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**Worship Times**

Saturday Vigil Mass, 4:00p  
Sunday Mass 11:15a; En español, 1:00p  
Daily Mass, Holy Days Consult bulletin  
Sacrament of Reconciliation  
Saturdays, 3:00-4:00p

Sunday Mass 9:00a  
Communion Service Tuesdays, 12:15p  
Holy Days 7:00p  
Sacrament of Reconciliation  
By appointment

**Welcome, New Parishioners**

*We are a Stewardship Community, sharing our time, talent, and treasure, in the most life-giving ways possible. Parishioners are expected to participate in weekly worship, in our community life, and in our service among our dear neighbors.*

**Sacramental Life ~ Baptism, Confirmation, Eucharist, Matrimony**

*For Sacrament preparation, you must be a registered, active member and attend preparation sessions.*

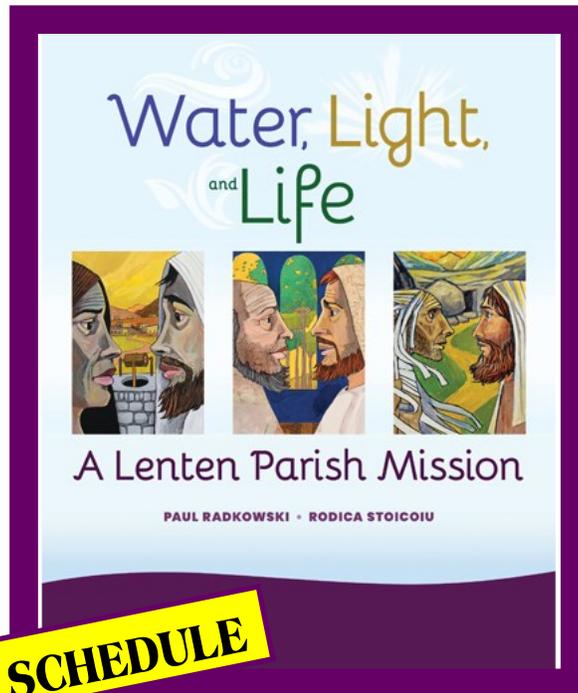
**Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA)**

*For those who desire to explore the Catholic Faith, spirituality, customs, and practices.*

**Anointing of the Sick**

*For those with chronic illness or who are pre-surgery, contact Father John or Sister Janis*

**3rd Sunday of Lent**  
**March 12, 2023**



**REVISED SCHEDULE**

**2023 St. Stephen**

**TUESDAYS, 10:30a**

**March 14, 21, 28**

**Family Life Center**

**or**

**THURSDAYS, 6:30p**

**March 9, 23, 30**

**6:30p**

**at the residence**

**(limited to 8)**

**Register (336) 835-3007**



**St. Stephen là gia đình của bạn!**

**Chúng tôi rất may mắn bạn đang ở đây!**

**Cha Long sẽ ở St. Stephen**

**Ngày 12 tháng 3 năm 2023 lúc 2:00 chiều**

**để cử hành thánh lễ với bạn**

**bằng tiếng Việt.**

**Lên kế hoạch tham dự và mời gia đình  
gia đình và bạn bè của bạn đến tham dự!**

**Nếu bạn có câu hỏi nào,**

**nói chuyện với Hạnh.**

**Surry County Health and  
Nutrition Center**



family

# **BINGO NIGHT**

**DOORS OPEN  
AT 5:30  
CASH ONLY!**

*Supporting Surry County  
Health Foundation*

**\$30 TICKET BUNDLE  
INCLUDES:**

**Bingo game card packet  
5 raffle tickets  
Hotdog  
Bag of Chips  
Canned Drink**

**Friday, March 31st  
6:30pm  
Surry County Service Center:  
Farm Bureau Room  
915 E Atkins St  
Dobson, NC 27017**

Please pre-register by emailing Charley Knott at  
[knottc@co.surry.nc.us](mailto:knottc@co.surry.nc.us) or calling 336-401-8402.

Bingo packets will be available for purchase at the door while  
supplies last!

