



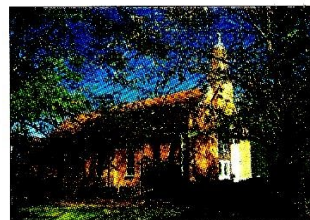
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Worship Times

Saturday Vigil Mass, 4:00p

Sunday Mass, 11:15a, En español, 1:30p

Daily Mass, Holy Days Consult Bulletin

Sacrament of Reconciliation Saturdays, 3:00-4:00p

Sunday Mass, 9:00a

Holy Days 7:00p

Communion Service Consult bulletin

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

2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

January 17, 2021



Morning, Church!

In 1998, The Dameans wrote a song called, "Beginning Today." The open verse says,

*I will always remember the time you first called me Out of my empty sleep
To waken in me the hope of a new day: The love I wanted to seek.*

Beginning Today is Ordinary Time in a time far from ordinary. We exhale 2020 and fill our hearts with the new life and breath, hopes and dreams of 2021, God's Word leads us to reflect on our primary call in Baptism.

We all have dates seared in our memory of unforgettable moments. I remember all the dates of my first Sacraments, all the significant dates of my SSJourney; the assassination of the Kennedy brothers and Martin Luther King; and most recently January 6, 2021, the assault on our democracy.

As we age and important dates are added, hopefully we become more and more aware, awakened to God's ongoing conversations with each of us and all of us together. There will be a date when we awaken from the nightmare that is this relentless pandemic, when our citizenry will come to its senses and stop the violence based on a big lie.

It took several calls before Samuel realized the voice waking him from sleep is The Voice of God. Dedicated to Temple service by his mother, Hannah, Samuel learned through his mentor Eli, to listen to and respond to God's calls.

The call of God for you is as relentless as this pandemic. God kept calling young Samuel until he answered, "Here I am, Lord." Samuel teaches us to stay conscious, to stay awake, to listen for and pay attention to all the ways God is constantly communicating with us. Samuel, grew in faith and grace to become one of Israel's judges who would anoint Israel's first two kings. His ability to listen for God's voice and to ask God to speak to him kept him open and humble, which deepened his relationship with God.

The gospel paired with Samuel's story tells of another beginning in Scripture when John called folks to listen to God and repent in their hearts. John points to Jesus as the Lamb of God, the long-awaited One. Out of all who were there by the river only two who heard what John said engage Jesus in conversation. Beginning Today, they are awakened from their sleep of unconsciousness to the hope of a new day and a love that will transcend their lives and the life of the world.

Vocation, *vocare*, is God's universal call to all to holiness and wholeness. Fishers, and a tax collector are among those first called to "Come and see." Each day, Jesus calls you to, "Come and see" who he is and how you can imitate his compassion, service, sense of justice, and unconditional forgiveness.

Beginning Today, ask Jesus to follow you home. Ask Jesus to be with you at work, in your relationships, and when your making decisions.

Beginning Today, in this unorthodox Ordinary Time, pray each day to awaken from your sleepy unconsciousness and to live into the extraordinary call God has entrusted to you. Begin Today.

KEEP YOUR WORD. KEEP THE WORD.

God's blessings,

spanis

| Sunday Scriptures | |
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| 1 Sam 3:3b-10, 19 | 1 Cor 6:13c-15a, 17-20 |
| Ps 40:2, 4, 7-10 | John 1:35-42 |

☞ Reflecting on the Word _____

How is God' calling you to act in light of the pandemic and have the recent events?

| JANUARY | |
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| 17 | 2nd Sun OT |
| 18 | Christian Unity Week (18-25) |
| 19 | No Communion Service |
| 24 | 3rd Sun OT |
| 26 | No Communion Service |
| 28 | SSJA CGG |
| 30 | Dedication of St. Stephen Church 1956 |



Celebrate

LAUDATO SÍ

5th Anniversary



January 17

The natural environment is a collective good, the patrimony of all humanity and the responsibility of everyone. If we make something our own, it is only to administer it for the good of all. (LS #95)

Reflection

The air, water, soil, minerals and all living beings of the natural world is an inheritance we have received from God. Our ancestors passed on the created world to us. What kind of ancestor do you want to be for those who live in the 22nd Century?





Tri-C Christian Ministries

Any of the following items:

Any kind of bean, dried or canned
Pasta & sauce or sm. laundry detergent

| ☞ JANUARY | |
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| 17 | +Mona Schaufenbuel +Millie Mounce |
| 24 | +Dana & Reikowsky Families +Faith Balzer |

Birthdays & Anniversaries

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| 20 Isabella Estrada | 25 Braulio Mata |
| Cecelia Jones | 27 Catalina Hernandez |
| 21 Inez Chavez Trejo | 29 Claire Golden |
| 22 Caroline Kerr | 30 Marta Segura-Lopez |
| 23 Huey Cortez | 31 Dolores Spicer |
| 25 Tim Atkins | |

☞ Prayer Request

Vincent Cahill is home and continuing to rest.
134 Argonne Street
Elkin NC 28621

For a peaceful and safe transition of our government and a new administration on Wednesday.
For the safety of those on the front lines in our medical community, teachers, law enforcement, and all the other essential workers who make our lives easier.

Thank you for your ongoing support for your church and Tri-C ministries...

Please address your envelope this way and mail your church donations to:
Janis McQuade, S.S.J.
765-J Oakland Drive
Elkin NC 28621-2955

Please consider regular donations to church, especially if your household hasn't contributed in the last 10 months.

Please include your envelope #, and what the check is for on the MEMO LINE.

Thank you so much!!

Welcome, Asher Skip Whitman!!

Born January 16

8lb 1 oz 21" long

Son of Kyle & Kassi Whitman

Grandson of Diane & Skip Whitman

Big brother, Broxson is thrilled!!

