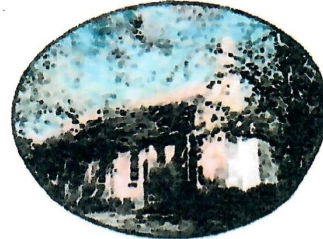




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Temoc Herrejon Faith Formation
Ann Stone RCIA
Joel Everett Music

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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.*

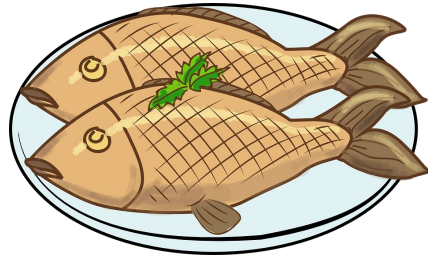
Sacrament Preparation
Call S. Janis, (336) 835-4542

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

April 5, 2026

PARISH FUND RAISER



Saturday, April 24

5:15 ~ 7:45p

Family Life Center

Reservations **must**

be made by:

Sunday, April 12

Sign up on clipboard

in the lobby.

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

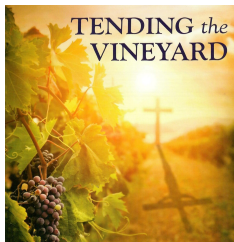
PRAY the ROSARY DAILY
 ...for peace and leaders of nations;
 ... for the end to all bombings,
 a peaceful and just end
 to these wars, and all wars...
 & the violence in Mexico...



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.**



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WAYS to GIVE

- Pledge:** Give over time until December 31, 2026
- One-time Gift:** use the DSA envelopes and make a one-time gift.
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<i>+Sister Kathryn McTague, SSJ</i>	
Given by God	July 5, 1933
Given to God	March 30, 2026
75 years as a Sister of St. Joseph	



You are invited to our Open Table

4:30-6:30pm

Third Thursdays ~ NO COST

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

Me levantaré

Y me levantaré
 Me levantaré como el día, me levantaré
 Me levantaré sin miedo, me levantaré
 Y lo haré mil veces más
 Y me levantaré
 Alto como las olas, me levantaré
 A pesar del dolor, me levantaré
 Y lo haré mil veces más, por ti
 ~ Andra Day, Andra. "Montañas"



¡Buenos días, Iglesia!

Hace seis semanas, iniciamos nuestro camino cuaresmal con el himno *Ashes* y su conjunción: «si». Este himno nos convocó con crudeza —una vez más— a una conversión continua; a soportar los desiertos de la privación... no, no a soportarlos, sino a ser transformados por esos lugares santos y tempestuosos, y por esas experiencias de gracia.

El extraordinario Misterio Pascual de la muerte y resurrección de Cristo en nosotros es un misterio de conversión incesante. Este Misterio —nacido en el Bautismo— constituye la sacralidad de la vida, la muerte y la resurrección en nuestro interior; una sacralidad que se convierte en la gracia que sostiene y transforma nuestro caminar. De este modo, las cenizas se convierten en nuestro himno.

Alto como las olas, me alzaré.
 A pesar del dolor, me alzaré.

En la mayoría de los círculos sociales, la ira es un comportamiento inaceptable. Esto no es así en nuestra vida espiritual. Inherente al Misterio Pascual se halla la gracia de enfurecernos contra «la noche»: todo aquello que nos impide dar pasos positivos en nuestra conversión; todo lo que resulta sombrío y oscuro en nuestras almas; todas esas relaciones adictivas o codependientes que drenan la Vida de nuestra propia existencia. Jesús se enfureció contra esos tipos de noche; se enfureció contra «la noche» de la muerte misma, para que nosotros pudiéramos vivir con Él en la placidez de la Luz Eterna.

