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**St. John**

**Temoc Herrejon** Faith Formation  
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**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 treasures in life-giving ways.  
To register and get more information: go to our website ~ [www.StStephenNC.org](http://www.StStephenNC.org)

**Sacrament Preparation** (Baptism, 1<sup>st</sup> 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.*

**Feast of the Epiphany**

**January 5, 2025**

*Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Day*  
**Community Worship Service**  
**Sunday, January 19, 2025 – 3:00 PM**  
**All are invited and welcome!**

**First Baptist Church  
Elkin, North Carolina**



**“Let justice roll down like waters, and righteousness like an ever-flowing stream” Amos 5:24**

This worship service is sponsored and led by *CommUNITY Connections*, a group of local clergy who are seeking to dismantle racism one relationship at a time.



*La bendición de la Epifanía* ~ Jan Richardson

si pudieras ver  
el viaje completo  
es posible que nunca  
emprenderlo;  
tal vez nunca se atreva  
el primer paso  
eso te impulsa  
desde el lugar  
tu lo has conocido  
hacia el lugar  
no lo sabes.  
Llámalo una  
de las misericordias  
del camino:  
que lo veamos  
solo por etapas  
mientras se abre  
ante nosotros, como entra  
nuestro mantenimiento  
paso a paso,  
un solo paso.

no hay nada  
por ello  
pero para ir  
y por nuestra ida  
tomar los votos  
el peregrino lleva:  
ser fiel a  
el siguiente paso;  
confiar en  
Más que  
el mapa;  
prestar atención  
las señales  
de intuición  
y soñar;  
seguir  
la estrella  
que solo tu  
reconocerá;

para mantener un ojo abierto  
por las maravillas que  
asistir al camino;  
seguir adelante  
más allá de las distracciones  
más allá de la fatiga  
más allá de lo que sería  
Tentarte del camino.  
hay votos  
que sólo tú lo sabrás;  
las promesas secretas  
para tu camino particular  
y los nuevos  
tendrás que hacer  
cuando el camino  
se revela  
por turnos  
no pudiste  
he previsto.

Guárdalos, rómpelos,  
hacerlos de nuevo:  
cada promesa  
se convierte  
parte del camino;  
cada elección crea  
el camino  
eso te llevará  
al lugar  
donde por fin  
te arrodillarás  
para ofrecer el regalo  
más necesario ~  
el regalo que  
sólo tu  
puedo dar ~  
antes de girar para ir  
a casa por  
otra manera.

*¡Buenos días, Iglesia!*

Estos son días de gozosa realización. A lo largo de la historia de la Salvación, Dios cumplió cada promesa que nos hizo. Dios decidió hacerlo porque así es Dios. Dios hace y cumple promesas y continuamente nos guía por la Luz que es Cristo. En Cristo, tenemos el Camino a seguir. Oración. Los sacramentos y la vida comunitaria son señales de gracia que nos guían a través de cada puente quemado, bache o sitio de construcción revestido de barriles e iluminan el Camino.



La Luz que nos guía es la Misericordia Viajera, especialmente cuando os sentís o estáis miserablemente perdidos. Sea sabio. Su viaje de fe es uno de repeticiones ilimitadas. ¡Tienes esto! La Luz los llevará de regreso al Camino, honrará sus sueños y será un recordatorio constante de que ustedes ~ todos nosotros ~ somos peregrinos. Cada Hijo de Dios está de visita aquí. Así que muévete con La Luz. Coloca un pie delante del otro y continúa.

Esté preparado para los giros y vueltas del Camino. Manténgase alerta cuando surja fatiga o distracciones. Pueden ser barreras espirituales y crear la ilusión de que El Camino es demasiado severo o problemático para ti. No es así. Sea sabio. Cada bifurcación en el camino es una invitación santa. Disfrutar de la Luz hace que tu elección sea más grata. Prepara tu corazón para esta gracia aún por conocer ~ que siempre llega a tiempo. (¡Dios es un mijo!)

