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St. John

Temoc Herrejon Faith Formation
Ann Stone RCIA
Joel Everett Music

St. Stephen

S. Janis McQuade, S.S.J. Faith Formation
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, sharing our time, talent, and treasure in life-giving ways.

To register and get more information: go to our website: www.StStephenNC.org

Sacrament Preparation (Baptism, 1st Communion, Reconciliation (Penance), or Matrimony)
Call S. Janis (336) 835-4542

Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA)

Offered for adults who desire to explore the Catholic Faith, spirituality, rites, and practices.

Sacrament of Anointing and Pastoral Care

If you or someone you know is desirous of God's healing and would like to receive the sacred anointing, contact S. Janis.

Thirty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time

November 17, 2024

ONE
NATION
UNDER
GOD

Prayer After an Election

God of all nations,
 Father of the human family,
 we give you thanks
 for the freedom we exercise
 and the many blessings
 of democracy we enjoy
 in these United States of America.

We ask for your protection
 and guidance for all
 who devote themselves
 to the common good,
 working for justice and peace
 at home and around the world.

We lift up
 all our duly elected leaders
 and public servants,
 those who will serve us as president,
 as legislators and judges,
 those in the military
 and law enforcement.

Heal us from our differences
 and unite us, O Lord,
 with a common purpose,
 dedication, and commitment
 to achieve liberty and justice
 in the years ahead for all people,
 and especially those
 who are most vulnerable
 in our midst.

U.S. Catholic Conference of Bishops' Conference



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at CHURCH!!

RECYCLE IN THE LOBBY.

Thank you!



| Tri-C Christian Crisis Ministries | |
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| NOV | Bar soap |
| DEC | Dry beans |

*Heal us from our differences
 and unite us, O Lord,
 with a common purpose,
 dedication, and commitment
 to achieve liberty and justice...*

El cielo y la tierra pasarán, pero mis palabras no pasarán.

¡Buenos días, Iglesia!

Nuestros queridos vecinos de todo el país, especialmente en el Sudeste, y los de Ucrania y Gaza, ya han experimentado el “fin de los tiempos”. Su apocalipsis está a la vista. Sus “días de tribulación” continúan desgarrando sus corazones de maneras que no podemos imaginar desde la comodidad y la continuidad de nuestras rutinas diarias.

Los momentos apocalípticos ocurren constantemente y han ocurrido en “cada generación”. Por ejemplo, cuando Pauline se enfermó durante la Misa el fin de semana pasado, todo se detuvo. Todos esperamos y oramos por ella y por la rápida llegada de los paramédicos. Ese momento tuvo un significado espiritual para todos nosotros. El acontecimiento apocalíptico de Paulina hizo que todos prestáramos atención a nuestra propia fragilidad, mortalidad, y a nuestra propia muerte no tan lejana.

Seamos realistas. Nada en esta vida es permanente, ni nuestras vidas, ni nuestras relaciones, ni nuestras posesiones, ni nuestros logros, éxitos o incluso nuestros fracasos. Reconocer esta verdad debería hacernos discriminar espiritualmente las decisiones que tomamos o evitamos. En estos “últimos tiempos” podemos preguntarnos: ¿Cómo mi vida ha sumado o restado a la de los demás o la Creación? ¿Qué he construido en mi vida que no “pasará”? ¿Cuál es el legado de mi viaje de fe?

“El cielo y la tierra pasarán, pero mis palabras no” tiene como objetivo ser aleccionador, provocador y motivador para nosotros en nuestro viaje de fe. Lo que hacemos, pensamos y decimos, a quién abrazamos en nuestro corazón y a quién excluimos, las lecciones que hemos aprendido y las lecciones repetitivas y correctivas que Dios continúa ofreciéndonos son momentos de gracias y oportunidades para nuestra conversión continua.

