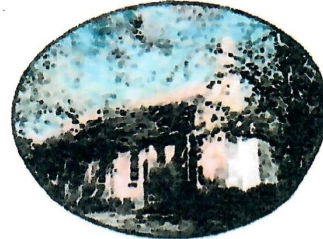




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St. John
Temoc Herrejon Faith Formation
Ann Stone RCIA
Joel Everett Music

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, 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

March 8, 2026

PARISH FUND RAISER

St. Stephen Catholic Church

101 Hawthorne Rd,
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MULTI-FAMILY TAMALE SALE



March 21
9 AM - 3 PM

\$2 PER TAMALE

6 FOR \$10

12 FOR \$20

Comes with RED or GREEN SALSA



REFRESHMENTS AT AN EXTRA COST



St. Stephen Parishioners: Invitation to Lenten Prayer

**Come together
and pray the Rosary
for peace in our world
Monday, March 9 ~ 6:00p**

**Feligreses de San Esteban:
Invitación a la oración de Cuaresma**

**Reúnanse
y recen el Rosario
por la paz en nuestro mundo
Lunes,
9 de marzo a las 18:00 h**

Stations of the Cross

Fridays of Lent, 6:30p

Feb 20 & 27 Mar 6, 13, 20, 27



EMPTY BOWLS ~ YADKIN CHRISTIAN MINISTRIES

Yadkinville Moose Lodge
 1432 Country Club Road, Yadkinville
 April 7, 2026

Lunch 11:30a - 1:30p

Dinner 4:30p - 6:30p

Tickets: \$25.00

TAKE OUT ONLY ~ Drive Through Pickup

Women of Jerusalem

Good Friday

April 3

Opportunities for Adult Spiritual Formation

Tuesday, March 3	Tuesday, March 10	Tuesday, March 17
<i>God of All Power, Fountain of Grace, O, Living Water, show us your face.</i>	<i>God of All Mercy, restore our sight, Lead us from darkness into light.</i>	<i>God of Living not of the dead, Raise us to life beyond our death.</i>
During the Communion Service 12:15p or 6:30p	During the Communion Service 12:15p or 6:30p	During the Communion Service 12:15p or 6:30p

Ministerial Association ~ Holy Week Services

12N ~ 1:00p

Host: Elkin Presbyterian Church 151 Hillcrest Drive, Elkin

Date	Preaching	Ministry/Church	Church Hospitality
Mon., March 30	Rev. Hope Bryant	Rebuilding Lives Ministry	First Baptist Ch. Elkin
Tues., March 31	Pastor Alvin Hayes	St. Home Missionary Baptist Church	Galloway Episcopal Ch. New Beginnings U.M. Ch. St. Stephen Catholic Ch.
Wed., April 1	Ed Birt	New Beginnings United Methodist Church	First United Methodist Church
Thurs., April 2	Jane Motsinger	Feed the Elderly	Pastor Alvin Hayes YVSA
Fri., April 3	Rev. Dr. Kaury Edwards	First United Methodist Church	NO MEAL



PRAY the ROSARY DAILY

...for peace in U.S., in Ukraine & Russia;
for Presidents Zelenskyy, Putin & Trump;
for Abbas & Netanyahu for the end to all bombings
in Iran & Gaza, a peaceful and just end
to these wars, and all wars...

