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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.*

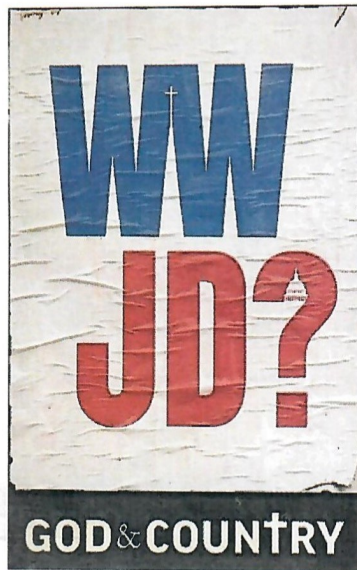
**Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA)**

*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*

**Tenth Sunday in Ordinary Time**  
**June 9, 2024**



How do we as Christians, devoted to the teaching of love, faith, and compassion, as lived and preached by Jesus, come to grips with the message of Christian Nationalism, an ideology that is ever present in the news in today's turbulent political world?

It is a provocative and unsettling issue that requires discernment and prayer, as well as education, to answer the question:

**WHAT, indeed, WOULD JESUS DO?**

**Love in Action** (a committee formed after an ecumenical retreat in the spring of 2023) hopes to inspire the conversation and will be showing **GOD & COUNTRY**, a film featuring a wide variety of well-known religious leaders discussing the impact of Christian Nationalism.

**We invite your thoughtful participation. It is important!**

**Sunday, June 23 at 4:00 pm**

**First Baptist Church, Elkin**

free and open to the public

light refreshments will be served

**Join us, please!**

*Morning Church!*

The familiar game of Hide and Seek still excites the children who play it, especially the ones who are hiding. God's question in the Genesis text, "Where are you?" has nothing to do with a game. It has everything to do with our relationship with God.

As we take first steps into the summer, we have another opportunity to reflect on where we are in our relationship with God and our Dear Neighbor. How "naked" are we as we pray to our God who really knows us. Do we hide those aspects of our lives that are most broken, embarrassing, or addicted? Or do we come to God fully transparent as to "where we are" on our faith journey?

This Genesis text is clearly an allegory of the human condition and our consistent inability to comprehend and accept God's unconditional, non-transactional love. As my sister said today in an email,

*"So much time wasted on nonsense when love is all God wants for us to experience love."*

As Paul says to the Corinthians,

*"Everything indeed is for you so that the grace bestowed in abundance on more and more people may cause the thanksgiving to overflow for the glory of God."*

Part of my teaching ministry in DC included a cross-main streaming program with students from The Kindle School of Gallaudet University. The elementary-age deaf children who came to my classroom for reading or math were excellent students, so they were given a chance to main stream. An interpreter sat on a chair between me and the students. Terry, Carl, and Matthew, who are around 55 now and I often wonder "where they are."

I thought about these young men as I reflected on our gospel. *Hearing* the Word of God and keeping it is "the line in the sand" for members of Christ's family.

Those in the Household of God are to be *Hearers, Keepers, and Doers of the Word.*

All of us can hear God's Word, regardless of our auditory status. To be kin to Jesus we must be in an intimate relationship with God, open, transparent, and honest about "where we are".

This is what it means to belong to Jesus' family.  
This is how the KINGdom of God is proclaimed out loud.

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 **HEARTwork**

*Reflecting & Acting on The Word*

*Take time each morning or evening to reflect on  
"where you are" in your relationship with God.*

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

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**Hearers**  
**Keepers**  
**Doers**  
of the  
**WORD**

