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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

Twelfth Sunday in Ordinary Time
June 25, 2023



During the month of June,
St. Stephen Churches
& St. John the Baptist de LaSalle
are taking up a special collection
of **diapers** to support
Catholic Charities Wee Care Ministry.

This ministry provides assistance
to help families with small children.
The ministry needs boxed diapers in all sizes,
especially **sizes 3 to 7.**

Catholic Charities is very grateful
to the parishioners for their generosity
to those most in need.

Please bring donated items to the church

**Sundays,
June 4, 11, 18 & 25**



IT'S A GREAT TIME!! "SPRING CLEAN"!!
SET ASIDE ITEMS YOU WISH TO DONATE
ST. S YARD SALE ~ JULY 29, 2023

Donations do not include:

Clothing	Books without covers
Unframed glass	Large or CRT televisions
Opened paint cans	Building supplies
Large appliances	Broken items
Cribs or baby equipment	Dirty items

**Please do your part:
donate items, come to the Yard Sale
and buy something!**

*Yard sales proceeds will be directed towards
a parish need or charity.
Last year the proceeds went towards our new church roof.*

Over ??? Mass shootings

since Jan, 2023

? dead

(Subject to change until we do)

Tri-C Almsgiving	
Thank you so much !!	
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**Our Lady,
Queen of Peace,
pray for us!**



Morning Church!

How well Jesus knows the human spirit!
In the gospel's opening sentence Jesus proclaims:
"Fear no one!"

Now that's a real conversation starter for your faithjourney!

Everyday you are presented with things that could potentially *scare you to death*.

Living your faith authentically,
you are graced with resilient trust to overcome your fear.

What may *scare* you is the *very door of grace* to deeper faith and trust in Christ Jesus
and the paradox, possibilities, and peskiness of gospel living...

Consider this: the word *Scared* scrambled is *Sacred*.

Today's Word invites you to examine who and what you fear, what scares you and why.

You are on the faithjourney of Cross and Chrism and draw Baptism's reservoir of graces. You can take on every fear flung at you by your own judgment, injustice, compulsions, and failures, etc., as well as the ongoing terrors that punctuate every single day.

The *sacred* grace of your Baptism is the grace to draw on when you're *scared*. This grace faiths you to live fiercely and to speak and act in God's Name ~ wherever you are ~ no matter what the cost.

The prophet Jeremiah's commitment to God proved costly. Calling the Hebrews to conversion and faithfulness to their Covenant led him into great suffering and eventually, his martyrdom. He overcame his fears and *spoke out anyway* as a prophet dedicated to God's mission. He may have been fearful at that time, yet, nothing and no one would stop him from proclaiming God's prophetic Word.

Does being a prophet in God's Name scare you to death?
Let it scare you to life, no matter the cost.

Jesus teaches you how to respond to your own fears and chronic "whispering" judgments, and the whispering judgments of others. Your scary fears are entry points to the *sacred*, guiding you towards The One who says you are priceless, worth more than the Cosmos, and The One who knows the exact number of hairs on your head. God covers you in unconditional love so you fear-less.

If you tell the gospel truth, you will be denounced, persecuted, and even killed.
Let your unflinching courage dare you and others to move from a *scared life* to a *sacred life*.




God's blessings,

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☪ **Reflecting and Acting on The Word**

How to respond when you are fear-filled, anxious? Do you respond in prayer, call a loved one/friend?