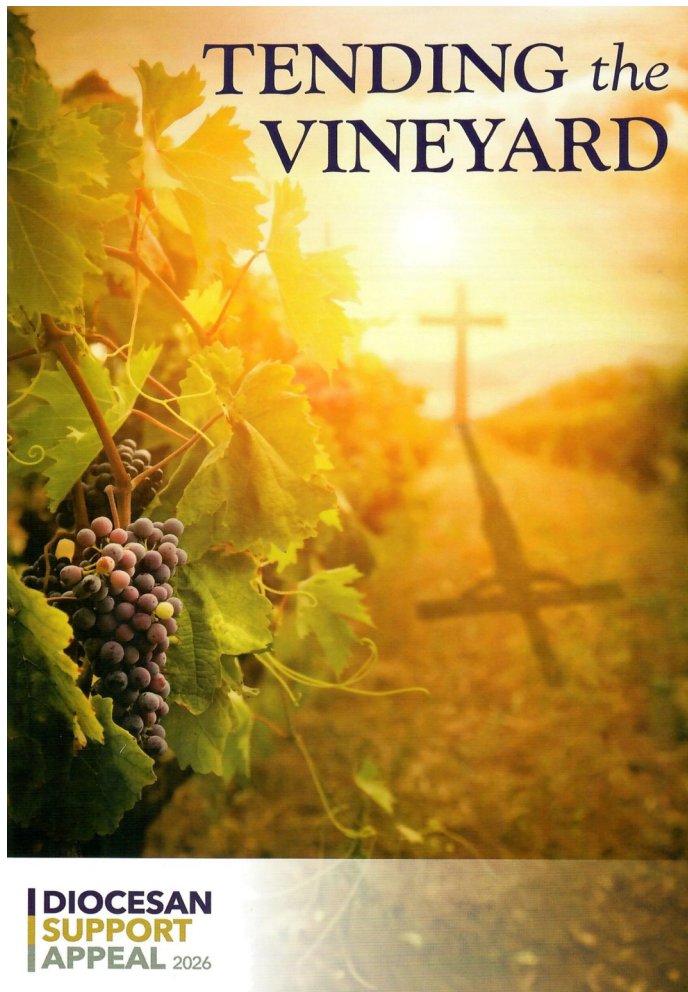
Tri-C Almsgiving <i>Thank you so much !!</i>		
JAN Canned tomatoes Spaghetti sauce	MAR Laundry detergent	MAY Toilet paper
FEB Corn meal	APR Canned fruit	JUN Tooth paste



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.**



When we make our annual contribution to the **DIOCESAN SUPPORT APPEAL (DSA)**, we join with all our brothers and sisters in Christ throughout the diocese to do the Lord's work - works of love and service that no one individual or parish can do alone. May our words and actions be a response to God's great love.

WAYS to GIVE

- PLEDGE**
Pledging allows you to make a greater gift over time. When you make a pledge, you will receive monthly reminders by mail or email until your pledge is paid by December 31, 2026.
- ONE-TIME GIFT**
Respond to a mailing or in-pew appeal at your parish. Please make checks payable to DSA and note the name of your parish in the memo line. Do not send cash through the mail.
- ONLINE GIFT**
Make a one-time gift or set up a monthly pledge via credit or debit card at: charlottediocese.org/dsa.
- STOCK DONATION**
Donate publicly traded shares of appreciated stock by completing our stock transfer form. charlottediocese.org/ways-to-give
- IRA CONTRIBUTION**
If you are over 70 ½ you can donate your IRA distributions. Have your distribution made payable to DSA, include your name and address, and send it to the Diocese of Charlotte.

**Dios de todo poder, fuente de gracia,
¡Oh agua viva, muéstranos tu rostro!**

¡Buenos días, Iglesia!

A lo largo de este año, hemos acompañado a quienes han recorrido el camino de OCIA: Belva y Gregory Billings, Israel Lynch, Brittany Reece, Francis Ritz y Joshua Talbott. En diciembre, celebraron el Rito de Bienvenida; en febrero, el Rito de Elección. Los próximos tres domingos, celebrarán el Rito de Escrutinio.

El Rito de Escrutinio tiene un propósito espiritual: «Descubrir y sanar todo lo débil, defectuoso o pecaminoso en los corazones de los Elegidos; y traer a nuestro corazón, y luego fortalecer, todo lo recto, fuerte y bueno... para profundizar en la determinación de los Elegidos de aferrarse a Cristo y llevar a cabo su decisión de amar a Dios por encima de todo».

¿Compartes el mismo propósito espiritual que nuestros Elegidos? ¿Tu camino cuaresmal es más intencional que el del año pasado? Quizás las Escrituras de las próximas tres semanas puedan guiar tus intenciones y darte la gracia de aferrarte a Cristo y amar a Dios sobre todas las cosas.

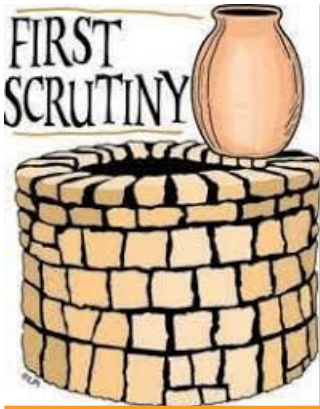
La mujer del pozo, una samaritana marginada en su pueblo, debe ir al pozo al mediodía para no encontrarse con quienes la juzgaban y la rechazaban a diario.

a Mujer del Pozo, que anhela la aceptación y el aliento de la gente del pueblo, los encuentra en el Divino Desconocido. Él la ve. Realmente la ve y ya conoce la historia de su doloroso camino.