María Magdalena vio la Santa Ira en su forma irreconocible y resucitada. Hasta que Cristo, el Resucitado, la llamó por su nombre, ella creyó que era el jardinero del cementerio. Cuando Cristo nos llama por nuestro nombre, podemos —de una vez por todas— alzar nuestra ira contra las Cenizas de nuestra humanidad y permitir que Cristo nos rescite en el Himno que es la plenitud de Vida y de Luz. Podemos intercambiar toda nuestra ira impía —todos nuestros «si» condicionales— por el eterno Himno de Alabanza. Intercambiamos el púrpura —e incluso el negro clásico— de nuestras Cenizas por el resplandor del Blanco de la Resurrección. Con fe, nosotros también nos alzaremos contra la muerte y nos convertiremos en una «Nueva Creación» en Cristo.

Hoy, en esta fiesta de Pascua, dejamos el Huerto de Getsemaní y nos dirigimos al Huerto de la Gentrificación, donde somos recreados de nuevo y resucitamos con Cristo. Es la esperanza de Cristo que proclamemos el himno «¡Ha resucitado!» con nuestras propias vidas. ¡Levántense! ¡Ardan de indignación! ¡Aleluya!

En el Uno, somos uno, en ComUNIDAD,

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Rise Up

And I'll rise up
 I'll rise like the day I'll rise up
 Ill rise unafraid I'll rise up
 And I'll do it a thousand times again
 And I'll rise up
 High like the waves I'll rise up
 In spite of the ache I'll rise up
 And I'll do it a thousands times again For you"
 ~ Andra Day, Andra. "Mountains"



Morning, Church!

Six weeks ago, we began our Lenten journey with the hymn, *Ashes* and its conjunction, “*if.*” This hymn starkly called us, again, to ongoing conversion, to endure the deserts of deprivation ~ no, not to endure, but to be transformed by these holy, raging places and graced experiences.

The extraordinary Paschal Mystery of Christ’s dying and rising in us is a mystery of ongoing conversion. This Mystery, birthed at Baptism, is the sacredness of life, death, and resurrection in us which becomes the sustaining, transforming grace for our journey. In this Way the *Ashes* become our *anthem*.

High like the waves I'll rise up
In spite of the ache I'll rise up


















In most social circles, rage is out-of-bounds behavior. This is not true in our spiritual lives. Inherent in the Paschal Mystery is the grace *to rage against “the night”* ~ all that prevents us from taking positive steps in our conversion, all that is dank and dark in our souls, all those addictive or co-dependent relationships that siphon Life from our life. Jesus raged against those kinds of night, raged against “the night” of death itself, that we might live with him in the peacefulness of Eternal Light.

Mary of Magdala saw Holy Rage in his unrecognizable, resurrected form. Until Christ, the Resurrected One, called her by name, she thought him to be the cemetery’s gardener. When Christ calls us by name, we can once and for all, rage against the *Ashes* of our humanity and allow Christ to resurrect us in the *Anthem* that is fullness of Life and Light. We can exchange all our unholy rage, all our “ifs” for the eternal *Anthem* of Praise. We exchange the purple, and even the old school black of our *Ashes*, for the brilliance of Resurrection’s White. In faith, we, too, will *rage against death* and become a “new creation” in Christ.

Today, on this very Easter feast, we leave the Garden of Gethsemane and go to the Garden of Genitification where we are recreated anew and rise with Christ. It is Christ’s hope that we will proclaim the *anthem*, “He is risen” with our very lives. *Rage on! Alleluia! Rise up!*

