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**St. John**

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**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, 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*



## **A Corporate Stand in Solidarity with Immigrants, Refugees and Asylum Seekers**

From our founding in 17<sup>th</sup>-century France, the Sisters of Saint Joseph have sought to respond to the needs of the times with courage, creativity and compassion. Our earliest Sisters went out into their neighborhoods to serve God and the dear neighbor without distinction—especially those who were poor, sick, marginalized or forgotten. They crossed boundaries of class and culture, embodying a spirituality of love and unity.

In our day, we recognize that the plight of immigrants, refugees and asylum seekers is one of the defining moral challenges of our age. Families are torn apart, human dignity is denied, and fear of the “other” is used as a strategy to divide communities. In the midst of this reality, we hear again the Gospel invitation and our founders’ call to become instruments of unioning love with God and with one another.

Compelled by our love for God and the dear neighbor, we commit ourselves to stand in solidarity with immigrants, refugees and asylum seekers here in the United States and throughout the world. We lament that countless human beings are being driven from their homelands because of poverty, lack of opportunity and employment, violence, war, persecution, and climate change caused by unjust global systems, many of which are directly influenced by U.S. policies. We decry the systemic racism and abuse of power which underlies and supports the inequality, exclusion and mistreatment of people of color and causes untold suffering to the human community.

We believe, as women of the Gospel, that the highest law is love. We pledge to use our resources and our prophetic voice to call on our elected leaders to advocate for just immigration reform and humane treatment of all those who are here in our country without legal status.

We urge one another to take personal steps, in loving prayer and action, to commit ourselves to ongoing education, advocacy and accompaniment of our immigrant neighbors.

We invite our Associates, Partners in Mission and all people of good will to stand with us as we commit to these principles and actions that will offer a future full of hope for all who are seeking welcome and a home in these United States.

We desire to live out this vision, encouraged and strengthened by our faith and our vowed commitment. We echo the sentiment of the US Catholic Bishops who wrote in their special pastoral message to immigrants: “We stand with you in your suffering, since when one member suffers, all suffer (1Cor.12:26). You are not alone!” (U.S. Bishops Special Pastoral Message to Immigrants, November 2025)



**UNA POSTURA CORPORATIVA  
EN SOLIDARIDAD CON  
LOS INMIGRANTES, LOS REFUGIADOS Y LOS SOLICITANTES DE ASILO**

Desde nuestra fundación en la Francia del siglo XVII, las Hermanas de San José han buscado responder a las necesidades de cada tiempo con valentía, creatividad y compasión. Nuestras primeras hermanas salieron a sus vecindarios para servir a Dios y al querido prójimo sin distinción — especialmente a quienes eran pobres, enfermos, marginados u olvidados. Cruzaron las fronteras de clase y cultura, encarnando una espiritualidad de amor y unidad.

En nuestro tiempo, reconocemos que la difícil situación de los inmigrantes, los refugiados y los solicitantes de asilo es uno de los desafíos morales más apremiantes de nuestra era. Las familias se desgarran, se niega la dignidad humana y el miedo al “otro” se utiliza como estrategia para dividir a las comunidades. En medio de esta realidad, volvemos a escuchar la invitación del Evangelio y el llamado de nuestro fundador y nuestras fundadoras a convertirnos en instrumentos del amor que une con Dios y con cada prójimo.

Impulsadas por nuestro amor por Dios y por el querido prójimo, nos comprometemos a estar en solidaridad con los inmigrantes, los refugiados y los solicitantes de asilo aquí en los Estados Unidos como en todo el mundo. Lamentamos que innumerables personas estén siendo expulsados de sus tierras natales debido a la pobreza, la falta de oportunidades y empleo, la violencia, la guerra, la persecución y el cambio climático fenómenos impulsados por sistemas globales injustos, muchos de los cuales están directamente influenciados por las políticas de los Estados Unidos. Denunciamos el racismo sistémico y el abuso de poder que subyacen y sostienen la desigualdad, la exclusión y el maltrato de las personas de color y que causan un sufrimiento incalculable a la comunidad humana.