El potencial de tener agua que sacia toda sed es tan vivificante para ella. El agua vivificante de Cristo rebosa en ella y se apresura a compartir su encuentro con el Mesías con los mismos ciudadanos que se negaron a compartir la vida con ella.

En el Uno, somos uno, en ComUNIDAD,

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Al celebrar el Rito del Escrutinio, me pregunto:

¿Cuál es mi sed más profunda?

¿Qué compulsión, adicción, actitud
y comportamiento me

invita Jesús a descubrir para derramar sobre
él sus aguas vivificantes y sanarlo?

Escucha a los demás:

Además del ayuno tradicional, ayuna de palabras hirientes, calumnias y discursos críticos, especialmente en redes sociales y debates políticos. Ayuna de palabras y escucha más a los demás.

Escucha a Dios:

Observa el lenguaje corporal de los demás: ¿Quién necesita ánimo, presencia, esperanza o sanación?
¿A qué clamor te invita Dios a servir

God of All Power, Fountain of Grace, O Living Water, show us your face!

Morning, Church!

Throughout this year, we have accompanied those on the OCIA journey: Belva and Gregory Billings, Israel Lynch, Brittany Reece, Francis Ritz and Joshua Talbott. In December, they celebrated the Rite of Welcome; in February, the Rite of Election. The next three Sundays, they will celebrate the Rite of Scrutiny.

The Rite of Scrutiny has a spiritual purpose ~ “to uncover and heal all that is weak, defective, or sinful in the hearts of the Elect; and to bring out, then strengthen all that is upright, strong, and good...to deepen the Elect’s resolve to hold fast to Christ and carry out their decision to love God above all.” As all Rites, they are celebrate for the conversion of the whole parish community.

Do you share the same spiritual purpose as our Elect? Is your Lenten journey more intentional now than in previous years? Perhaps the Scriptures for the next three weeks can guide your intentions and grace you to “hold fast to Christ and to love God above all”, too.

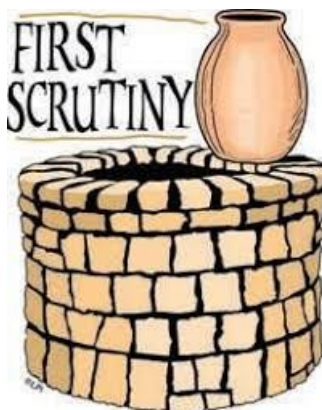
The Woman at the Well, a Samaritan, who is ostracized in her own town, must come to the well at midday, lest she encounter those who judged and shunned her daily.

The Woman at the Well, who longs for acceptance and encouragement from the townsfolk, finds it in the Divine Stranger. He *sees* her. He really sees and already knows the story of her painful journey.

The potential to have water that quenches all thirsts is so life-giving for her. Christ’s life-giving water overflows in her and she rushes to share her encounter with the Messiah with the very townsfolk who refused to share life with her!

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

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As we celebrate the Rite of Scrutiny I,
ask yourself:

What is my deepest thirst?

*What compulsion, addiction, attitude,
and behavior is Jesus inviting me to uncover
so pour his life-giving waters over it and heal it?*

m a r c h

01	 2nd Sun Lent Faith Formation ALL parents & children, after Mass SSJ Zoom, 6:30-8:30
03	 Chosen, 10a; Communion Service Lenten Reflection, 12:15p & 6:30p
04	 OCIA 6:30p; Choir, 7p
05	 SJU Students/Habitat for Humanity/APEX & Ladies Guild St. Patrick's Day Dinner, 5p
06	Stations of the Cross, 6:30p
08	 3rd Sun Lent Faith Formation ALL parents & children, after Mass
10	 Communion Service, 12:15p Lenten Reflection, 12:15p & 6:30p
11	 OCIA 6:30p; Choir, 7p 
13	Stations of the Cross, 6:30p
15	 4th Sun Lent Faith Formation ALL parents & children, after Mass
16	Give Blood Elkin Rescue Squad, 1:30-6:00p 
17	 Happy St. Patrick's Day! Communion Service, 12:15p Lenten Reflection, 12:15p & 6:30p
18	 OCIA, 6:30p. Choir, 7p 
19	Happy St. Joseph's Day! Wise Ones, 1p 
20	Stations of the Cross, 6:30
21	Men's Group @ Cracker Barrel, 8:30a 
22	 5th Sun Lent Faith Formation ALL parents & children, after Mass
24	 Feast: St. Oscar Romero Communion Service, 12:15p; OCIA 2, 6:30p
25	 Feast: Annunciation OCIA, 6:30p. Choir, 7p 
27	Stations of the Cross, 6:30p
29	Palm Sunday of the Lord's Passion No Family Faith Formation 
31	Communion Service, 12:15p