Los espiritualmente conscientes se dan cuenta de que la Segunda Venida de Cristo es cada momento en la vida de los creyentes. Nosotros, El Cuerpo de Cristo, somos la Segunda Venida visible de Cristo. Somos Uno que estamos esperando, somos la presencia visible de Cristo aquí y ahora.

Estamos llamados a servir como técnicos de emergencias médicas dondequiera que estén nuestros pies; proporcionar el “oxígeno” de la fe a aquellos cuya fe necesita una mejor manera de respirar; ser el toque sanador de la Presencia para aquellos que están aislados y solos; o ser una “ambulancia” que les ofrezca compañía en este camino de fe.

Mientras el EMT Divino atiende nuestras tribulaciones, nuestro quebrantamiento y nuestra incapacidad de vivir en amor con aquellos que Dios ama, podemos aferrarnos a lo que es y siempre será verdad: Aquel en quien esperamos y en quien depositamos toda nuestra confianza, es con nosotros en cada momento apocalíptico. La invitación y el desafío para nosotros es ser nuestros Queridos Vecinos compañeros y fuente de confianza y esperanza.

El cielo y la tierra pasarán,
pero mis palabras no pasarán.

En comunidad,



Reflexionando sobre la Palabra

¿Cómo mi vida ha sumado o restado a la de los demás o la Creación?

¿Qué he construido en mi vida que no “pasará”?

¿Cuál es el legado de mi viaje de fe?

Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away.

Morning, Church!

Our Dear Neighbors across the country, especially in the Southeast, and those in Ukraine and Gaza, have experienced “end times” already. Their apocalypse is on full display. Their “days of tribulation” continue to wrench their hearts in ways we cannot image from the comfort and uninterrupted of our daily routines.

Apocalyptic moments are constantly occurring and have occurred in “every generation”. For example, when Pauline fell sick during Mass last weekend, everything stopped. All of us waited and prayed for her and the swift arrival of the EMTs. That moment had spiritual meaning for all of us. Pauline’s apocalyptic event made all of us pay attention to our own fragility, mortality and our own not-so-distant death.

Let’s be real. Nothing about this life is permanent, not our lives, not our relationships, not our possessions, accomplishments, successes, or even our failures. Acknowledging this truth ought to cause us to be spiritually discriminating about the choices we make or avoid. In these “end times” we can ask: How has my life added to or subtracted from others, from Creation? What have I built in my life that will not “pass away”? What is th legacy of my faithjourney?

“Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not” is intended to be sobering, provoking, and motivating for us on our faithjourney. What we do, think, and say, who we embrace in our hearts and who we exclude, the lessons we’ve learned and the repetitive, remedial lessons God continues to offer us are all moments of graces and opportunities for our ongoing conversion.

The Spiritually Mindful realize The Second Coming of Christ is every moment in the life of the believer. We as the Body of Christ, are the visible image of the Second Coming of Christ. We are the One we are waiting for, we are Christ’s visible presence here and now.

We are called to serve as EMTs wherever our feet are; to provide the “oxygen” of faith to those whose faith needs a better way to breathe; to be the healing touch of Presence for those who are isolated and lonely; or to be an “ambulance” that offers them companionship on this faithjourney..

As the Divine EMT tends to our tribulations, our brokenness and our inability to live in love with those God loves, we can hold fast to what is and always will be true: The One we hope in and place all our trust in, is with us in every apocalyptic moment. The invitation and the challenge for us is to be our Dear Neighbors’ companion and source of trust and hope.

Heaven and earth will pass away,
but my words will not pass away.

In CommUNITY,



 *Reflecting on the Word*

How has my life added to or subtracted from others, from Creation?

What have I built in my life that will not “pass away”?