Creemos, como mujeres del Evangelio, que la ley más alta es el amor. Nos comprometemos a utilizar nuestros recursos y nuestra voz profética para llamar a nuestros líderes electos a promover una reforma migratoria justa y un trato digno y humano para todas las personas que viven en nuestro país sin estatus legal.

Nos instamos mutuamente a asumir medidas personales, tanto en la oración como en la acción amorosas, mediante la educación continua, a la defensa y el acompañamiento de nuestros hermanos y nuestras hermanas inmigrantes.

Invitamos a nuestros Asociados y nuestras Asociadas, Socios en la Misión y a todas las personas de buena voluntad a unirse a nosotras en este compromiso, mientras nos comprometemos con los principios y las acciones que ofrecerán un futuro lleno de esperanza para todos aquellos que buscan acogida y un hogar en estos Estados Unidos.

Deseamos hacer realidad esta visión, alentadas y fortalecidas por nuestra fe y el compromiso de nuestros votos. Hacemos eco de los obispos católicos de los Estados Unidos, quienes escribieron en su mensaje pastoral dirigido a los inmigrantes: “Estamos con ustedes en su sufrimiento, ya que cuando un miembro sufre, todos sufren (1 Cor. 12:26). ¡No están solos!” (Mensaje Pastoral Especial de los Obispos de EE. UU. a los Inmigrantes, noviembre de 2025)

**A Prayer for the Easter Season: April 2 ~ May 24, 2026**

*As we celebrate the Divine Truth of Resurrection,  
let us pray for the courage of our Risen Savior and  
the First Followers to live our faith with conviction...*

**Prayer for Conscience and Courage**

*Loving God,  
lead us beyond ourselves  
to care and protect,  
to nourish and shape,  
to challenge and energize  
both the life and the world  
You have given us.  
God of light and God of darkness,  
God of conscience and God of courage  
lead us through this time  
of spiritual confusion  
and public uncertainty.  
Lead us beyond fear,  
apathy and defensiveness to new hope  
in You and to hearts full of faith.  
Give us the conscience it takes  
to comprehend what we're facing,  
to see what we're looking at  
and to say what we see  
so that others, hearing us,  
may also brave the pressure that comes  
with being out of public step.  
Give us the courage we need  
to confront those things  
that compromise our consciences  
or threaten our integrity.  
Give us, most of all,  
the courage to follow those before us  
who challenged wrong and changed it,  
whatever the cost to themselves.  
In Jesus' Name, we pray.*



**The Newest Members  
of Our Community**

*Belva Mary Billings  
Gregory Joseph Billings  
Israel James Moses Lynch  
Brittany Kursten Teresa Reece  
Francis Ritz*

*We are blessed in your presence among us!*



**Blessings!!**

**2026 First Communicants:**

May 10

Emiliano Mata Reyes  
Giovanny Mariano Mejia  
Andy Trinidad Villalon

May 17

Andy Carmona Hernandez  
Milan Carmona Hernandez  
Jusselly Mayo Arroyo  
Marlene Mayo Arroyo

May 24

America Lopez Segura

May 31

Luz Hernandez Reyes  
Sergio Hernandez Campechano  
Daniella Trejo Chavez

<b>Tri-C Almsgiving</b> <i>Thank you so much !!</i>		
<b>JAN</b> Canned tomatoes Spaghetti sauce	<b>MAR</b> Laundry detergent	<b>MAY</b> Toilet paper
<b>FEB</b> Corn meal	<b>APR</b> Canned fruit	<b>JUN</b> Tooth paste

**PRAY the ROSARY DAILY**  
 ...for peace and leaders of nations;  
 ... for the end to all bombings,  
 a peaceful and just end  
 to these wars, and all wars...  
 & the violence in Mexico...