J U N E	
09	10 <sup>th</sup> Sun OT 1 <sup>st</sup> Communion: Leilany Garcia & Luis Lopez
	10 Ladies Guild, 5p
11	Communion Service, 12:15p
	12 RCIA, 6p; Choir, 7p 
	13 RCIA Inquiry. 6p
16	11 <sup>th</sup> Sun OT 1 <sup>st</sup> Communion: Orlando & Natalie Trinidad
	17 Feed the Elderly Volunteer Luncheon First United Methodist Church, 1p GIVE BLOOD, Elkin Rescue Squad 1:30-6:00p
18	Communion Service, 12:15p
19	RCIA, 6p; Choir, 7p 
20	1 <sup>st</sup> Day of Summer Wise Ones Cracker Barrel, 1p Hosts: Lana & Bob Horneck 
	22 Men's Breakfast, Cracker Barrel, 8:30a
23	12 <sup>th</sup> Sun OT
25	Communion Service, 12:15p
26	Choir, 7p 
30	13 <sup>th</sup> Sun OT



Please hold in prayer  
 the **Sisters of St. Joseph**  
 during our **Chapter (June 20-30)**  
 as we elect a new **Leadership Team**  
 and set a path for the next five years.  
 Thank you!



Kendra Lawson, RN,  
 enfermera registrada, enseñará las instrucciones  
 de CPR y AED con un traductor para la  
 comunidad hispana el sábado  
 15 de junio de 2024 a las 7pm.

## RECYCLE!



You're invited to **RECYCLE** your **ink cartridges** at St. S.  
 The recycled cartridges' rewards points  
 are used buy church office supplies. Thank you!

🌿 Mass Intentions	
02	+Linda Gentili +Mary Nelson Athena & Gracis Spicer (1st Communion)
09	Leilany Garcia & Luis Lopez
16	All fathers, living and deceased SSJ Chapter
23	+Grace Jenkins

## Birthdays & Anniversaries



10 Ermiliano Mata	19 Rob Worley
11 Maddox LaCashio	21 Sheldon Chanes
11 Joey Lopez	25 Diego Carreon
12 Roxana Hernandez	30 Daniel Reikowsky
13 Adrian Martinez	30 Aileen Cahill
16 Pauline Sener	30 Susana Martinez
10 Sonia & Sixto DeJesus	22 Debbie & Phillip Parrish
15 Wendy & Jason McClamrock	25 Jane & Matt Norman
18 Holly & Keith Stringer	26 Jenny & Rudy Ardizzola

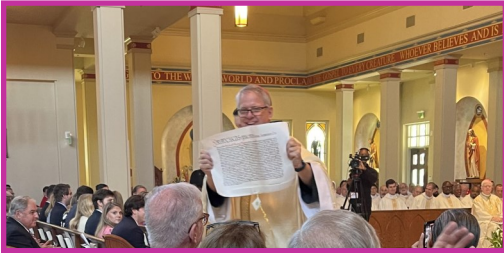
...to Doris for making corsages for Athena &  
 Gracie Spicer, Leilany Garcia, Luis Lopez,  
 Orlando & Natalie Trinidad this month...  
 ...our Ladies Guild who hosted Grace  
 Jenkins' reception...to Alan & Alex Lara,  
 and Melia Orta for their faithfulness  
 to the Ministry of Acolyte...and to Owen  
 Wagoner who will begin this ministry...  
 ...for all of you, who, behind the scenes  
 serving in Jesus' Name.. **Thank you!**



*Welcome back,  
 Mary Harper!  
 Continued blessings!*



*Welcome,  
Michael Martin, OFM, Conv.  
5th Bishop of Charlotte  
!*



**Bishop Michael goes through the church displaying his appointment from Pope Francis.**



**LAYING  
ON OF  
HANDS**



**THE RING:  
SYMBOL  
OF  
THE BISHOP'S  
FIDELITY  
TO THE  
CHURCH**



**THE BOOK OF THE GOSPELS  
IS HELD OVER THE HEAD  
OF THE BISHOP  
ILLUSTRATING THE IMPORTANCE  
OF  
PREACHING THE GOSPEL.**

**THE MITER:  
SYMBOL  
OF THE  
BISHOP'S  
RESOLVE TO PURSUE  
THE VIRTUE  
OF HOLINESS**



**THE CROZIER: (PASTORAL STAFF)  
SYMBOLIZES SHEPHERD'S STAFF  
& BISHOP'S DUTY TO GUIDE  
THE FLOCK ENTRUSTED TO HIM.**

# Does Being Famous Matter?

Today's Gospel reading tells us that Jesus' relatives were trying to get close to Him when there was a huge crowd. But Jesus didn't get up to see them or make the other people go away. He kept teaching the people around Him. He said to them, "Who are my mother and my brothers? Here are my mother and my brothers. Whoever does the will of God is my brother and sister and mother."



