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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.

Fifth Sunday of Lent
April 6, 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
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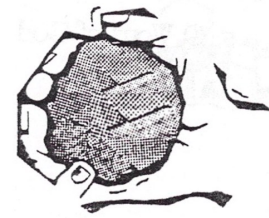
¡Buenos días, Iglesia!

La imagen de las piedras es el centro del evangelio de hoy. Jesús busca convencer a la multitud que los condena a que dejen las piedras y se marchen. Todos hemos formado parte de esa multitud que condena a otros por las mismas cosas que nosotros hacemos. Este evangelio de Cuaresma es otra invitación a la conversión y a dejar de juzgar. Este acto de liberación, de soltar nuestros pensamientos y sentimientos sobre los demás, requiere autoconciencia y humildad.

Es notable que todos los potenciales apedreadores hoy en día sean anónimos, al igual que los apedreadores de los Hechos, quienes se reunieron alrededor de San Esteban y lo martirizaron. ¡Qué rápido se apresuraron, y qué rápido nos apresuramos, a convertirnos en juez, jurado y verdugo de quienes sirven de espejo a nuestra propia pecaminosidad! Hay consecuencias terribles cuando la gente toma las piedras ~y la ley~ en sus propias manos.

Piensa en la enorme piedra tallada en la roca que se usaba para sellar las tumbas de los muertos. ¿Sabes qué más selló la piedra en esa tumba? Todos nuestros pecados. Los pecados del hijo pródigo, los pecados de las mujeres sorprendidas en adulterio. Tus pecados y los míos.

Recordemos a María Magdalena regresando a la tumba de Jesús. Le preocupaba quién removería la piedra que sellaba su sepulcro. Las piedras, grandes y pequeñas, son un problema: las que levantamos para arrojárselas a otros y la inamovible que sella nuestros pecados en nuestros corazones, en la oscuridad de nuestra negación. Por mucho que queramos mantener nuestros pecados encerrados, sellados en la tumba de nuestros corazones, la Resurrección exige que la enorme piedra que usamos para sellar nuestros pecados sea removida. Mientras nuestra piedra permanezca en su lugar, la nueva vida y el perdón no podrán brotar.



Piensa en la piedra que está a la entrada de tu corazón. Pídele a Dios que la quite con gracia, poder y misericordia. Al igual que María Magdalena, quizá pensemos que somos responsables de quitar esa enorme piedra nosotros mismos. Eso es simplemente imposible... imposible para María e imposible para nosotros. Solo Dios puede hacerlo.

Quitar la piedra puede comenzar celebrando el Sacramento de la Reconciliación en las dos semanas previas a la Pascua. A diferencia del hijo pródigo, no retrases tu regreso a los brazos misericordiosos del amor de Dios. Dejemos de lado las piedras que levantamos contra los demás e invitemos a Dios a quitar la piedra que sella nuestro corazón y nuestros pecados. Las piedras, grandes y pequeñas, son un problema: las que levantamos para arrojárselas a los demás y la piedra inamovible que sella nuestros pecados en nuestros corazones, en la oscuridad de nuestra negación.

En ComUNIDAD,

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✠ TRABAJO del CORAZÓN *Reflexionando sobre la Palabra*

¿Como apedreadores, ¿cuándo levantas el brazo para apedrear a tus queridos vecinos?
¿Acaso el miedo, la apatía, la pereza o la falta de autoconciencia mantienen la piedra frente a tu corazón?

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Morning Church!

The image of stones is the focus of the gospel. Jesus aims to convince the condemning crowd to drop their stones and walk away. All of us have been part of “the crowd” who condemns others for the very same things we do ourselves. This Lenten gospel is another invitation to conversion and dropping our judging stones. This act of releasing, of letting go of our thoughts and feelings about others requires self-awareness and humility.

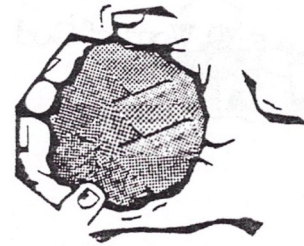
It’s notable that all the potential stone-throwers today are as anonymous as are the stone-throwers in Acts, who gathered around St. Stephen and martyred him. How quick they were, and we are, to become judge, jury and executioner of those who serve as a mirror to our own sinfulness. There are terrible consequences when people take stones ~ and the law ~ into their own hands.

Consider the huge stone/boulder hewn from a rock used to seal the tombs of the dead. Do you know what else the stone sealed in Jesus’ tomb? All of our sins. The sins of the Prodigal, the sins of the women caught in adultery. Your sins and my sins.

Recall Mary Magdalene returning to Jesus’ tomb. She worried who would roll away the stone sealing his tomb. Stones, both large and small are a problem: the ones we raise to throw at others and the immovable one that seals our sins in our hearts in the dank darkness of our denial.

As much as we want to keep our sins all locked up, all sealed up in the tomb of our hearts, the Resurrection demands that the huge stone we use to seal up our sins must be rolled away. As long as our stone stays in place, New Life and forgiveness cannot burst forth.

Think about the stone at the entrance of your heart. Ask God to roll it away with grace, power and mercy. Like Mary Magdalene we may be thinking that we’re somehow responsible for rolling the huge stone away ourselves. That’s plain impossible...impossible for Mary then and impossible for us now. Only God can do this.



We can begin to roll the stone away by celebrating the Sacrament of Reconciliation in the next two weeks before Easter. Unlike the Prodigal, don’t delay your homecoming into the merciful arms of God’s love. Let’s drop the stones we raise against others and invite God to roll away the stone that seals *our* heart’s sins.