**PRAY FOR AN END  
 TO VIOLENCE,  
 ESPECIALLY GUN VIOLENCE**



**THANK YOU FOR RECYCLING  
 YOUR INK HERE.  
 IT'S GOOD for the EARTH  
 and IT'S HELPS THE CHURCH.**

### WAYS to GIVE



**Pledge:** Give over time until December 31, 2026  
**One-time Gift:** use the DSA envelopes and make a one-time gift.  
**Online Gift:** [charlottediocese.org/dsa](http://charlottediocese.org/dsa)  
**Stock Donation:** [charlottediocese.org/ways-to-give](http://charlottediocese.org/ways-to-give)  
**IRA Contribution:** [charlottediocese.org/ways-to-give](http://charlottediocese.org/ways-to-give)

*You are invited to our Open Table*

**4:30-6:30pm**

**Third Thursdays ~ NO COST**

**FBC Elkin 110 Gwyn Avenue**

**(336) 835-1998 / [www.elkinfbc.com](http://www.elkinfbc.com)**

<b>Apr. 16</b>	<b>Jul.16</b>	<b>Oct. 15</b>
<b>May 21</b>	<b>Aug. 20</b>	<b>Nov. 19</b>
<b>Jun. 18</b>	<b>Sept. 17</b>	<b>Dec. 17</b>

<b>April Financial Stewardship</b>	
<b>Weekly Budget</b>	<b>Monthly</b>
\$3000.00	\$12,000.00
	\$11,809.00
	<b>- \$191.00</b>



<b>St. Stephen DSA</b>	
<b>Assessment</b>	\$10,959.00
<b>Paid</b>	\$2480.00
<b>Donors</b>	11
<b>Balance</b>	\$8479

*¡Buenos días, Iglesia!*

Leí una historia del Padre Bill Bausch que parece encajar a la perfección con Pentecostés. El Padre Bill relató que, por temor a su propia muerte, los discípulos y otros cien seguidores se mantenían ocultos, tras puertas cerradas.

Jesús no se vio impedido por esas puertas cerradas y realizó una aparición sorpresa. Los discípulos quedaron atónitos. Su comportamiento durante la semana anterior había consistido en traiciones, negaciones y en haber abandonado a Jesús para que siguiera su camino y muriera en soledad. Este grupo de fracasados, avergonzados, se había refugiado tras puertas cerradas.

Jesús salió a su encuentro en medio de su debilidad; ignoró las puertas cerradas y se situó entre ellos con un espíritu de paz y perdón. Les ofreció una segunda oportunidad y la promesa del Espíritu Santo.

Tom se estaba muriendo de SIDA. Sus padres, literalmente, lo encerraron bajo llave en su habitación del piso de arriba. Se hicieron cargo de sus necesidades básicas hasta que su estado de salud exigió su hospitalización.

Aunque todos lo describían como una persona generosa, amable y atenta a los demás, Tom temía haberse convertido en un fracaso. Luchaba contra oleadas de desesperación.

Le pidió a su pastor que contactara a una buena amiga suya, Anna, a quien había evitado durante dos años. Cuando Anna entró en su habitación del hospital, las lágrimas brotaron incontenibles. Tom le pidió perdón a Anna, y ella lo perdonó de inmediato. Ambos se reencontraron antes de que él falleciera.

Esta es una historia de Pentecostés. Las puertas de los corazones de Tom y Anna se abrieron por fin. Pentecostés es una historia sobre estar abiertos al Espíritu de Jesús, permitir que el Espíritu nos transforme y nos envíe a vivir y a predicar a Cristo Crucificado y Resucitado.

*Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!*

En el Uno, somos uno, en ComUNIDAD,

*Janis*



**Lo que el fuego otorga**

**Una bendición para**

**el día de Pentecostés**

**Jan Richardson**

Solo consumió,  
solo devoró,  
solo tomó para sí,  
dejando apenas ceniza  
y el recuerdo  
de algo  
que habías creído —  
si no permanente—  
que duraría lo suficiente,  
que perduraría lo bastante  
como para ser casi  
eterno.

Así que, cuando sentiste  
el abraso en tus labios,  
el ardor en tu corazón,  
no pudiste —  
al principio— creer  
que la llama pudiera ser  
tan generosa;  
que, al llegar a ti —  
a ti, envuelto en cilicio  
y aflicción—,  
no viniera  
a consumir,  
a arrebatarte aún más  
que el todo.