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

J U N E	
25	12th Sun OT Memorial Mass: +Jennifer Lynn Wood-Long
26	SSJ Associates gathering, 10a
27	Communion Service, 12:15p
J U L Y	
02	13th Sun OT
04	Communion Service, 12:15p Connection Create COMMUNITY
09	14th Sun OT
11	Communion Service, 12:15p
15	Men's Group Breakfast Time , 8:30a 
16	15th Sun OT
17	Give Blood Elkin Rescue Squad, 1:30-6p 
18	Communion Service, 12:15p
19	RCIA, 6:45p
20	Wise Ones Luncheon, 1p Cedarbrook C.C. Host: Karen Gochnauer 
22	CommUNITY Picnic , Elkin Presbyterian Ch, 10a
23	16th Sun OT
25	Communion Service, 12:15p
30	17th Sun OT
31	Feast of St. Ignatius of Loyola

🌱 Mass Intentions	
25	+Sue Fernandez +Jennifer Lynn Wood-Long
03	+Charles & Carol McQuade

Birthdays & Anniversaries

25 Diego Carreon
26 Daniel Reikowsky



30 Aileen Cahill
Susana Martinez



25 Jane & Matt Norman
26 Jenny & Rudy Ardizzola
27 Ellen & Richard Bernabe

PARISH DIRECTORY

HOUSEHOLD PHOTO Sessions

FINAL DATES

for HOUSEHOLD PHOTOS
INCLUDED in NEW DIRECTORY

June 25

July 2, 9, 16, 23



FLOCKNOTE

NEEDED:

Sponsorship for **FLOCKnote** & our **WEBSITE** this year.

NEEDED:

donations for our **basement repairs** & **bathroom renovation**.
Contact S. Janis.

REMINDER June Almsgiving

Catholic Social Service Regional Office

Wee Care Center

Baby toiletries, diapers (size 3-7)

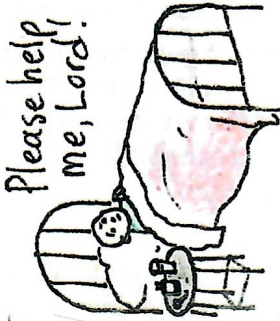
Pope Francis ~ Walking the Word

We must always walk in the presence
of the Lord, in the light of the Lord,
always trying to live
in an irreprehensible way.

Fear no one.
I am with you ALL days...

Don't Worry! God Cares About You!

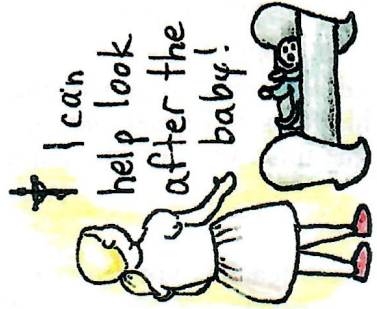
In today's Gospel, Jesus tells us not to fear those who can kill us. He tells us that God pays attention to the sparrows, who are just little birds. How much more God cares about you!



What Jesus says reminds us that we should always remember that God loves and cares for us. We don't need to live in fear, because God always wants what is best for us.

Sometimes bad things happen to us - we can become poor, we can lose friends, we can get hurt or sick. But God is still caring for us through those times. These things can help remind us of how much we need God. Just food and possessions and other people and even our health are not enough

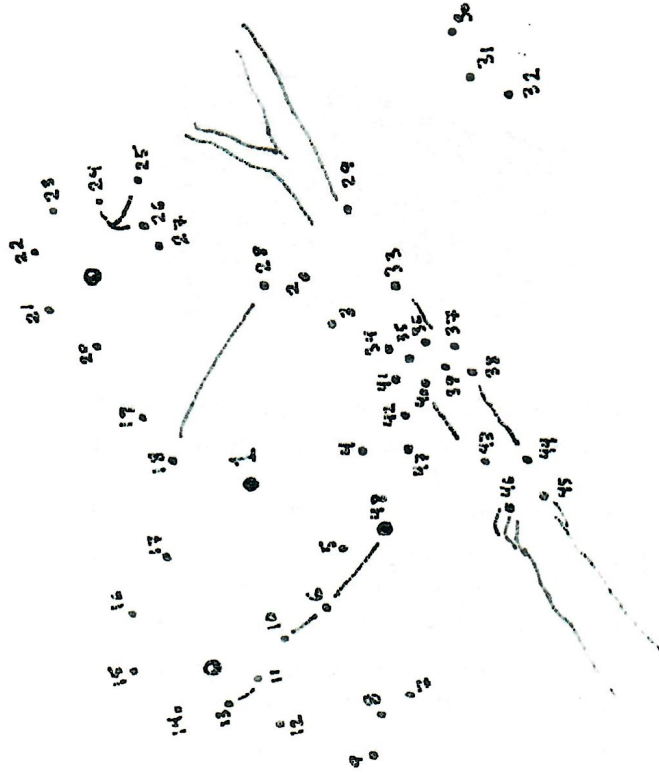
Every time you see a picture of Jesus remember that God is caring about you all the time! Thank God for God's love and do your best to share God's love with others.