Una vez más, sea prudente. Note y preste atención a las inclinaciones de su alma cuando se le indique que tome una ruta desconocida o más tortuosa hacia el Hogar. Este Camino inusual y probablemente incómodo te brindará oportunidades para compartir tus dones y mantenerte fiel al Camino y a La Luz.

Cristo sea nuestra luz, brilla en nuestros corazones, brilla en la oscuridad...

En comUNIDAD,

*Janis*

 *Reflexionando sobre la Palabra*

Ya hace tiempo que estás en tu viaje de fe.

¿Sigues caminando por el camino o necesitas detenerte y redirigir?

¿Tus pasos en una dirección diferente y más vivificante?

*The Epiphany Blessing* ~ Jan Richardson

If you could see  
the journey whole  
you might never  
undertake it;  
might never dare  
the first step  
that propels you  
from the place  
you have known  
toward the place  
you know not.  
Call it  
one of the mercies  
of the road:  
that we see it  
only by stages  
as it opens before us,  
as it comes into  
our keeping  
step by  
single step.

There is nothing  
for it  
but to go  
and by our going  
take the vows  
the pilgrim takes:  
to be faithful to  
the next step;  
to rely on  
More than  
the map;  
to heed  
the signposts  
of intuition  
and dream;  
to follow  
the star  
that only you  
will recognize;

to keep an open eye  
for the wonders that  
attend the path;  
to press on  
beyond distractions  
beyond fatigue  
beyond what would  
tempt you  
from the way.  
There are vows  
that only you will know;  
the secret promises  
for your particular path  
and the new ones  
you will need to make  
when the road  
is revealed  
by turns  
you could not  
have foreseen.

Keep them, break them,  
make them again:  
each promise  
becomes  
part of the path;  
each choice creates  
the road  
that will take you  
to the place  
where at last  
you will kneel  
to offer the gift  
most needed ~  
the gift that  
only you  
can give ~  
before turning to go  
home by  
another way.

*Morning, Church!*

These are days of joyous fulfillment. Throughout Salvation history God kept every promise made to us. God chose to do so, because *it's the way God is*. God makes and keeps promises and continually leads us by the Light who is Christ. In Christ, we have The Way to follow. Prayer. Sacraments, and Community Life are graced signposts which faith us through every burned bridge, pothole, or barrel-lined construction site and illumine The Way.



The Light that guides us is Traveling Mercy, especially when you feel, or are, miserably lost. Be wise. Your faithjourney is one of limitless do-overs. You've got this! The Light will lead you back to The Way, honor your dreams, and be a constant reminder that you *all of us* are pilgrims. Every Child of God is *just visiting* here. So move with The Light. Place one foot in front of the other and keep going.

Be prepared for the twists and turns along The Way. Stay alert when fatigue or distractions arise. They can be spiritual barriers and create the illusion that The Way is too severe or problematic for you. Not so. Be wise. Every fork in the road is a holy invitation. Basking in the Light, makes your choosing graced. Ready your heart for these yet-to-be-known graces ~ which always arrive on time. (God's a darlin'!)

Once again, be wise. Notice and heed your soul's leanings when directed to take an unfamiliar, or more circuitous route Home. This unusual, and probably uncomfortable Way, will give you opportunities to share your gifts and keep you faithful to The Way and The Light.












*Christ be our light, shine in our hearts, shine through the darkenss....*

In CommUNITY,

*Janis*

♥ *Reflecting on the Word*


You've been on your faithjourney a while now.  
Are you still Walking The Way or do you need to stop and redirect  
your steps to a different, more life-giving direction?

DECEMBER	
05	<i>Feast: The Epiphany</i> Mass: 9a 
07	Communion Service, 12:15p
08	Choir, 7p 
12	<i>Feast: The Baptism of the Lord</i> 2nd Sun OT Family Faith Formation, After Mass 
14	The Chosen, 10a Communion Service, 12:15p; RCIA I, 6:30p 
15	RCIA II, 6:30p; Choir, 7p 
16	Wise Ones, 1p Dodge City Host: Gayle 
18	Men's Breakfast, Cracker Barrel, 8:30a 
19	3rd Sun OT Family Faith Formation, After Mass   <i>Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Day</i> <i>Community Worship Service</i> <i>First Baptist Church, Elkin 3:00p</i>
20	<i>Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Day</i> Give Blood, Elkin Rescue Cntr., 1:30-6:00p 
21	The Chosen, 10a Communion Service, 12:15p RCIA I, 6:30p; Choir, 7p 
26	4th Sun OT Family Faith Formation, After Mass

