespectful of another person or group?

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

J U L Y	
07	14th Sun OT Melisa Bustos 1st Communion
09	Communion Service, 12:15p
10	Choir, 7p
14	15th Sun OT
	15 Give blood Elkin Rescue Sq. 1:30-6:00p
16	Communion Service, 12:15p
	17 RCIA Inquiry, 6:30p; Choir, 7p 
18	Wise Ones, Shiki's Restaurant, 1p Host: Jerry 
	20 Men's Breakfast Group, Cracker Barrel, 8:30a
21	16th Sun OT
23	Communion Service, 12:15p 
24	Choir, 7p
27	PARISH YARD SALE
28	17th Sun OT
30	Communion Service, 12:15p

☪ Mass Intentions	
30	+Carol & Chick McQuade
07	Melisa Bustos (1st Communion); +Meg Bresse
14	St. Stephen Parishioners
21	+Grace Jenkins r/b Barb & Bob DeJohn
28	+Damien Michael Whisonant r/b B & B DeJohn

Birthdays & Anniver-



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|---------------------------|-----------------------------------|
| 02 Jorge Lopez | 20 Joyce Kelly |
| 04 Matthew Kelly | 21 Rose Ameila Kelly |
| Janis McQuade | Joseph Martinez |
| David Serafin | 22 Barbara DeJohn |
| 06 Bryan Wagoner | 24 Kevin Robinson |
| 08 Isidro Rodriguez | 26 Lorraine Benfanti |
| 11 Julia Mantero | Candace Fuentes |
| 18 Eileen Ouellette | Frank Simon |
| | 31 Orlando Trinidad |
| 14 Dianne & Andy Crawford | 16 Pauline & Fred Sener |
| 22 Ashley & Aymes Davis | 27 Jacquie & John Darcey |
| | 31 Cindy Whitley & Ozzie Martinez |



RECYCLE @ church!

Leave them in the lobby containers
Thank you!



...to Richard Jones (from Ceil) donated Children's Mass Book for our youngest Youth...

...to Richard Bernabe who'll repair our "uneven pews"...to Natalie Lopez for her dance prayer of thanksgiving on Luis' First Communion Day...God's blessings!



Clip here & place in basket

Your Help Is Needed, Please!!

Altar Linen Ministry: (ALM)

Needed: Any parishioner who is willing to launder & iron four pieces of altar linens per week. It's an uncomplicated, important ministry. Preparation on how to iron altar linens provided.

Pastoral Care Ministers: (PCM)

Needed: EMs willing to bring Eucharist to those who are hospitalized/homebound.

Meals to the Elderly (MTE)

Needed: Adults willing to join our MTE team and deliver meals to the area homebound.

For more information or any questions, please contact S. Janis, (336) 835-3007 or complete form and place in basket. Thank you!



Yes, I'm willing to train & serve in the following ministries ALM PCM MTE

Name _____

Area Code & Best phone _____



**PARISH PICNIC
BACK-TO-SCHOOL**

AUGUST 11, 2024

See Natalie Lopez or Lupe Hernandez for details



Tri-C Almsgiving <i>Thank you so much !!</i>	
JUL	Jello or instant pudding
AUG	Flour
SEPT	Shampoo

*Going on vacation?
See this website
for Mass times.
www.Masstimes.org*



**Annual Yard Sale
Saturday, July 27**



Donations do not include:

**Clothing
Unframed glass
Opened paint cans
Large appliances
Cribs or baby equipment**

**Books without covers
Large or CRT televisions
Building supplies
Broken items
Dirty items**

**Please do your part:
donate items, come to the Yard Sale
and buy something!**

*Yard sales proceeds will be directed towards
a parish need or charity.*

Last year the proceeds went towards our new church roof.

The Kids' Bulletin

14th Sunday in Ordinary Time
July 7th, 2024

In today's gospel, Jesus is in the *synagogue* preaching. A synagogue (sin-no-gog) is a house of worship/church for the Jewish people. The synagogue in today's gospel is found in Jesus' hometown, Nazareth.

When the people from Nazareth heard Jesus preach, they found it hard to believe in him and what he said. Some of the people of Nazareth thought they knew him because they watched him grow up and they knew his family.

Jesus spoke with great wisdom and he had done many mighty deeds to show the people he had been sent to them by God as their teacher and *prophet*.