Answers to Fill-in-the-Blanks: LIGHT, PROCLAIM, BODY, CANNOT, FEAR, SPARROWS, PENNY, FATHERS, OF, NOT, MORE, EVERYONE, BEFORE, BUT, God cares for you!

The Kids' Bulletin

12th Sunday in Ordinary Time
June 25th, 2023



In today's Gospel reading Jesus says that God sees even little things. What little things did He mention? Connect the dots to find out!

Saint Junipero Serra

July 1

JUNIPERO SERRA WAS BORN IN 1713 IN MAJORCA, SPAIN. HE WAS VERY INTELLIGENT AND BECAME A PRIEST AND PROFESSOR.

Should we be leaving foreign people in their ignorance?

THEN HE LEFT FOR AMERICA AND BECAME A MISSIONARY IN WESTERN MEXICO AND CALIFORNIA.

There are more unknown tribes past that hill.

EARLY IN HIS WORK HE INJURED HIS LEG. HE SUFFERED FROM IT FOR THE REST OF HIS LIFE.

I hope I can still walk!

IT'S THE MAN WHO SPEAKS OF JESUS! STILL HE WALKED HUNDREDS OF MILES, CONVERTING AND BAPTIZING THE NATIVES.

It's the man who speaks of Jesus! Still he walked hundreds of miles, converting and baptizing the natives.

HE BAPTIZED THOUSANDS AND TAUGHT THEM HOW TO FARM.

So you save the seeds from the best plants...

HE FOUNDED MANY MISSIONS INCLUDING SAN DIEGO AND SAN FRANCISCO.

We can build the church right here.

SAINT JUNIPERO WAS A ZEALOUS PREACHER AND DID A LOT OF SELF-MORTIFICATION, OFTEN PRAYING ALL NIGHT.

Lord, let my preaching be effective tomorrow!

SAINT JUNIPERO WORKED FOR MANY YEARS TO BRING THE NATIVE AMERICANS TO CHRIST, IN SPITE OF HIS BAD LEG AND THE DANGER OF BEING KILLED BY THE ENEMIES OF THE FAITH. WE CAN LEARN FROM HIM THAT GOD CAN DO GREAT THINGS THROUGH US WHEN WE DON'T GIVE UP EVEN WHEN IT HURTS.

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Fill-in-the-Blanks

Fill in the blank spaces with the words from the list. Use the letters in boxes to fill in the blanks at the end!

What I tell you in the dark, SPARROWS
 utter in the ; EVERYONE
 and what you hear whispered, PROCLAIM
 upon the FATHER'S
 housetops. And do not fear those CANNOT
 who kill the BEFORE
 but kill the soul; PENNY
 rather him who can kill LIGHT
 both body and soul in Hell. MORE
 Are not two BODY
 sold for a ? FEAR
 And not one of them will fall to the ground NOT
 without your will. BUT
 But even the hairs your head OF
 are numbered.

Fear , therefore;
 you are of value than many sparrows.

So
 who acknowledges me before men,
 I also will acknowledge

my Father who is in heaven;
 whoever denies me before men, I also
 will deny before my Father who is in heaven.