**Desserts will be for sale!**  
Provided by  
**Phil-Good Cupcakes**



*SSJ Community Prayer*

O God,  
 we are called  
 as Sisters of St. Joseph,  
 to surrender,  
 to stand open  
 and powerless before you  
 completely dependent  
 upon Jesus  
 whose Spirit  
 liberates us  
 to a radical sense  
 of mission  
 through the rhythm  
 of contemplation  
 and courageous action  
 to be a healing presence  
 in any and all situations.  
 And to this we say,  
 Amen.

 **IRISH BLESSING** 

~ Bob Fabing, S.J.

**MAY THE ROAD  
 RISE UP TO MEET YOU,  
 MAY THE WIND  
 BE ALWAYS WITH YOU,  
 MAY THE SUNSHINE  
 WARM YOU ALWAYS  
 TIL WE MEET AGAIN.**

May the rain fall softly on you,  
 May the hand of God uphold you.  
 Christ before you, Christ behind you,  
 Christ beneath you, Christ above you.  
 Christ to shield you, Christ be with you,  
 Christ be with you now and always.  
 Christ in every eye that sees you,  
 Christ in every ear that hears you.  
 Christ in every heart that knows you,  
 Christ in every word that speaks of you.  
 Christ is on your left, Christ is on your right,  
 Christ when you lay down and rise up.

**EARTHQUAKE RESPONSE**

Please pray for your suffering sisters and  
 Brothers and the first responders.

If you wish, you can send a donation to:

**Catholic Relief Services**

228 West Lexington Street

Baltimore, MD 21201

Memo line:

**Earthquake relief**



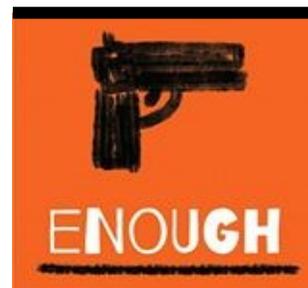
**Our Lady,  
 Queen of Peace,  
 pray for us!**



**Tri-C Almsgiving**

Thank you so much !!

<b>MAR</b>	<b>Sm. liquid laundry soap or laundry pods</b>
<b>APR</b>	<b>Instant potatoes</b>



*Morning Church!*

Does a celebrity's multiple "knot-tying" come to mind when you hear this gospel? We can pretend that we're nothing like The Samaritan Woman. There *are* similarities between celebrities, The Samaritan Woman, and us.

The Israelites, in their new-found freedom, are bellyaching to Moses. Faced with finding their way in the unmarked desert, they think they would be better off enslaved in Egypt. They preferred to be "married" to false comforts and a stifling stability of servitude, rather than a genuine journey of faith to The Promised Land.

The Roman Judeo-Christians struggled to stay "married" to their Mosaic Covenant as their emerging understandings of the New Covenant in Christ unfolded. The first Covenant or "marriage" is the only one they have ever known. Now, they are being called to adapt their Judaism to *The New Way*, like a blended family. This "blending" caused much hostility and division among them. Paul calls them to focus only on boasting "*in hope of the glory of God.*" Christ, who died for them, even "*while they were still sinners*", will help deepen their faith in this valid "marriage."

The unnamed *Woman at the Well* has been married many times. Her thirst to be known and loved has ended in five failed marriages. Again and again, she took to a risk to share her true self. Again and again, she experienced rejection ~ in her marriages and among her townsfolk. Like the Woman at the Well, we "get married" to someone or something in the hopes that our inner thirsts will be quenched. Many of us have had five unsuccessful "marriages."

Today, let's reflect on who or what we are espoused to and how these "marriages" affect our relationship with Christ and others. Are all our "marriages" valid, life-giving, even sacramental ~ drawing us closer to the life-giving waters that quench our spiritual thirst? Are some espousals "bad marriages", ones that keep disappointing our hope in Christ? Let's have a heart-to-heart conversation with Christ at Jacob's Well. Let's reaffirm the grace-filled "marriages" in our life and divorce ourselves from anyone or anything that fails to quench our deepest thirsts.

God's blessings,

*spanis*



## *The Blessing of the Well*

If you stand  
at the edge  
of this blessing  
and call down  
into it,  
you will hear  
your words  
return to you.

If you lean in  
and listen close,  
you will hear  
this blessing  
give the story  
of your life  
back to you.

