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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*

**Second Sunday of Advent**  
**December 18, 2022**

The Yadkin Arts Council Presents

# Handel's Messiah

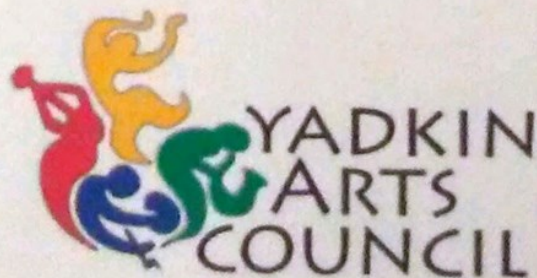
Sunday, December 18th, 2022

3:00 PM

Yadkinville United Methodist Church  
204 West Main Street  
Yadkinville, NC 27055

Free Admission

Featuring the Yadkin Community Chorus





**St. Stephen là gia đình của bạn!**

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

**Cha Long sẽ ở St. Stephen**

**Chủ nhật, ngày 1 tháng 8, 2:00p**

**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.**

## *Our Lady of Guadalupe Photos*

**(L-R) p. 1**

**Gathering in FLC for a delicious meal & a Our Lady of Guadalupe.**

**Natalie Lopez reads the introduction.**

**We gather in church.**

**Scriptural Rosary**

**Margarita Serafin leads a decade of the Rosary.**

**Lupe Reyes prays the blessing.**

**Beth Orta proclaims the Word.**

**Morgan Orta proclaims the Word.**

**Roxana Hernandez, Alex Lara-Serafin, and Lupe Hernandez  
hold the Rosary made my the Faith Formation Youth.**

**(L-R) p.2**

**Alex Lara-Serafin holds part of the Rosary he helped make.**

**Youth Group Diana Rodriguez and Ania Trejo,  
and Braulio Mata lead a decade of the Rosary.**

**Leillany & Eric Garcia wear their Mexican dress;**

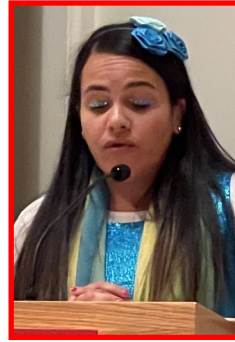
**Eric is dressed a St. Juan Diego, to whom**

**Our Lady of Guadalupe appeared.**

**Natalie Lopez danced her prayer to Mary,  
a custom of her native Puerto Rico.**

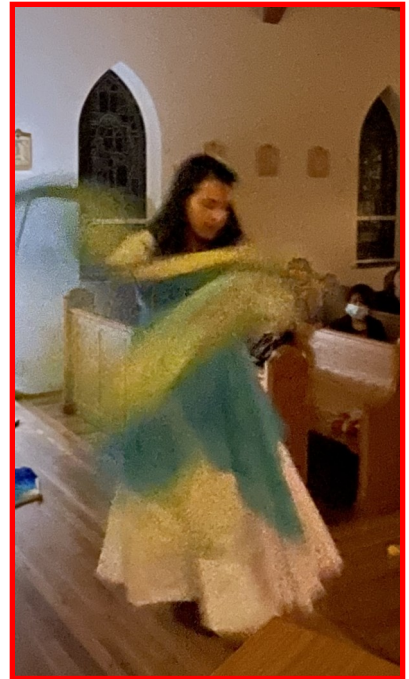
**Group photo of the Faith Formation Youth.**

**(Notice the beautiful Mexican dress on S. Janis;  
it's a gift from Veronica, Marcelino, Orlando,  
Natalia & Andy Trinidad)**



*We Honor  
Our Lady  
of Guadalupe*







*How silently,  
 How silently  
 the wondrous gift is given.  
 Let us be silent, joyful people,  
 O Emmanuel,  
 and expectant...  
 that we may receive  
 the gift we need,  
 so that we may become  
 the gifts others need.  
 Amen+*

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**🕯️ Reflecting and Acting on The Word**

*When you are anxious,  
 do you turn to God in prayer?*

*How do you see yourself in Joseph?*

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

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Morning Church!

Recently, I read a insightful piece on St. Joseph by Greg Kandra, husband, deacon, author, journalist, and blogger. Kandra shares the experience of the artist James Tissot when he ventured into a church and had a “profound religious experience”, which radically changed him and influenced his artistic direction. After this encounter, his art would depict the Bible’s spiritual and religious themes, mostly of the life of Christ.