🌱 Mass Intentions	
01	+Georgette & William Dyer r/b Seam Dyer
08	+Carol McQuade (20th A); +Dorothy Hanic(20th A) +Tim McCulloch
15	+Helen Purcell r/b Lana Katie Delaney; Larry Liss (Birthdays)
22	+John Jennings; Reyna Jimenez; Vicky S. Pruitt
29	+Georgette & William Dyer r/b Sean Dyer



+Sister Jane K Field, SSJ	
Born	June 25, 1954
Born to Eternal Life	February 26, 2026
in the 53 rd year of religious life	

Birthdays & Anniversaries



01 Charlie Faw	07 Jerry Schaufenbuel
02 Kathy Jenkins	Ximena Solorzano
Payton Wagoner	08 Jasiel Hernandez
05 Patrick Colglazier	Thi Tim Nugyen
Jason Whitler	13 Lee Hadfield
06 Elia Martinez	23 Cindy Whitley
07 Jim Doyle	27 Delia Carmona

07 Beth & John Orta
19 Erika & Ruben Ramirez
22 Margarita & Memo Lara
24 Jane & Rob Worley

Listen to Others:

In additional to traditional fasting, fast from hurtful words, slander, and judgmental speech, especially in, social media, and political discussions.
Fast from words, listen more to others.

Listen to God:

Watch others' body language: who needs encouragement, presence, hope, or healing?
What "cry" is God inviting you to serve?



JUBILARIANS 2026

80 Years

S. Saint Herman D'Uva
S. Annemarie J. Feeley
S. Maria Teresa Griffin

75 Years

S. Michael Eileen Kelly
S. Elizabeth M. Lauginiger
S. Antoinette Munafo

S. Rosemarie Elizabeth Puettner
S. Anna Louise Schuck
S. Kathleen Bernard Winner

70 Years

S. Joan Marie Callahan
S. Theresa Cargan
S. Julia Dougherty
S. Lillian I. Devlin
S. Mary Elizabeth Farrell
S. Judith Gallen
S. Johanna Gedaka
S. Sandra A. Kessler

S. Beatrice McElrone
S. Margaret Ann McFadden
S. Barbara Elizabeth Nolan
S. Anna Mary O'Mara
S. Catherine Pisarczyk
S. Denise Regina Sharp
S. Helen Gertrude Steinmetz

60 Years

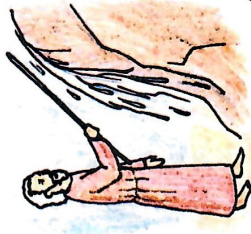
S. Grace Christi Costello
S. Patricia J Gannon
S. Mary Joan Huggard
S. Eileen M. Lynch

S. Kathleen McGonigle
S. Sally Russell
S. Merylyn Anne Ryan

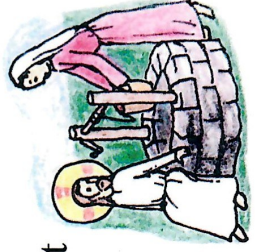
50 Years

S. Mary Ann Pfund

Water...



In today's first reading, the Israelites in the desert are thirsty and ask Moses for water. So God tells him to strike a big rock with his staff and water comes out. In the Gospel reading, Jesus tells the Samaritan woman that He can give her living water so that she will never be thirsty.



Water is a symbol of life. In the first story the people in the desert would have died if they didn't get water. Now Jesus gives us His life, which is grace. We receive it especially in Holy Communion. This is the living water that He is talking about. Our souls need His grace to stay alive.

When you have a drink of water, think about how your body needs water to stay alive, and how your soul needs God's grace. Saying a prayer is kind of like giving your soul a little drink!