Lo que más te sorprendió  
no fueron las sílabas  
que brotaron de  
tu boca escaldada,  
estupefacta —  
aunque aquello ya era milagro  
suficiente:  
que las palabras  
ardieran a través  
de lo que había estado entumecido;  
hallar tu lengua  
en llamas con un lenguaje  
que no sabías  
que conocías —

no; lo que llegó  
como el mayor de los dones  
fue ser tan escuchado  
en el lugar  
de tu silencio  
más profundo;  
ser tan visto  
en medio del resplandor;  
ser acogido  
con tal plenitud  
por aquello que el fuego  
otorga.

*Morning, Church!*

I read a story by Fr. Bill Bausch that seems a perfect fit for Pentecost. Fr. Bill said for fear of their own demise, the disciples and 100 other followers were in hiding ~ behind closed doors.

Jesus is not thwarted by their closed doors, and makes a surprise appearance. The disciples were stunned. Their behavior the past week: betrayals, denials, and leaving Jesus to go it alone and die alone. This Bunch of Failures were shamed into hiding behind closed doors.

Jesus sought them out in their weakness, ignored the closed doors and stood among them in the spirit of peace and forgiveness. He offered them a Second Chance and the promise of the Holy Spirit.



Tom was dying of AIDS. His parents literally *locked* him in his upstairs bedroom. They took care of his basic needs until he had to be hospitalized. Although everyone described him as generous, kind, and attentive to others, Tom feared he'd become a failure. He struggled with waves of despair.

He asked his pastor to contact his good friend, Anna, whom avoided for two years. When Anna entered his hospital room, the tears flowed. Tom apologized to Anna and she quickly forgave him. The two were reunited before his death.

This is a Pentecost story. The doors of Tom and Anna's hearts were finally open. Pentecost is a story about being open to the Spirit of Jesus, allowing the Spirit to transform us and send us out to live and preach Christ Crucified and Risen.

*Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!*

*In the One, we are one...in CommUNITY,*

*spanis*



**What the Fire Gives**

**A Blessing for**

**Pentecost Day**














**Jan Richardson**

You had thought that fire  
only consumed,  
only devoured,  
only took for itself,  
leaving merely ash  
and memory  
of something  
you had thought,  
if not permanent,  
would be long enough,  
enduring enough,  
to be nearly  
eternal.

So when you felt  
the scorch on your lips,  
the searing in your heart,  
you could not  
at first believe  
that flame could be  
so generous,  
that when it came to you —  
you, in your sackcloth  
and sorrow —  
it did not come  
to consume,  
to take still more  
than everything.

What surprised you most  
were not the syllables  
that spilled from  
your scalded,  
astonished mouth —  
though that was miracle  
enough,  
to have words  
burn through  
what had been numb,  
to find your tongue  
aflake with a language  
you did not know  
you knew —

no, what came  
as greatest gift  
was to be so heard  
in the place  
of your deepest  
silence,  
to be so seen  
within the blazing,  
to be met  
with such completeness  
by what the fire  
gives.

M A Y	
03 	<i>5th Sun Easter</i> Faith Formation parents & children, after Mass SSJ ZOOM, 7-8:30p
05	Communion Service, 12:15p
06 	Nurses' Day OCIA, 7p; Choir, 7p 
07	Habitat for Humanity Awards Luncheon
10	<i>6th Sun Easter</i> <i>Happy Mother's Day</i>
11 	Ladies Guild, 5p
12	Communion Service, 12:15p 
13 	OCIA, 7p; Choir, 7p
16	Men's Breakfast, Cracker Barrel, 8:30a 
17	<i>Feast: Ascension</i>
18	Give Blood ~ Elkin Rescue Sq, 1:30-6:00p 
19	Communion Service, 12:15p Ministerial Association, 12N
20	OCIA, 7p; Choir, 7p 
21	Wise Ones , 1p Shiki's Host: Barbara DeJohn 
24	<i>Pentecost Sunday ~ Wear Red Sunday</i> 
26 	Communion Service, 12:15p OCIA, 2 , 6:30P
27 	OCIA, 7p; Choir, 7p 
31	<i>Feast: Holy Trinity Sunday</i>