The next page show Tissot’s “*The Anxiety of Joseph*”. Joseph, the carpenter, is seen at his work table, encircled by wood planks and shavings scattered about, just like his tools. (Not the workspace of an SSJ!). Notice how cramped his workspace is, like the current office cubicles!

In the foreground is a bustling Nazareth street full of folks doing business. There, in the middle of the noisy hustling of town is a pensive portrait of Joseph, with his chin propping up his beared face, and is very deep in thought.

Is this the moment after his engagement to Mary?

Is this the moment after Mary shares she is with child and is leaving to care for Elizabeth, who is also expecting?

Is this the day before or after his dreamy message from God invites him to marry Mary and foster a child not his own?

Is this one of the many moments Joseph struggles to come to terms with a new “yes” on his faithjourney?

Is this the moment he decides to protect the woman he loves from public scandal and marry her?

Is this the moment he strains past his apprehensions, the liminal moment between his heart-wrenching anxiety and his “yes” to God and Mary?

Joseph, like all fathers, often have their hearts riddled with anxiety. Since there are no recorded words of Joseph in the Bible, the *Prayer of Imagination* is a way to experience what Joseph might be thinking and feeling in Tissot’s portrait ~ and throughout his life.

See Joseph standing vigil at the edge of the manger, eyes fixed on Mary and Jesus. It’s great for Christmas card sales. Yet, Joseph’s faithjourney is more consistent with Tissot’s image of him than that of the calmly Christmas scene.

What about the moment he discovered he must travel to Bethlehem with his new wife who could give birth at any time?

What about his second dream, alerting him to go immediately to Egypt to avoid Jesus being slaughtered among the Holy Innocents?

What about being uproot from home, becoming a refugee, an immigrant starting his carpenter business over again in a land of foreign customs and language with new bride and infant Christ?



Joseph is a model father for all today, and for all of us in a perpetual “Age of Anxiety”!

Like many of us, he found himself far from his family and other support systems.

How would he care for his family in the foreign land, confronted economic uncertainty, and prejudice?

Joseph felt anxiety and perhaps terror in the realization that immigrants in Egypt often were taken captive and forced into slave labor.

He’d just escaped Herod’s murdering wrath and now he faces new dangers that are equally horrifying.

Like Joseph, most fathers today encounter similar fears.  
What about the basic anxiety of becoming a father?

Would he have the wisdom and strength to make life-giving choices for his family and to live and lead by example?

Like other fathers, the life he dreamed of is not the life he’s called to live.

Confusion, doubts, uncertainty, fear ~ and yes ~ anxiety are major moments of grace for Joseph ~ and all of us.

If you’ve ever asked yourself: how will I get through this moment of anxiety, fear, or doubt, you are Joseph.  
Just follow his example of resilient faith, trust, humility, generosity, and prayerfulness.


This month we honor the resilient faith, trust, humility, generosity, and prayerfulness of women and men religious who have and are serving throughout God’s Neighborhood. Their presence among the People of God proclaims Emmanuel, God-With-Us, every day of the year. They are the ones who are out doing spiritual triage, stretching themselves, despite their own anxieties, to serve as God’s visible grace. They are God’s light, life, and love among us. They, like Joseph, lead by the example of their years of selfless service. Like Joseph, they are the “silent partner” in the church family, yet theirs is a lasting legacy of inclusive love, compassion, and devotion.

If a religious sister, brother, or priest made a loving impact on your life, call or write to them today. Let them know you appreciate their decades of loving ministry and presence. If they have gone before us to their eternal reward, ask God to bless them with life everlasting. Through the Retirement Fund for Religious, an annual collection in the U.S., you can give back to those who’ve given a lifetime. Thank you for that and so much more!