MASS INTENTIONS	
29	+Ann Goodson Faust; +Lisa Only
05	Fr. Bill "J.W." Hines
12	S. Joan Huggard, S.S.J.
19	Mary Askew

### Birthdays & Anniversary

02	Jorge Lopez	16	Epi Cortez
03	Alayna Faw	21	Ines Trejo
08	Francisco Fuentes	23	Lou Stackhouse
10	Anahi Parral	24	Leonardo Mariano
11	Rosa Parral	25	Braulio Mata
13	Luis Martinez	29	Marta Lopez
16	Jenny Ardizzola Barry Blackburn	31	Dolores Spicer

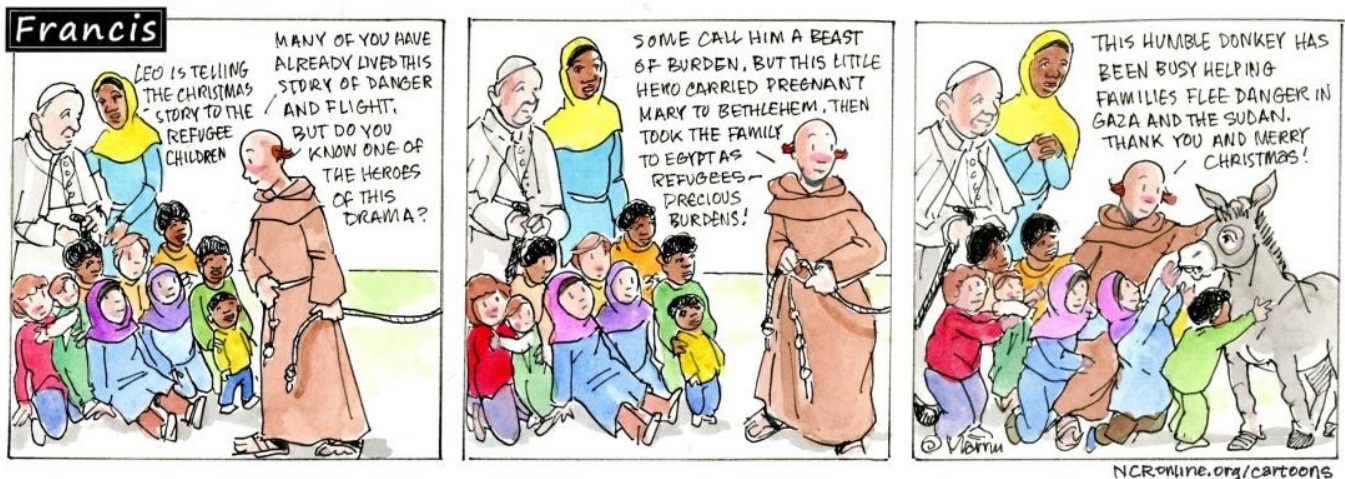
 01 Minnie & Julian Espino    02 Mary & Barry Blackburn

### 2025 Jubilee Year ~ Year of Grace

*The Jubilee Year is a mandate to relieve the debts of the poor and commit to protecting the planet...  
...to bring hope to the interminable, dreary days of prisoners...  
...to the cold and dismal lodgings of the poor and all those places desecrated by war and violence...*

*What are your spiritual goals for this New Year of Grace, 2025?*

### Who needs you to "carry them" to safety?





**IF**, by some **extraordinary** change from past winters, and we have icy /snowy conditions, you will be notified of St. Stephen closings on:  
**WXII Channel 11 or 1203**  
**FOX Channel 10 or 1206**



<i>Christmas Flowers</i>	
<i>Donor</i>	<i>In honor/memory of</i>
<b>Arelis Hadfield</b>	<b>Francisca Tavarez</b>
<b>Wendy McClamrock</b>	<b>Mary E. Cain</b>
<b>Doris Watson</b>	<b>The Watson &amp; Langlois Families</b>



**RECYCLE  
 USED INK CARTRIDGES  
 at CHURCH!!  
 RECYLCE CONTAINER  
 IN THE LOBBY.  
 Thank you!**



**Cameras are gone, the needs aren't!**



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**ONE  
 NATION**

*Prayer After an Election*

**UNDER  
 GOD**

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 the USA. 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, 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.C.C.B.