What is th legacy of my faithjourney?

| NOVEMBER | |
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| 01 | <i>All Saints Day</i> Mass, 7p |
| 03 | <i>All Souls Day / Dia de la Muertos</i> |
| 03 | 31st Sun OT Faith Formation ~ Parents & Youth, After Mass, FLC |
| 05 | Communion Service, 12:15p; RCIA I, 6:30p |
| 06 | RCIA II, 6:30p; Choir, 7p |
| 10 | 32nd Sun OT Faith Formation ~ Parents & Youth, After Mass, FLC |
| 11 | Adult Faith Formation <i>Pre-planning Your Mass of Christian Burial, 5p</i> ~ FLC |
| 12 | The Chosen, 10a Communion Service, 12:15p; RCIA I, 6:30p |
| 15 | <i>Remembering the El Salvador Martyrs</i> |
| 16 | Men's Breakfast, Cracker Barrel, 8:30a |
| 17 | 33rd Sun OT Faith Formation ~ Parents & Youth, After Mass, FLC |
| 18 | Give Blood Elkin Rescue Squad, 1:30-6:00p Ladies Guild, 5p |
| 19 | The Chosen, 10a Communion Service, 12:15p; RCIA I, 6:30p |
| 20 | RCIA II, 6:30p; Choir, 7p |
| 21 | Wise Ones @ Theo's, 1p; Jane & Rob W. hosting |
| 22 | Alaska Fish Dinner, 6:00-8:00p, FLC |
| 24 | <i>Feast of Christ, King of the Universe</i> Faith Formation ~ Parents & Youth, After Mass, FLC |
| 26 | The Chosen, 10a Communion Service, 12:15p; RCIA II, 6:30p |
| 27 | RCIA II, 6:30p; Choir, 7p |
| 28 | Happy Thanksgiving! |



ALASKA FISH DINNER & RICE

Friday, Nov. 22

6:00p ~ Family Life Center

SIGN UP for LIMITED SEATING

You bring the sides: small portions

of coleslaw, salad, dessert;

sweet and unsweet tea

| NOV MASS INTENTIONS | |
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| 03 | +Michael W. Golden; deceased family members, parishioners, and Sisters of St. Joseph |
| 10 | Marianne McQuade All Veterans, living and deceased |

Birthdays & Anniversary



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| 02 Jackie Wagoner | 14 Veronica Trinidad |
| 03 Eric Barrientos Barbara Rhinehart | 18 Ania Trejo |
| 04 Bill Bresse Arelis Hadfield | 21 Ronnie Krakovsky |
| 05 Shayla Ange | 22 America Lopez |
| 09 Debbie Parrish | 18 Athena Spicer |
| 10 Richard Bernabe | 24 Lupe Hernandez-Reyes |
| | 25 Victor Bustos, Jr. |
| | 26 Victor Bustos, Sr. |
| | 28 Stephen Faust |
| 04 Roseamelia & Matthew Kelly | 13 Ayda & Sheldon Chanes |
| 07 Rosa & Gerardo Parral | 16 Ramona & Jim Doyle |
| | 17 Epi & Julian Cortez |

¡MANY THANKS!
¡MUCHAS GRACIAS!

...blessings & gratitude to all who contributed winter items: blankets, sweatshirts, hats and gloves to our dear neighbors in W. NC...to Mary B, Aileen C and Jacquie D, who cared for Pauline while awaiting the EMTs arrival and John Orta for the reverential camera refocus on the crucifix this time...*Thank you!*

...a Mary B, Aileen C y Jacquie D, quienes cuidaron de Pauline mientras esperaban la llegada de los paramédicos y a John Orta por para que la cámara reverencial vuelva a enfocar el crucifijo esta vez...bendiciones y gratitud a todos los que contribuyeron con artículos de invierno: mantas, sudaderas, gorros y guantes para nuestros queridos vecinos en W. NC...¡Gracias!

