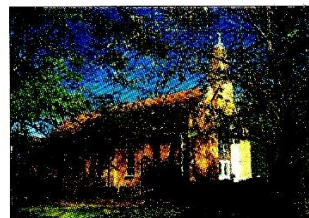




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Sunday Mass, 11:15a, En español, 1:30p  
Daily Mass, Holy Days Consult Bulletin  
Sacrament of Reconciliation Saturdays, 3:00-4:00p***

***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***

***27th Sunday in Ordinary Time***

***October 4, 2020***



# *First Sunday of October World Communion Sunday*

*Reflect on your First Communion memories.*

*What comes to mind first?*

*Who came to your celebration?*

*How do you nourish the feeling  
you had that day: the joy, the anticipation?*

*How do you prepare  
for reception of Communion as an adult?*

**Faith Formation  
Families  
at  
Carolina Heritage  
Vineyard  
October 8, 2017**



**Pat Colwell in Wine Tasting Room**



**Picking grapes in the vineyard.**

**Ron & Shaya  
picking grapes.**





### *Morning, Church!*

Today's Word reminded me of the trip our Faith Formation Families took to na Heritage Vineyards. Welcomed by Pat and Clyde Colwell, we gathered in the Tasting Room. There, Pat explained the process of making wine, from selecting the vines to labeling the wine bottles. We chose this 27th Sunday for the tour to bring to life what it means to work in a vineyard, then and now. Though the weather turned raw under the cloudy skies, everyone thoroughly enjoyed the tour, labeling a wine bottle, and going into the fields to pick a bag of grapes to take home.

The symbolism in today's allegories invite us to unpack their meaning individually, as a parish, and as a Church. The Divine Vintner has entrusted us with a fertile field. Bringing home a rich harvest requires a lot of commitment, time, and energy. This is especially challenging these C19 days, which someone described as "having a nagging cold you just can't shake off."

The "dis-ease" of these days is mirrored in today's Word. In Isaiah's allegory, The Divine Vintner does all the work: prepares the field, spades the soil, removes all the stones, and builds a wall around it to protect it from foraging animals. Planting on the hillside, means the vintner must haul soil from valley floor to provide a richer soil for the new vines, the choicest vines he can plant. He hopes the wall will deter thieves and passersby. Finally, he hones a winepress out of the bedrock, without the help of machinery! All his efforts and hopes are crushed harvest time when the crop yields only wild, worthless grapes.

The Divine Vintner has done everything for Israel and us, says Isaiah. In response to God's abundant love, we are called to divest ourselves of anything in our field of faith that thwarts our growth; and to rid ourselves of the rocks of reckless choices that prevent a rich harvest for God.

The meticulous preparation of the field shows the same meticulous, care of the Divine Vintner. Isaiah speaks of God's hope and juxtaposes it with God's frustration. God hopes we will lead fruitful lives. God is frustrated by our injustices that reek havoc on God's prized vineyard and one another. The vineyard, hopeful sign of possibilities, is now wretched and wild. Isaiah's allegory reminds Israel that their injustices have consequences. Disregarding their covenant with God yields a pitiful harvest of sour grapes.

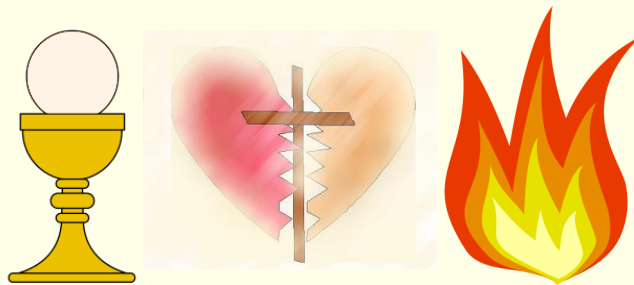
Many of us identify with God's frustration in the first scripture. We, too had hoped October, 2020 we would be in a better place now. We had hoped our planting and planning in January would have us in a happier, healthier place than where we are. The pandemic is creating spiritual, emotional, physical, and psychological "viruses" that strive to disorder our lives and keep our hearts in "sickbay." So, we continue to trust in our Divine Vintner to help us.

It may seem easy to condemn our ancestors in faith for their choices. Will we follow their lead and reject the True Cornerstone and ultimately the fruitfulness and love of God's Kindom right in their midst? Will the Word of God, proclaimed for us today, lead us to make choices that are "*just, pure...lovely...gracious...*" God has planted us on the fertile soil of grace. The Divine Vintner has done everything for us. If we are to inherit all the possibilities of God's reign, much is expected of us.

**KEEP YOUR WORD. KEEP THE WORD.**

God's blessings,

*spanis*



## **SACRAMENT PREPARTION**

**1<sup>st</sup> Communion,**

**1<sup>st</sup> Reconciliation and Confirmation,**

**kindly complete & return the forms mailed**

**to you to be included in 2020-2021**

**Sacrament Preparation**

**1<sup>st</sup> Communion &  
Reconciliation Candidates  
must be born by 2013**

**Confirmation Candidates  
must be born by 2007**

**If you need a form, please call,  
(336)835-4542**

**To be included in this year's preparation,  
your form must be submitted by  
SUNDAY, OCTOBER 11<sup>th</sup>  
Thank you!**

# PARISH SURVEY

There are a variety of ways we can connect during these days, so it's important to get your input. Kindly read over and respond to this survey and return it to me. I'll collate it and let you know what the majority of respondents say. Thanks in advance for your prompt reply.