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

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A P R I L	
29	<i>Palm Sunday of the Lord's Passion</i> No Family Faith Formation
MINISTERIAL ASSOCIATION <i>Holy Week Service & Luncheon</i> Elkin Presbyterian Ch, Mon ~ Fri, 12N ~ 1:00p	
31	NO Communion Service
01	OCIA Rehearsal 6:30p; Choir, 7p 
02	<i>Holy Thursday</i> , 7p
03	<i>Women of Jerusalem</i> , 5:30p
	<i>Good Friday</i> : Passion of the Lord, 7p
04	OCIA Preparation Rites, 10a <i>Easter Vigil</i> , 8p
05	<i>Easter Sunday</i> , Mass ~ 9a
08	Choir, 7p 
 12	<i>2nd Sun Easter/Divine Mercy Sunday</i> Faith Formation ALL parents & children, after Mass
14	Communion Service, 12:15p
 15	OCIA, 6:30p. Choir, 7p 
16	Wise Ones Mexico Viejo Grill, 1p Host: Kathy J 
18	Men's Group @ Cracker Barrel, 8:30a 
 19	<i>3rd Sun Easter</i> Faith Formation ALL parents & children, after Mass
20	Give Blood Elkin Rescue Squad, 1:30-6:00p 
21	Communion Service, 12:15p Being Catholic 1p 
 22	OCIA, 6:30p. Choir, 7p 
24	<i>Fish Fry Fundraiser 5:30-7:30p</i> 
 26	<i>4th Sun Easter</i> Faith Formation ALL parents & children, after Mass
 28	Communion Service, 12:15p OCIA 2, 6:30p
 29	OCIA, 6:30p. Choir, 7p 

Easter Flowers

If you wish to donate to our Easter Flower fund to honor a living or deceased loved one, use the envelope in the pew pockets. PRINT your NAME and donation amount on the front and PRINT the names of your loved ones on the back of the envelope.

🌿 Mass Intentions	
29	+Rose Romani r/b Rev. Rebecca Husband Maynard Georgette & William Dyer r/b Sean Dyer
02	+Patrick Tyrrell r/b S. Janis
04	Belva & Greg Billings, Israel Lynch, Brittany Reece, Francis Ritz, and Josh Talbott and their sponsors
05	St. Stephen Parishioners
12	+Charles Dursee r/b Becky +Georgette & William Dyer r/b Sean Dyer
19	+Judy Tymko
26	World Day of Prayer for Vocations

Birthdays & Anniversaries



04 Freddy Carmona, Jr.	12 Jose Ledesma
05 Marcelino Trinidad	15 Andy Crawford
06 Natalia Trinidad	23 Sally Allred
08 Melisa Bustos	Kimberly Lopez
Alberto Nava	26 Michael Hadfield
08 Osvaldo Bustos	27 Dianne Crawford
10 Richard Jones	Luis Rodriguez
11 Osvaldo Martinez	28 Israel Lynch
Keith Stringer	30 Vanessa Lopez

04 Eileen & Leo Ouellette
05 Beth Altemueller & Newell Hauser
15 Judy & Frank Simon
21 Lupe & Ray Hernandez
29 Julie & Patrick Colglazier



Easter Flowers

Donator	In honor/memory of
Aileen Cahill	John & Denis Cahill
Arelis & Lee Hadfield	Lee Hadfield, Sr.
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Lou Stackhouse	The Stackhouse Family
Doris Watson	The Langlois & Watson Families

Alleluia!

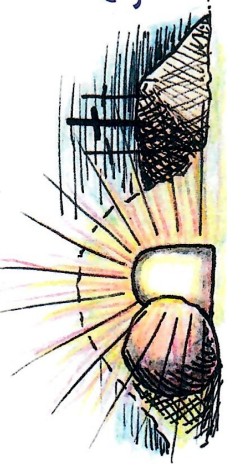


Today is the biggest feast of the year! Jesus rose from the dead on the first Easter Sunday. By rising from the dead, He showed that He was God and that everything He had said was true. It showed His followers that He wasn't gone forever- it gave them hope. Also, because He rose from the dead, now we can rise from the dead too after we die.

Imagine what it would be like to be one of Jesus' friends when He died on the cross. You were hoping that He would be the saviour that would overthrow the bad government and become the king, but now He was beaten and killed! How would you feel? What would you be doing after this horrible weekend was over? It would seem pretty hopeless, wouldn't it?

But then- some of the women come running and say that Jesus rose from the dead! Would you believe them? And then imagine that you are in the room with the other disciples with the doors locked and suddenly Jesus is standing in the room, saying, "Peace be with you!" Now what would you think?