*Come, Lord Jesus, Come!*

*spanis*



D E C E M B E R	
18	<b>4th Sun Advent</b> 9a Mass; Faith Formation after Mass
19	Zoom, 4:00-5:30p
20	Communion Service, 12:15p
21	RCIA, 6:45P
24	 <i>Christmas Eve Mass. 4p</i>
25	<i>Christmas Day Mass. 9a</i>
26	<i>Feast of St. Stephen</i> <i>St. Stephen, pray for us!</i>
27	Feast of St. John, Evangelist Communion Service, 12:15p
28	Feast of Holy Innocents
30	Feast of the Holy Family
J A N U A R Y	
01	<i>Happy New YOU. 2023!</i> <i>Feast Mary, Mother of God</i> <i>Mass ~ 9:00a</i>



<i>Christmas Flowers</i>	
Barb & Bob DeJohn	DeJohn & Bills Families
Ronnie Krakovsky	Irene & Joe Krakovsky & Family
Margarita Serafin & Guillermo Lara	Serafin & Lara Families
Jusselly Gonzalez & Sergio Loyola	Gabriel Loyola-Gonzalez Gonzalez & Loyola Families
Lou Stackhouse	Jeff Stackhouse & Family
Doris Watson	Watson & Langlois Families

🌿 Mass Intentions	
12/18	Cheri Lawrence r/b Dianne Crawford +Mary Hinson +Kathleen Hyer
12/24	St. Stephen Parishioners +Gloria Garcia Barrientos
12/25	St. Stephen Parishioners Gabriel Loyola Gonzalez

Parish Celebrations	
18 Gracie Spicer	26 Judy Simon
19 Karen Hosking	27 Gabriel Loyola Diana Rodriguez
20 Tom Cirone	28 Bob DeJohn
21 Sixto DeJesus Andy Trinidad	29 Lukas McClamrock
18 Jackie & Bryan Wagoner	
22 Hilda & Joel Lopez	
23 Elia & Luis Martinez	

**Thank you...**

**2022 Giving Tree Outreach**  
*Your generous response is greatly appreciated!*

...Ladies Guild who set up our indoor Nativity scenes...

...Lupe Hernandez and Natalie Lopez who prepared the Our Lady of Guadalupe celebration...

**Hospitality:**  
Catalina Campechano-Hernandez (tamalas and champurrado), Natalie Lopez (chips and dip), Margarita Serafin-Lara (hot chocolate), Luisa Rodriguez (Atole), Ines Trejo (homemade cake)

**Rosary Leaders:**  
Braulio Mata-Reyes, Ania Trejo-Chavez, Diana Rodriguez-Gonzalez, Margarita Serafin-Lara

**Proclaimers of the Word:**  
Morgan & Beth Orta

**Rosary Holders:**  
Allan & Alex Lara, Roxana & Dalilah Hernandez, Melia Orta, Lupe Reyes, & Orlando Trinidad

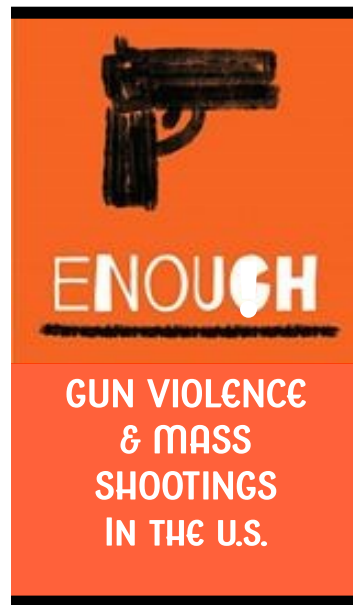
**Dance Honoring Our Lady of Guadalupe:**  
Natalie Lopez

**Closing Blessing Prayer:**  
Lupe Reyes



*Thank You...  
to all who participated  
in  
Our Lady of Guadalupe  
and  
Las Posadas  
Prayer Services...  
...to Natalie Lopez &  
Lupe Reyes  
who prepared  
the prayer services...  
...all who participated...  
...to our Youth  
who lead the services...*

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



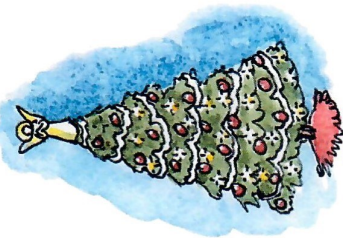
**TRI-COUNTY CHRISTIAN MINISTRIES**  
SMALL SIZE IS BEST AS WELL AS PURCHASING NON-BRAND NAMES.