Do you know why Jesus said that? He was telling us that knowing important people or being related to important people doesn't matter at all. What matters is that we love Jesus and do what He asks.

**BE LIKE  
JESUS**

Do you sometimes wish that you were very important or popular? Being well-known isn't a bad thing, but being good is much more important than being famous. God wants us to be humble and happy loving Him and doing what we are supposed to, no matter how important we seem to others.

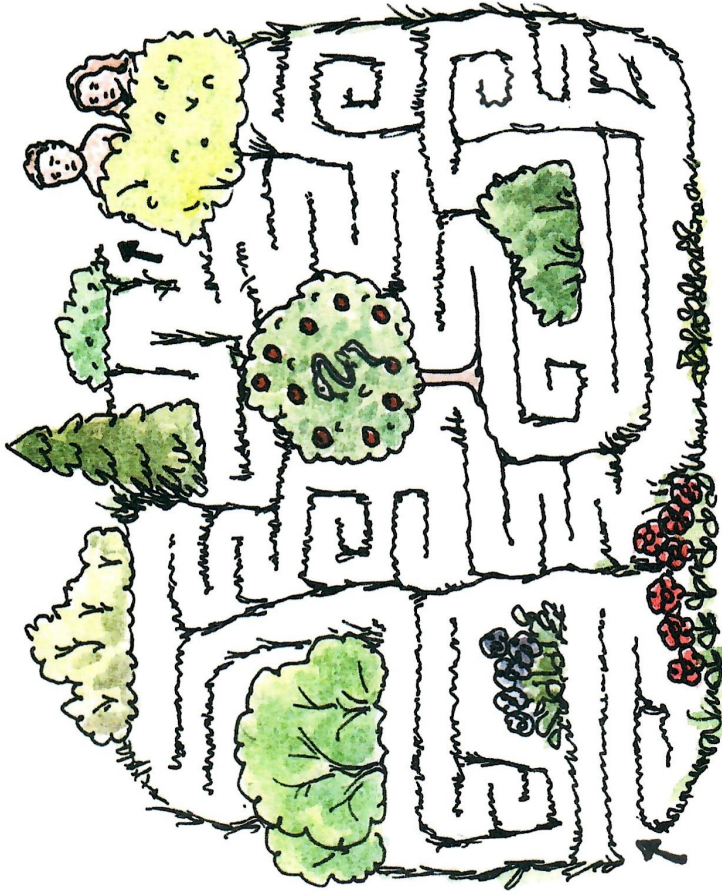


**HUMBLE  
KIND**

*You are very important to God!*

# The Kids' Bulletin

10th Sunday in Ordinary Time  
June 9th, 2024



*In today's first reading Adam and Eve tried to hide from God because they had sinned and were ashamed. But God still loved them and He came and talked to them. Can you find them?*

Answers to Cross-Word:  
ACROSS: 3. may 4. city 6. Lord 9. ears 10. dawn 13. He 15. stand 17. word 18. forgiveness  
DOWN: 1. my 2. voice 3. mark 5. redemption 7. depths 8. in 11. with 12. kindness 14. who  
16. trust 17. wait

# Saint Germaine

June 15

GERMAINE WAS BORN IN FRANCE IN THE 1500'S. HER MOTHER DIED WHEN SHE WAS A BABY AND HER STEP-MOTHER WAS CRUEL TO HER.

*You can eat when we're done.*

GERMAINE WAS SICKLY SO HER STEPMOTHER MADE HER SLEEP IN THE BARN, AWAY FROM HER OWN CHILDREN.