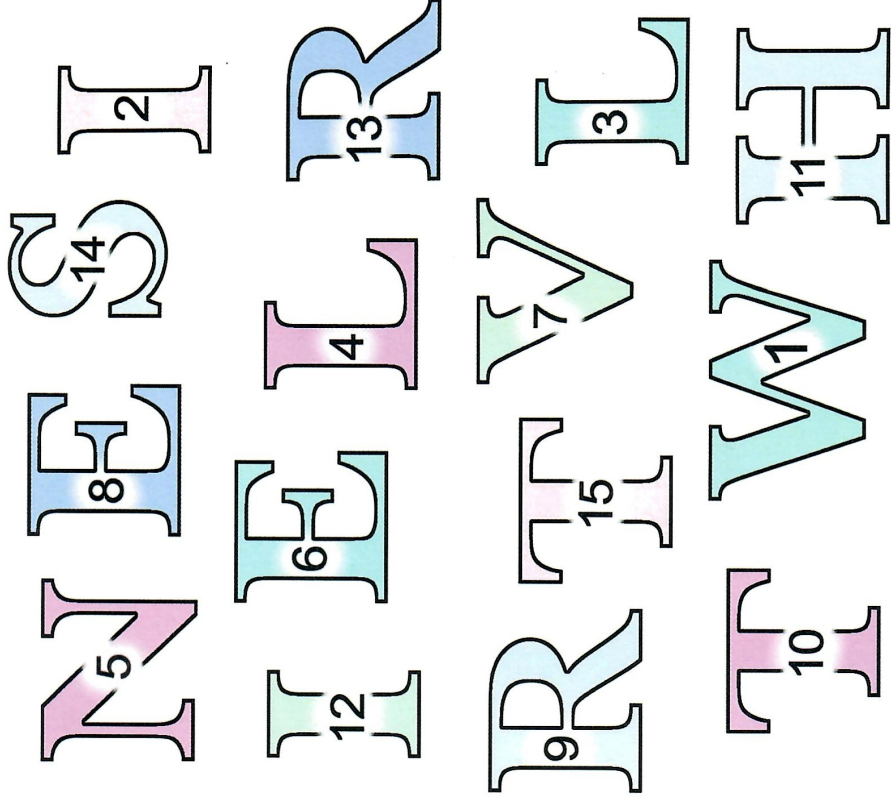


Answer to puzzle inside: because, hearts, Spirit, given, still, time, difficultly, might, courage, God, "Christ died"

Answer to puzzle on front: will never thirst.

The Kids' Bulletin

Third Sunday of Lent
March 8th, 2026



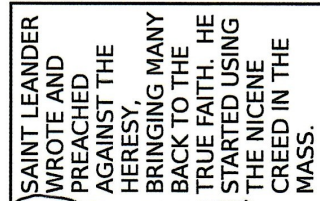
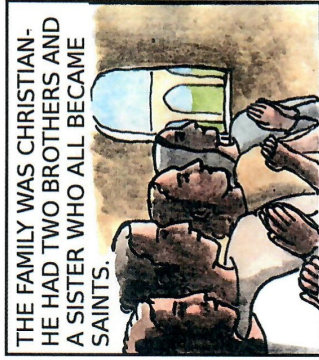
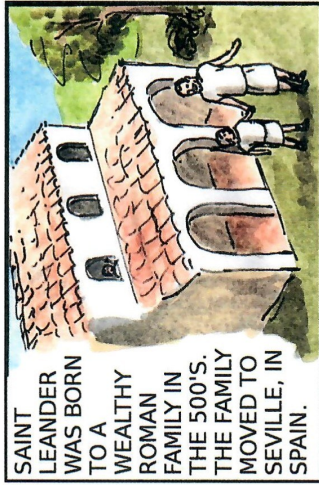
*Jesus says that if we drink
His living water, we*



1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
10	11	12	13	14	15			

Saint Leander of Seville

March 13



SAINT LEANDER DIED AROUND THE YEAR 600. WHEN HE DIED HIS BROTHER BECAME THE NEW BISHOP. BECAUSE THE LEADERS HATED THE TRUTH, BISHOP LEANDER HAD RISKED HIS LIFE TO TRY TO CONVERT PEOPLE. WE CAN LEARN FROM HIM THAT WE SHOULD ALWAYS TELL THE TRUTH ABOUT THE FAITH.

Fill-in-the-Blanks

Fill in the blanks with the words in the box. Use the marked letters to fill in the blanks at the end.

1. _____ the love of God has been poured into our 2. _____ through the Holy 3. _____ who has been 4. _____ to us. For Christ, while we were 5. _____ helpless, died at the appointed 6. _____ for the ungodly. Indeed, only with 7. _____ does one die for a just person, though perhaps for a good person one 8. _____ even find 9. _____ to die. But 10. _____ proves his love for us in that...
...WHILE WE WERE STILL SINNERS FOR US.

1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10

COURAGE	DIFFICULTY	HEARTS
GOD	TIME	GIVEN
SPIRIT	MIGHT	BECAUSE