**St. Stephen  
Monthly Donation**

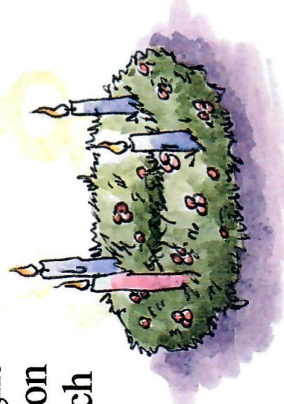
**DECEMBER  
Dry Beans**

# Jesus' Birthday is almost here!

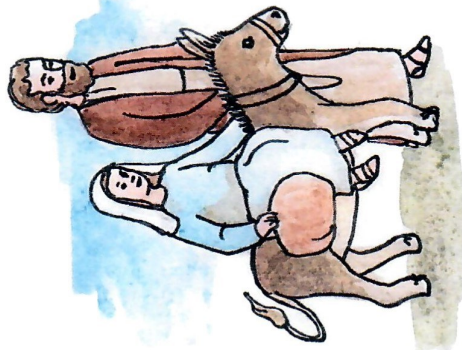


Now there is only a week left until Christmas!

In today's Gospel reading God gave St. Joseph a special job: to take care of Mary and the baby Jesus. St. Joseph thought he was just an ordinary person and didn't expect to have such an important responsibility, but he did what God asked.



God has given us a responsibility too. We have to love Jesus as much as we can. How can you love and honour Jesus at Christmas time? If your family has a nativity scene you can pray to Jesus while you look at it. Right now you have a few days left to get ready for Jesus' birthday. Ask St. Joseph to help you prepare for Jesus' coming.



# The Kids' Bulletin

Fourth Sunday of Advent  
December 18th, 2022

Divina fo nos, hysob  
stat of rast tan ob  
,stiw moy zo yram  
zi dchm tatt rot  
zi red ni beviscoco  
firiqz yloft ght fo  
,noz o rast llim ght  
llac llatz moy bap  
zuzoz sman zid



An angel appeared to Joseph in a dream and told him what God wanted him to do. What did the angel say?  
Look in a mirror to find out!

Answers to Cross-Word: Across: 2. Sheol 6. Immanuel  
7. deep 8. the 10. virgin 12. child. Down: 1. name 3. house  
4. man 5. Heaven 7. David 9. high 11. God

# Saint John of Kanty

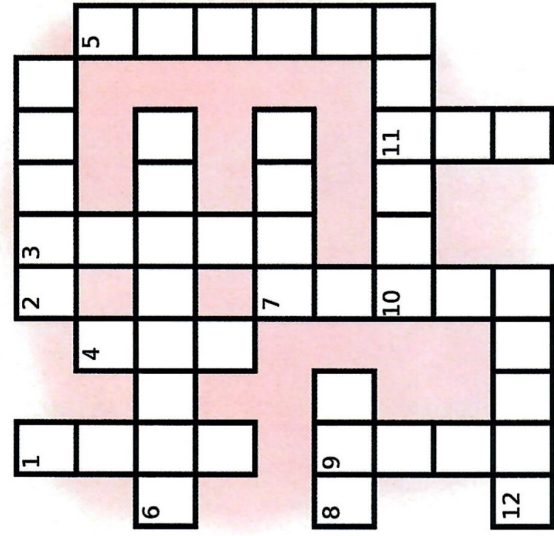
December 23



SAINT JOHN TOLD PEOPLE TO FIGHT AGAINST ERROR WITH LOVE. WE CAN LEARN FROM HIS LIFE THAT WE SHOULD BE GENEROUS AND KIND TO DRAW PEOPLE TO JESUS. SOMETIMES THE PEOPLE WON'T LISTEN RIGHT AWAY, BUT IF WE PERSEVERE IN BEING KIND TO THEM, THEY WILL EVENTUALLY CHANGE.

# Isaiah 7 Cross-Word

Find the words that fit into the spaces in today's first reading, and then fit them into the puzzle. A=Across and D=Down.



- HOUSE
- VIRGIN
- HIGH
- SHEOL
- CHILD
- THE
- DAVID
- HEAVEN
- NAME
- DEEP
- IMMANUEL
- GOD
- MAN

8A LORD spoke to Ahaz, "Ask a sign of the LORD your 11D; let it be 7A as

2A or 9D as 5D." But

Ahaz said, "I will not ask, and I will not put the LORD to the test." And he said, "Hear then, O

3D of 7D! Is it too little for you

to weary 4D, that you weary my God

also? Therefore the Lord himself will

give you this sign: the 10A

shall be with 12A, and bear a

son, and shall 1D him

6A.