🌿 Mass Intentions	
03	+Michael A. Garwood, Sr.
10	All Mothers, living & deceased; +Helen Purcell MacKenzie & McKinley Orta +Richard Bernabe
17	+Damian Whitsonant +Georgette & William Dyer
24	+Grace Jenkins

### Birthdays & Anniversaries



01 Emilio Lopez	20 Lizette Hernandez
Phillip Parrish	21 Luz Hernandez
02 Cecelia Martinez	23 Aymes Davis
04 Samantha Ange	Morgan Orta
Memo Lara	Jonny Ramirez
Christian Ouellette	25 Ana Karen Carmona
08 Matt Norman	27 Lila Keller
09 Francis Ritz	28 Diego Carreon
15 Ron Berryman	30 Alex Lara
Luis Lopez	Brian Lopez
	31 Hilda Lopez
04 Rebekah & Ryan Treannie	
28 Theresa & Phil Martin	

**If you're graduating from High School,  
college or graduate school,  
please call S. Janis  
Thank you!**



## IMPORTANT INVITATION

### ALL ADULT & CONFIRMED YOUTH

**St. Stephen needs your help in the service of Liturgical Ministries:  
Acolytes, Greeter/Ushers, Eucharistic Ministers,  
Proclaimers/ Readers, Altar Linens**

**There is a Formation and Information  
for each of these ministries.**

**Please consider serving your parish community.**

# PENTECOST

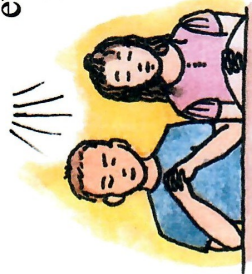


Today is the second biggest feast in the Church year! Pentecost is when the Holy Spirit came to the disciples and the Church was formed. The Apostles went out and began to preach the Gospel and baptize thousands of people, receiving them into the new Church.

The Holy Spirit is God, the third Person of the Holy Trinity, after the Father and the Son. Before Jesus came to earth, the Holy Spirit inspired the men who wrote the Old Testament part of the Bible. It was the Holy Spirit who brought baby Jesus to the world through Mary. Jesus told His followers the He would send the Holy Spirit to them after He went up into Heaven.



We all need the Holy Spirit. We can't do anything by ourselves. The Holy Spirit gives us the strength we need to do good. Did you know that we wouldn't even pray if the Holy Spirit didn't inspire us to?