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In CommUNITY,

🌿 **HEARTwork ~ Reflecting on the Word**

As a stone-thrower, when do you raise your arm to stone your Dear neighbors?

Is fear, apathy, laziness or lack of self-awareness keeping the stone in front of your heart?

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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, Elkton</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 ~ Theo's Restaurant, 1p Host: Jerry 
	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
and **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

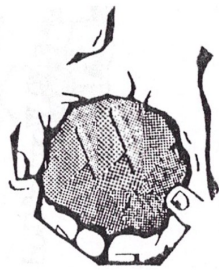
Pope Francis Walking the Word:

Let us consider
the accusers of the woman.
In them, we see a reflection of all those,
including ourselves,
who pride themselves
on being righteous,
observers of God's law,
decent and respectable people.
They disregard their own faults,
yet they are very concerned
about those of others.
They go to Jesus: *not with open hearts
to hear his words*, but
"to test him and to have some charge
to bring against him"

2025 DSA Assessment Snapshot

Assessment	Donations
\$10,962.00	\$4, 035.00
Household Donors	Due
12/94	- \$6,927.00

Throwing Stones



In today's gospel a group of Pharisees (teachers) and scribes (experts in The Law) came to Jesus. They had already judged her and found her to be a sinner. They wanted Jesus to judge and condemn her, too. They said she broke the law and must be punished. For her punishment, she would be stoned to death.

Jesus knew the hearts of those who wanted to stone the woman to death. Jesus knew the heart of the woman, too. So he knelt down and began to write on the ground with his finger.

Jesus stood up and said, "Let the one among you who is without sin, throw the first stone."

Jesus' words surprised the crowd. One by one, they began to walk away, beginning with the Pharisees and scribes.

When everyone had gone, Jesus told the woman he would not judge her either. He told her to go and from now on, make more loving choices.

Are you trying to make more loving choices this Lent?

Do you sometimes judge others' actions instead of trying to be a better person yourself?

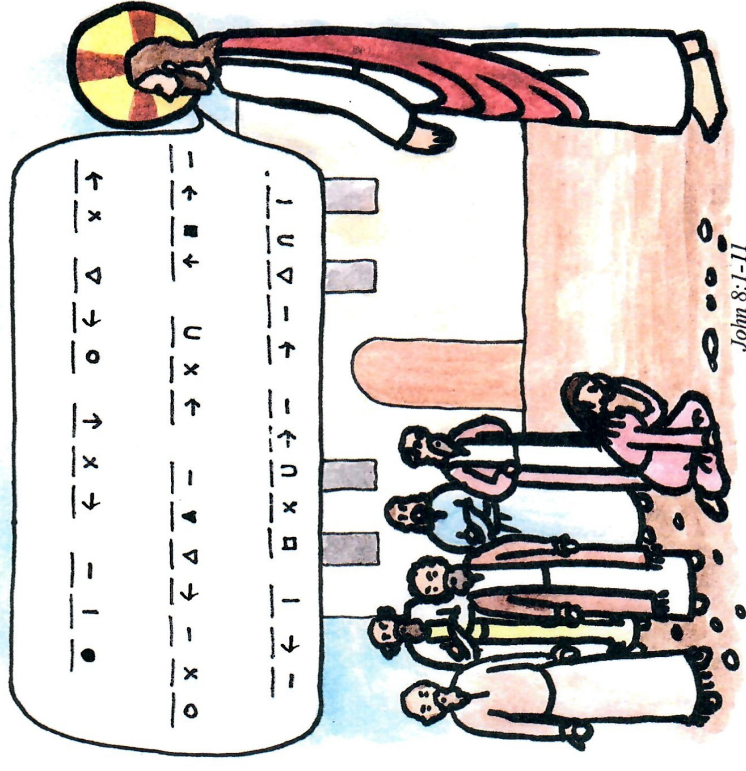


**Praise others, don't judge them.
Be kind and understanding
with others, as Jesus is with you!**

Answers: front: "Let him who is without sin cast the first stone."
Answers to True or False:
1. True 2. False 3. True 4. True
5. False 6. True 7. True

The Kids' Bulletin

Fifth Sunday of Lent
April 3rd, 2022



In today's Gospel, the Pharisees ask Jesus whether they should obey their law and stone a woman who was a sinner. What did Jesus say to them? Use the code to find out!

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The 90 Days: Ash Wednesday to Pentecost

5th Sunday of Lent

Fast from worrying
Feast on trusting God.

Monday

Fast from discouragement.
Feast on hope.

Tuesday

Fast from stubbornness.
Feast on openness to God.

Wednesday

Fast from disobeying your parents.
Feast on obeying them.

Thursday

Fast from mean looks.
Feast on loving looks.

Friday

Fast from judging others.
Feast getting to know them.
Pray Stations of the Cross.

Saturday

Fast from being disorderly.
Feast on good planning.
Celebrate
Sacrament of Reconciliation
with your family

REMEMBER:



PRAY

GIVE UP UNLOVING WAYS & WORDS

BE GENEROUS

True or False?

In today's Gospel reading the scribes and Pharisees brought a sinful woman in front of Jesus. Do you know the rest of the story? See if you know which of these statements are true and which are false:

1. The law said that a sinful woman like this one should be killed. True or False?
2. The men were going to stone the woman anyway- they didn't care what Jesus thought. True or False?
3. Jesus didn't say anything right away; He just started writing on the ground with His finger. True or False?
4. Jesus said that whichever of the men had never sinned should be the first to throw a stone at the woman. True or False?
5. One of the men threw a stone at her. True or False?
6. All of the men walked away without throwing a stone. True or False?
7. Jesus forgave the woman and told her not to sin anymore. True or False?