*I don't want to be my baby getting sick!*

*Make a bed for yourself in the barn.*

GERMAINE LEARNED THE CATECHISM AND FORGAVE HER STEP-MOTHER.

*Jesus said, "Blessed are you who are persecuted..."*

LOOKING AFTER THE SHEEP, SHE WOULD SAY THE ROSARY AND TEACH CHILDREN.

*Tell us a story!*

WHEN GERMAINE WENT TO MASS SHE LEFT THE SHEEP BUT THEY WERE ALWAYS SAFE!

SHE GAVE FOOD TO BEGGARS, BUT WHEN HER STEPMOTHER BEAT HER FOR TAKING FOOD HER APRON WAS FULL OF FLOWERS!

*How dare you... oh!*

GRADUALLY PEOPLE STARTED TO BE MORE KIND TO GERMAINE, BUT SHE CHOSE TO LIVE IN POVERTY ANYWAY. SHE DIED ON HER STRAW BED AT AGE 22.

*You can stay in our spare room if you like.*

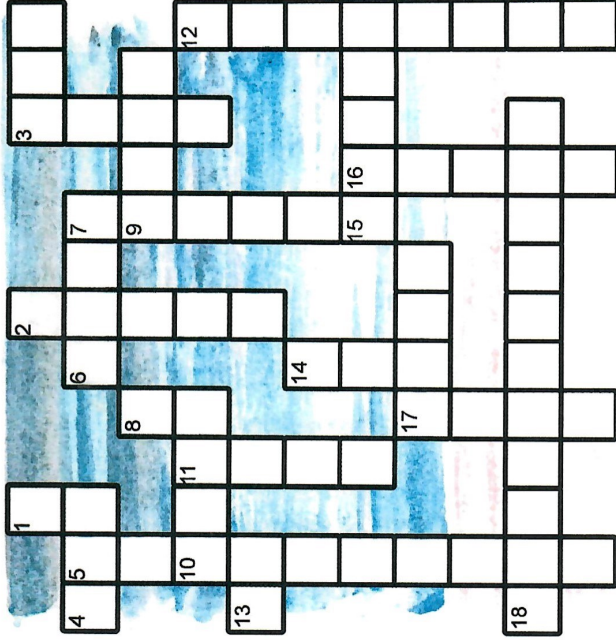
*I'm okay, but thanks!*

GERMAINE DID NOT SEEM IMPORTANT. SHE WAS NOT A RELIGIOUS OR A MISSIONARY OR A QUEEN. SHE BECAME HOLY BY BELIEVING IN GOD, LOVING HIM AND FORGIVING THOSE WHO WERE CRUEL TO HER. WE CAN THINK ABOUT HER WHEN PEOPLE ARE MEAN TO US. REMEMBER THAT SAINTS, LIKE JESUS, ARE FORGIVING.

# Psalm 130 Cross-Word

See if you can find the missing words from today's Psalm and put them in the puzzle!

A = across  
D = down



Out of the \_\_\_\_\_ (7D) I \_\_\_\_\_ (4A) to you, O LORD; \_\_\_\_\_ (6A), hear my voice!

Let your \_\_\_\_\_ (9A) be attentive to my \_\_\_\_\_ (2D) in supplication.

If you, O LORD, \_\_\_\_\_ (3D) iniquities, LORD, \_\_\_\_\_ (14D) can \_\_\_\_\_ (15A)?

But with you is \_\_\_\_\_ (18A), that you \_\_\_\_\_ (3A) be revered.

I \_\_\_\_\_ (16D) in the LORD; \_\_\_\_\_ (1D) soul trusts \_\_\_\_\_ (8D) his \_\_\_\_\_ (17A).

More than sentinels wait for the \_\_\_\_\_ (10A), let Israel \_\_\_\_\_ (17D) for the LORD.

For \_\_\_\_\_ (11D) the LORD is \_\_\_\_\_ (12D) and with him is plenteous \_\_\_\_\_ (5D) and \_\_\_\_\_ (13A) will redeem Israel

from all their iniquities.