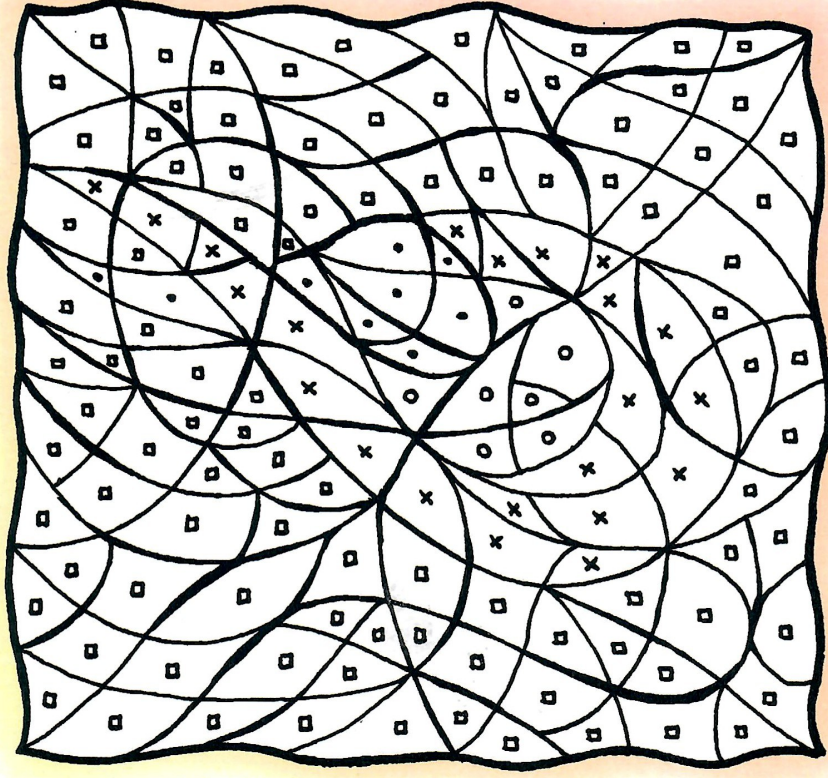


*Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit as it was in the beginning, is now and will be forever! Amen.*

Answers to Unscramble Puzzle: place, suddenly, wind, house, fire, filled, began, Spirit. BIRTHDAY.

# The Kids' Bulletin

Pentecost Sunday  
May 24th, 2026



In what form did the Holy Spirit come to the Apostles on Pentecost?

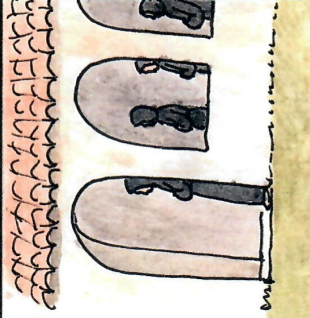
Use this colour code to colour in the picture and find out!

- o red
- o blue
- o orange
- x yellow

# Saint Augustine of Canterbury

May 27

IN THE LATE 6TH CENTURY AUGUSTINE WAS THE PRIOR OF A MONASTERY IN ITALY THAT HAD BEEN FOUNDED BY POPE SAINT GREGORY THE GREAT.



WHEN THE POPE SENT HIM AND 40 MONKS TO ENGLAND TO EVANGELIZE THE PAGANS THEY TURNED BACK OUT OF FEAR.

This is too dangerous, Father!



BUT THE POPE SENT THEM AGAIN AND THEY WENT. THE QUEEN THERE WAS CATHOLIC.

I did not say you could give up.



You are free to travel anywhere.

THE KING WAS PAGAN BUT HE RECEIVED AUGUSTINE KINDLY.



AND WITHIN A YEAR HE CONVERTED AND WAS BAPTIZED!

I baptize you in the name of the Father...



AUGUSTINE AND THE MONKS PREACHED THE FAITH AND TRIED TO RECONCILE THE CELTIC CHRISTIANS IN THE WEST WITH THE SAXONS HE WAS CONVERTING.

God wants us to love even our enemies.



BECAUSE THEY TURNED PAGAN TEMPLES AND FEASTS INTO CHRISTIAN ONES, INSTEAD OF JUST GETTING RID OF THEM, THEY HAD GREAT SUCCESS IN THEIR MISSION.

This will be a church to honor the Blessed Virgin.



SAINT AUGUSTINE DIED ONLY 7 YEARS AFTER COMING TO ENGLAND. WHILE HE WAS ALIVE THE SAXONS AND THE CELTS DID NOT MAKE PEACE. BUT AFTER HIS DEATH THE FAITH CONTINUED TO SPREAD AND EVENTUALLY THEY MADE UP. BECAUSE OF HIS WORK AND OBEDIENCE TO THE POPE, SOON ALL OF ENGLAND WAS CONVERTED

# Unscramble: The Pentecost Story

Unscramble the words to finish the story and use the letters in boxes to fill in the blanks at the end.

When the time for Pentecost was fulfilled, they were all in one 7 [LCPAE] together. And 8 [ENYLUSSDD] there came from the sky a noise like a strong driving 6 [DWNII] and it filled the entire 5 [USHOE] in which they were. Then there appeared to them tongues as of 3 [ERFI] which parted and came to rest on each of them. And they were all 2 [ILFLDE] with the Holy Spirit and 1 [GNEAB] to speak in different tongues, as the 4 [IPSTRI] enabled them to proclaim.

**Pentecost is the \_\_\_\_\_ of the Church!**