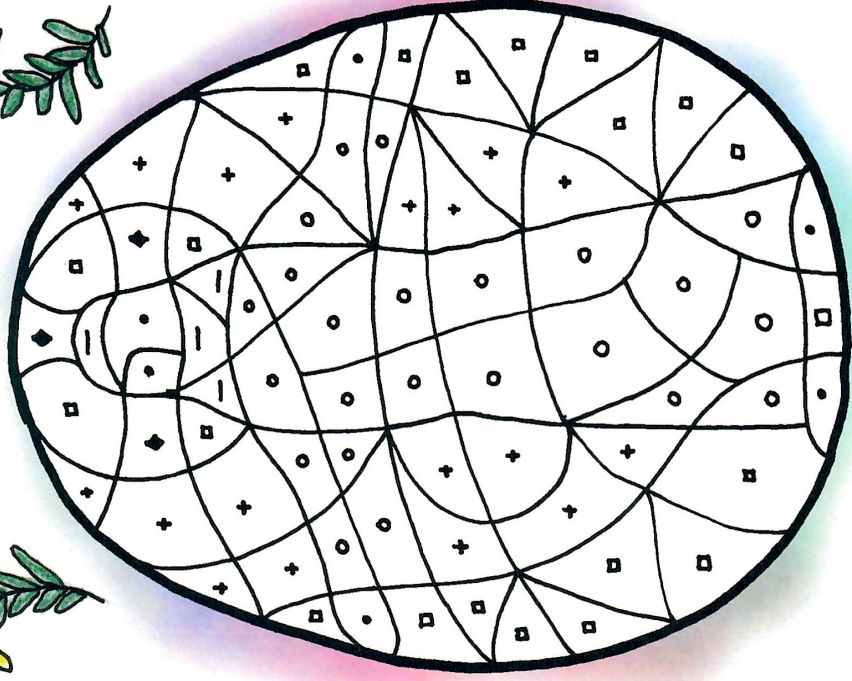
*Today is the day
for rejoicing!*
JESUS IS ACTIVE!



Answers to Easter True or False:
1. false 2. false 3. false 4. true 5. true
6. true 7. false

The Kids' Bulletin

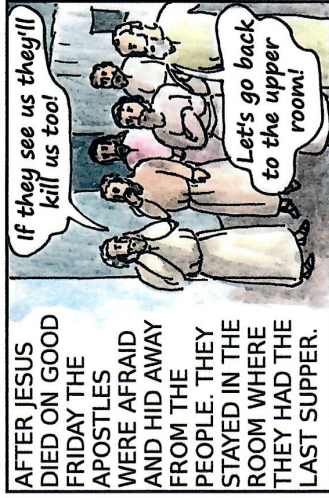
*Easter Sunday
April 5th, 2026*



The two men on the road to Emmaus didn't know the man who came and walked with them on Easter morning. Use the colour code below to see if you can figure out who it was!

- ◆ Red
- ◆ Purple
- ◆ Skin-colour
- ◻ Yellow
- ◻ Brown
- ◻ White

Easter Sunday



WHEN JESUS DIED ON THE CROSS HIS FOLLOWERS THOUGHT THE END HAD COME. BUT JESUS HAD DIED ON PURPOSE TO SAVE US FROM HELL! THEN HE ROSE FROM THE DEAD SO THAT WE COULD RISE FROM THE DEAD TOO. REJOICE WITH OUR LADY AND THE APOSTLES THAT JESUS ROSE FROM THE DEAD!

Easter: True or False?

How well do you know the Easter Story?

See if you can figure out which of these are true and which are false.

1. After Jesus died on the Cross He was buried in a tomb for four days. True or false?
2. The first time the women went to the tomb on Easter morning, they saw Jesus' dead body in it. True or false?
3. Nobody went to Jesus' tomb until the afternoon on Easter Sunday. True or false?
4. At first when she saw Him, Mary Magdalen didn't recognize Jesus. True or false?
5. When Jesus rose from the dead, He could never die again. True or false?
6. With His resurrected body, Jesus could go through locked doors. True or false?
7. The disciples were not surprised when Jesus came back after He died, since they knew all along that was going to happen. True or false?