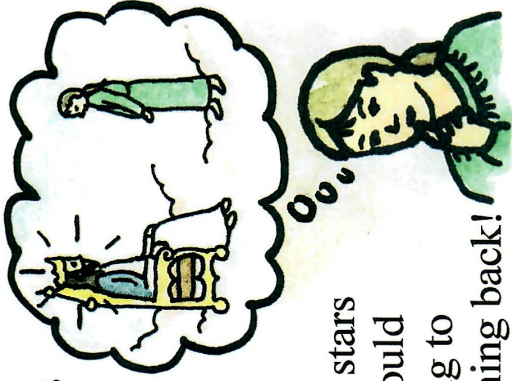
Pope Francis ~ Walking the Word

Be generous with others; greed is a sickness of the heart, not of the wallet. A charitable attitude opens the heart and helps us to be kinder. The enemy that works against generosity is consumerism ~ buying *more than* we need.

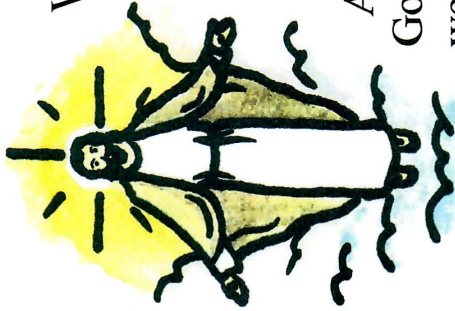
Generosity enlarges the heart and helps us be magnanimous.

The End...

The readings in today's Mass tell us about some of the things that will happen at the end of the world. It seems pretty scary- the sun and moon will stop shining and the stars will fall down. But it should also be a very happy thing to think about- Jesus is coming back!



When the end of this world comes, all the good people will go to live with God and will be completely happy forever!

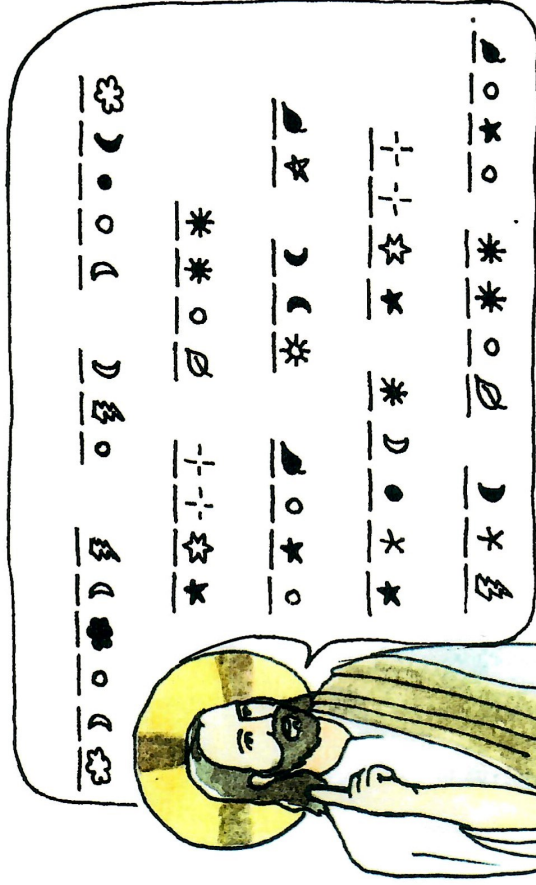


As long as we stay close to God and keep away from sin, we can be happy when the end of the world comes. Are you ready for it?

Answer to puzzle on front page: Heaven and earth will pass away but my words will not pass away.
 Answer to Daniel's Prophecy Word-Find: the end of time.

The Kids' Bulletin

33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time
 November 17th, 2024



In today's Gospel reading Jesus tells the disciples what will happen at the end of time.