<i>Tri-C Christian Crisis Ministries</i>	
<b>JAN</b>	TBA
<b>FEB</b>	TBA
<b>MAR</b>	TBA

# Mary the Mother of God January 1

On the first day of the year we celebrate the feast day of Mary, the Mother of God.

If you didn't have a mother and God let you design your own mother, what would she be like? Well, God did get to make His own Mother! Can you even imagine how perfect she was?

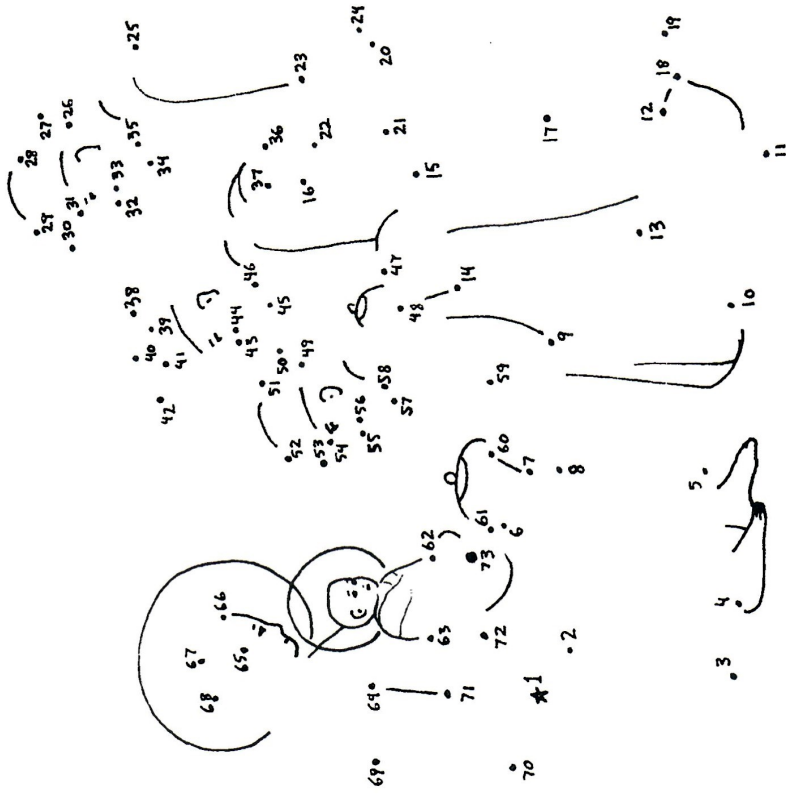
When Jesus was dying on the Cross, he told Saint John that Mary would now be his mother. He meant that for all of us as well. Mary is the Mother of God and our Mother! What can you do to celebrate her special day?



Answers to the Wise Men Puzzle:  
Top: 3, 6. Middle: 5, 1. Bottom: 2, 4.

# The Kids' Bulletin

Mary the Mother of God: January 1st, 2025  
&  
Feast of the Epiphany: January 5 or 6, 2025



The feast of the Epiphany of Our Lord is a special part of the Christmas season! What are we celebrating on this feast?

Connect the dots to find out!



# Saint André Bessette

January 7\*

**ALFRED BESSETTE**  
 WAS BORN TO A POOR FAMILY OUTSIDE OF MONTREAL IN 1845. HE WAS SO SICKLY WHEN HE WAS BORN THAT HIS PARENTS BAPTIZED HIM RIGHT AWAY.