Quiet your voice.  
Quiet your judgment.  
Quiet the way  
you always tell  
your story  
to yourself.

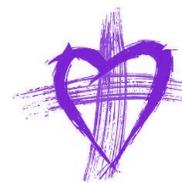
Quiet all these  
and you will hear  
the whole of it  
and the hollows of it:  
the spaces  
in the telling,  
the gaps  
where you hesitate  
to go.

Sit at the rim  
of this blessing.  
Press your ear  
to its lip,  
its sides,  
its curves  
that were carved out  
long ago  
by those whose  
thirst  
drove them deep,  
those who dug  
into the layers  
with only their  
hands  
and hope.

Rest yourself  
beside this blessing  
and you will  
begin to hear  
the sound of water  
entering the gaps.

Still yourself  
and you will feel it  
rising up  
within you,  
filling every  
emptiness,  
springing forth  
anew.

~ Jan Richardson



### *Reflecting and Acting on The Word*

*Reflect: What are your "multiple marriages", unhealthy habits you have wedded yourself to and can't "divorce"?*

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

M A R C H	
12	3rd Sun Lent <b>NO FFFormation</b> 
 13	Ladies Guild, 5p
14	Communion Service, 12:15p
15	PARISH MISSION: Water, Light, Life 6:30p FLC Choir, 7p 
16	Wise Ones Theo's Hosts: Jane & Rob W 1p Dinner for Habitat Volunteers, 5:30p 
 17	St. Patrick's Day Stations & Simple Meal, 6:30p
18	Men's Breakfast Cracker Barrel, 8:30a 
 19	4th Sun Lent      St. Joseph's Day <i>Sacrament of Anointing</i> 
20	GIVE BLOOD Elkin Rescue Squad 1:30-6:00p 
21	Ministerial Association, 12N, HCMH Communion Service, 12:15p
22	Choir, 7p 
23	PARISH MISSION: Water, Light, Life 6:30p FLC
24	<b>St. Oscar Romero</b> Stations & Simple Meal, 6:30p
25	<b>Feast: The Annunciation</b>
26	5th Sun Lent FFFormation after Mass 
28	Communion Service, 12:15p
29	Choir, 7p 
30	PARISH MISSION: Water, Light, Life 6:30p FLC
31	Stations & Simple Meal, 6:30p

🌿 Mass Intentions	
12	+Helen Purcell; +Dorothy Hanic; Anne & Paula Krakovsky; +Joe & Irene Krakovsky; Stephen, J.R. Lee Barnett, Jr., Veronica Sarwinski, Veronica Willimason, Laxton Pennell, Kenneth King
19	Kate Delanoy, + Michael A. Garwood, Sr. , Larry Liss, Living & deceased Sisters of St. Joseph
26	Deceased members of the Ardizzola family +Fr. William J.W. Hines

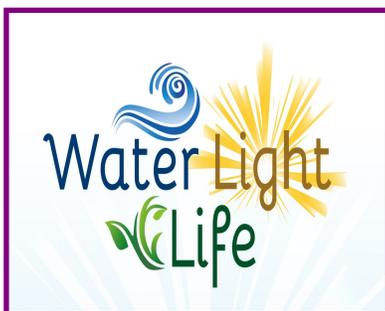
### Parish Celebrations



16 Karen Rodriguez    22 Sonia Rodriguez    23 Cindy Whitley  
19 Erika & Ruben Ramirez    24 Jane & Rob Worley (50<sup>th</sup>)



**S. Marie Benedetta Boyle, SSJ**  
*Born*  
May 15, 1935  
*Born to Eternal Life*  
March 3, 2023  
**70<sup>th</sup> year** of her religious life.



**Register today**

for our parish's  
Lenten Mission!

**Tuesdays**  
**March 14, 21, 28**  
**10:30 ~ 12N, FLC**

**Thursdays**  
**March 9, 23, 30**  
**6:30-8:00p**  
**@ residence (limit 8)**

### *Pope Francis Walking the Word*

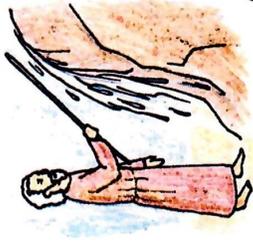
The **ultimate goal and purpose of Lent is not penitential**. To be sure, Lent means or connotes penance...entails a certain amount of abstaining from food and drink which suggests some curtailment of normal pleasure...vestments and liturgy are keyed to the tone and color of sorrow and regret....the fruit of all the Lenten observances is a means to an end, and the end is a **deepening spirit of union with Christ in his passion and death, of union with him in the period of his earthly life when he, the source of all holiness, merited superabundantly the graces which would sanctify the Church**, his mystical body, and us, its members.