A prophet (prah-fit) is a person who speaks for God; helps the people look to a future full of hope; reminds the people to care for the poor and to be faithful to God.

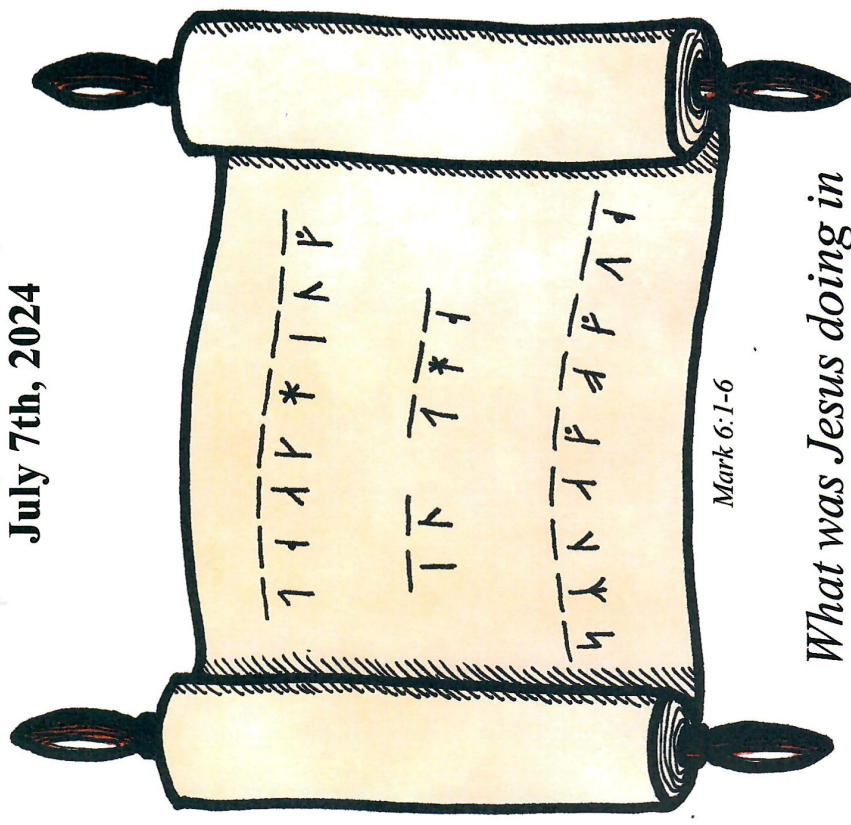
When you were baptized, you were anointed with a holy oil called, chrism (chri-zum). As the priest made the Sign of the Cross on your forehead, he said these words:

"I anoint you priest, prophet, and king (leader)."



BE a PROPHET for God!

Baptism calls you to serve others (priest); to speak for God (prophet); and to be a leader by your good example ~ even when others don't listen to or accept you ~ just like they did not listen to or accept Jesus.



Mark 6: 1-6

What was Jesus doing in today's Gospel reading?

Use the secret code to find out!

A C E G H I N O S T U Y
A P I P * I T A H T A T

Answers to front page: Teaching in the Temple
Word Find: That the POWER of Christ MAY LIVE IN ME!"

Saint Elizabeth of Portugal

July 4



SAINTE ELIZABETH OF PORTUGAL IS AN EXAMPLE TO US BY HER LIFE OF VIRTUE AND LOVE OF PEACE. GOD WANTS EVERYONE TO LIVE IN PEACE WITH EACH OTHER SO THAT WE CAN ALL GROW IN HOLINESS TOGETHER. WE CAN ALSO LEARN FROM HER TO PRAY FOR THOSE WE LOVE WHO HAVE TURNED AWAY FROM GOD.

Saint Paul Accepts Suffering from God

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

Find the words in CAPITALS, The leftover letters tell you why Saint Paul said he would boast of his weakness.



Saint PAUL tells of asking God to take away his suffering: "Three times I BEGGED the LORD about this, that it might LEAVE me, but he said to me, "My GRACE is sufficient for YOU, for power is MADE PERFECT in weakness." I will rather BOAST MOST GLADLY of my WEAKNESSES, in order that the POWER of Christ may DWELL in me. Therefore, I am CONTENT with weaknesses, INSULTS, hardships, PERSECUTION and constraints, for the SAKE of CHRIST; for when I am weak then I am STRONG."

"That the _____ of _____"