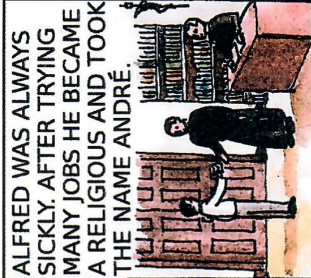
I baptize you in the name of the Father...

WHEN ALFRED WAS 9 HIS FATHER DIED IN A LOGGING ACCIDENT. HIS MOTHER DIED 3 YEARS LATER.



Now I won't be able to go to school. I guess I need to find a job.

ALFRED WAS ALWAYS SICKLY. AFTER TRYING MANY JOBS HE BECAME A RELIGIOUS AND TOOK THE NAME ANDRÉ.




The name André.

BECAUSE HE WASN'T EDUCATED, HIS JOB WAS ANSWERING THE COLLEGE DOOR.



Because he wasn't educated, his job was answering the college door.

BR. ANDRÉ HAD GREAT DEVOTION TO SAINT JOSEPH. MANY PEOPLE WERE CURED BY HIS PRAYERS.



Br. André had great devotion to Saint Joseph. Many people were cured by his prayers.

THOUSANDS CAME TO TALK TO HIM. HE WAS VERY KIND TO THEM ALL. HE WOULD ALSO GO TO VISIT THE SICK.



Here's a St. Joseph medal!

BR. ANDRÉ GOT PERMISSION TO HAVE A CHAPEL, THE ORATORY OF ST. JOSEPH, BUILT ON THE HILL IN MONTREAL. HE DIED BEFORE IT WAS FINISHED, AT AGE 92.



SAINT ANDRÉ WAS A SIMPLE MAN WHO COULD HARDLY EVEN WRITE HIS OWN NAME. BUT HIS DEVOTION TO SAINT JOSEPH AND LOVE FOR THE PEOPLE MADE EVERYONE LOVE AND TRUST HIM. WE CAN LEARN FROM HIS EXAMPLE THAT WE CAN HAVE GREAT CONFIDENCE IN THE SAINTS, ESPECIALLY ST. JOSEPH!

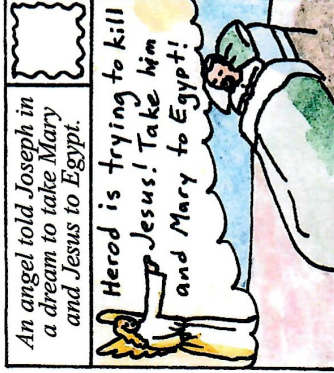
# The Wise Men Puzzle

Do you know the story of the wise men who came to worship Baby Jesus? What order do these pictures go in? Write the numbers from 1 to 6 in the boxes.



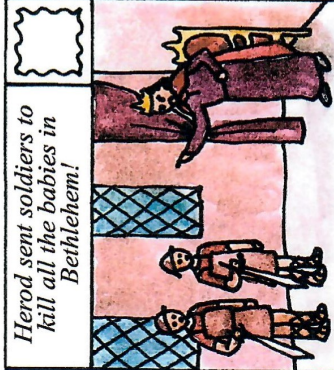
The wise men found Jesus and worshipped Him, giving Him gifts.

An angel told Joseph in a dream to take Mary and Jesus to Egypt.




Herod is trying to kill Jesus! Take him and Mary to Egypt!

Herod sent soldiers to kill all the babies in Bethlehem!



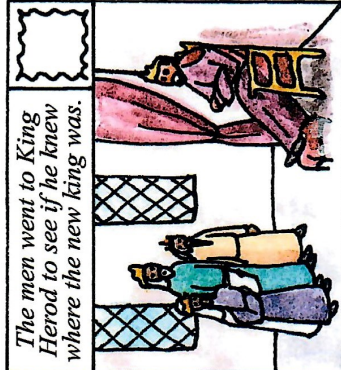
The Messiah must be born!

Some wise men in the East saw a star that was a sign of something...




The Messiah must be born!

The men went to King Herod to see if he knew where the new king was.



Don't go back to Herod - He wants to kill the Baby!

An angel warned the wise men and told them to go home another way.



Don't go back to Herod - He wants to kill the Baby!