✓ which applies to you/your household.

## Wednesday's Word [WW] (or some weekly Word via YouTube)

- ☐ I/We viewed WW and want it to be part of our parish life again.
- ☐ I/We didn't view or occasionally viewed WW and would like to start again.
- ☐ I/We will not be viewing WW.
- ☐ **I/We need help viewing WW.**
- ☐ **I/We would be willing to help others learn how to access WW.**

This survey has been emailed to you, too!

## Sunday Mass (disclaimer, when the upload works and is viewable)

- ☐ I/We viewed Sunday every week.
- ☐ I/We didn't view occasionally or we view Mass via another source.
- ☐ I/We do not view Mass, we attend St. Stephen on Sundays.
- ☐ **I/We need help viewing Mass.**
- ☐ **I/We would be willing to help others learn how to view Sunday Mass.**

## Zoom Gatherings

- ☐ I/We have /or would like to participate in Parish Zoom gatherings.
- ☐ I/We didn't view occasionally or we view Mass via another source.
- ☐ I/We have not participated in Zoom and will do so when the next gathering is posted.
- ☐ I/We prefer a **weekly** day & time for Zoom. ☐ prefer days ☐ prefer evenings
- ☐ I/We prefer **monthly** & times for Zoom. ☐ prefer days ☐ prefer evenings
- ☐ **I/We need help with Zoom.**
- ☐ **I/We would be willing to help others learn about Zoom.**

## Parish Website/Bulletin

- ☐ I/We check our website for information.
- ☐ I/We access and read our bulletin weekly.
- ☐ I/We have not participated in Zoom and will do so when the next gathering is posted.
- ☐ **I/We need help with Zoom.**
- ☐ **I/We would be willing to help others learn how to access our bulletin.**

\_\_\_\_\_ I will willing to help other parishioners with tech issues.  
Name

\_\_\_\_\_  
BEST Area code & phone number

Sunday Scriptures	
Isaiah 5:1-7	Phil 4:6-9
Psalms 80:9, 12-16, 19-20	Matthew 21:33-43

☞ Reflecting on the Word \_\_\_\_\_

*How and when do you labor in God's vineyard?*



**Hello,  
Autumn!**

OCTOBER	
04	27th Sun OT
06	Ministerial Association, FLC Community Life and Racism, 10:30-12:30p
07	Feast of Our Lady of the Rosary Mass of Christian Burial ~ +Barbara Eller, 11a
10	SSJ Fall Gathering
11	28th Sun OT

**Thanks a Bunch! God bless you, real good!**



....for your ongoing support  
for your church and Tri-C ministries...  
Please mail your church donations to:  
Janis McQuade, S.S.J.  
765-J Oakland Drive, Elkin NC 28621-2955  
ONE check, ONCE a month, envelope #,  
And a note how you divide your donation.  
Thank you so much!!

**Forming  
Consciences**



A Call to Political  
Responsibility from the  
**Catholic Bishops  
of the United States**  
with Introductory Note

United States Conference of Catholic Bishops

### Faithful Citizenship Bulletin Announcement from the USCCB Political Engagement and our Baptismal Call

In their statement on *Forming Consciences for Faithful Citizenship*, the U.S. bishops remind Catholics about the call to participate in political life. *"In the Catholic tradition, responsible citizenship is a virtue, and participation in political life is a moral obligation"* (no. 13). Visit today to read the statement, along with a new letter, watch new videos, and access other great resources.

### La participación política y nuestro llamado bautismal

En su declaración sobre *Formando la conciencia para ser ciudadanos fieles*, los obispos católicos de los Estados Unidos recuerdan a los católicos el llamado a participar en la vida política. *"En la Tradición católica, el ser ciudadano fiel es una virtud y la participación en la vida política es una obligación moral"* (no. 13). Visite hoy para leer la declaración, junto con una nueva nota introductoria, ver nuevos videos y acceder a otros buenos recursos.

### Tri-C Christian Ministries



OCTOBER

Spaghetti, sauce;  
mac & cheese

### ☞ October Intentions

04	<b>+Morgan Wiley; S. Geri Rogers, S.S.J.</b>
11	<b>Christopher Trembley</b>
18	<b>All medical personnel</b>
25	<b>Denise Delanoy +Phil Altemueller 10th Anniversary</b>

*Your best source for parish info is:*  
**ST. STEPHEN PARISH WEBSITE**  
**<https://www.ststephennc.org>**

### Birthdays & Anniversaries

06 Marisol Ledesma  
08 Maria Reyes-Mata  
09 Debbie Imbus  
10 Angel Ledesma  
11 Beth Orta



14 Raquel Barrientos  
18 Athena Spicer  
22 Ty Keller, Ruben Ramirez  
25 Beth Altemueller  
26 Ramona Doyle



25 Samantha & Andrew Ange



*Sisters of St. Joseph ~ Maxim 90*  
*Bring great love to whatever life presents today,  
great and small things alike.*

- ☞ *Today I will fill the world with Love.*
- ☞ *I pray to see each moment as an occasion of grace.*
- ☞ *How is God inviting me to "pray always" in this time?*