**The ultimate goal and purpose of Lent is not precisely penitence but holiness.**

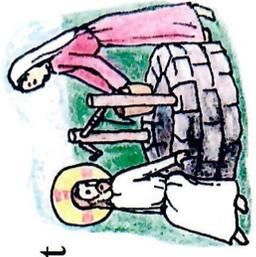
Reflect: **What if?**

Jesus seems to tell us that we don't need to fast. What if what he means is that all our fasting is simply preparing your heart to encounter Jesus? What if our meatless Fridays and Lenten sacrifices aren't grim rule-following,

# 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.

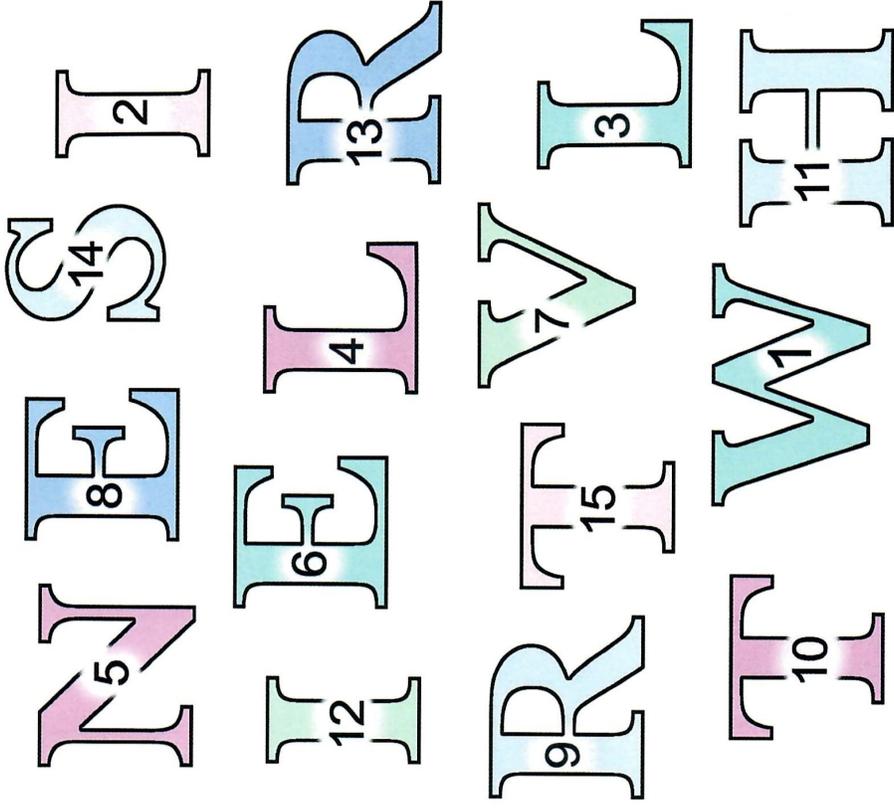
When you have a drink of water, think about how your body needs water to stay alive, and how your soul needs God's grace. Saying a prayer is kind of like giving your soul a little drink!



Answer to puzzle on front: will never thirst, difficultly, might, courage, God, "Christ died"

# The Kids' Bulletin

Third Sunday of Lent  
March 12th, 2023



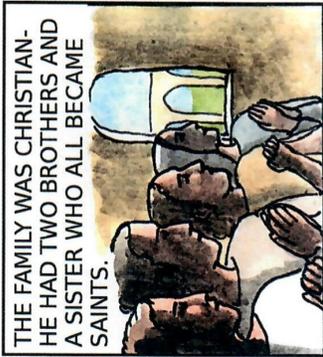
Jesus says that if we drink  
His living water, we



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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 STILL  
SPIRIT MIGHT BECAUSE