Mark 13:24-32

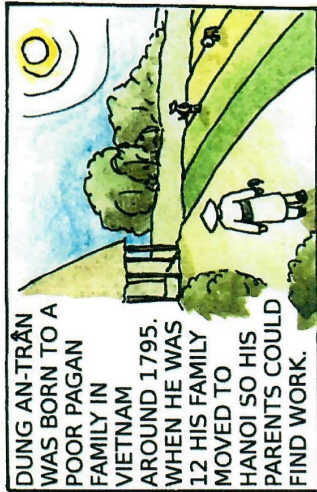
The sun and moon will become dark and the stars will fall down from the sky, and then Jesus will come back.

What else does he say?
 Use this code to find out!

A B D E H I L M N O P R S T U V W Y
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Saint Andrew Dung-Lac & Companions

November 24



DUNG AN-TRẦN WAS BORN TO A POOR PAGAN FAMILY IN VIETNAM AROUND 1795. WHEN HE WAS 12 HIS FAMILY MOVED TO HANOI SO HIS PARENTS COULD FIND WORK.

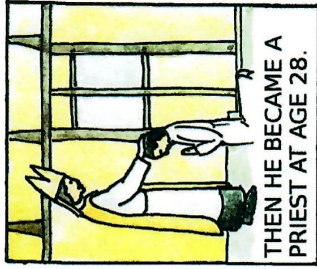


IN HANOI HE WAS TAUGHT AND CARED FOR BY A CATECHIST. (SOMEONE WHO TEACHES THE FAITH)

Tell me about Jesus!



AFTER LEARNING ABOUT THE FAITH HE WAS BAPTIZED WITH THE NAME ANDREW.



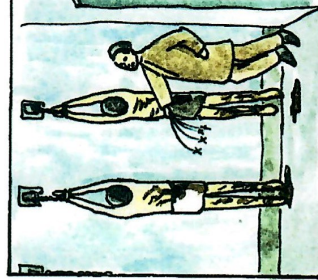
THEN HE BECAME A PRIEST AT AGE 28.



FR. ANDREW WAS A TIRELESS PREACHER AND FASTED OFTEN.



BUT THE EMPEROR HATED CHRISTIANS AND FR. ANDREW WAS ARRESTED, ALONG WITH A PRIEST HE WAS VISITING.



THEY WERE SET FREE FOR A LITTLE WHILE, BUT SOON WERE RE-ARRESTED. THEY SUFFERED EXTREME TORTURES AND WERE FINALLY BEHEADED ON DECEMBER 21, 1839.

GOD WANTS ALL PEOPLE TO COME TO KNOW HIM. THAT IS WHY HE SENDS MISSIONARIES ALL OVER THE WORLD TO SPREAD THE FAITH. SAINT ANDREW BECAME A CATHOLIC BECAUSE OF THE MISSIONARIES THAT RISKED THEIR LIVES TO BRING GOD TO HIS PEOPLE. WE SHOULD ALWAYS PRAY FOR THE MISSIONARIES!

Daniel's Prophecy Word-Find

What was Daniel talking about? Find all the words from the reading that are in CAPITALS. The leftover letters will give you the answer.

L I V E B E G A N T M H
F O R E V E R W H O I S
W N E V E H E A R D C P
I A D E S C A P E I H L
S T A R S N T R I D S A E
E I O I N H W R I T T E N
A O I N I O A N F R L D
R N E N T R C L E M O
T S L E E P I E O S A R
H O R R O R S I R S N M
J U S T I C E E D A Y S

In those DAYS, I, DANIEL, HEARD this word of the LORD: "At that time there shall ARISE MICHAEL, the GREAT PRINCE, guardian of your people;

Daniel 12:1-3

it shall be a time unsurpassed in DISTRESS since NATIONS BEGAN until that time. At that time your people shall ESCAPE, EVERYONE WHO is found WRITTEN in the book.

"MANY of those who SLEEP in the dust of the EARTH shall awake; some shall LIVE FOREVER, others shall be an everlasting HORROR and disgrace.

"But the WISE shall SHINE brightly like the SPLENDOR of the firmament, and those who lead the many to JUSTICE shall be like the STARS forever.