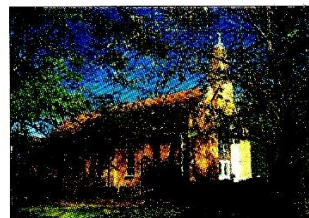




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***Worship Times***

***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*

***14th Sunday in Ordinary Time***

***July 12, 2020***



Morning, Church!

A Charlotte Catholic H.S.'s theology teacher told his sophomores that parables are earthly stories with heavenly meanings. Jesus, the wise rabbi, knew folks love to hear a good story. He used the oral tradition of the time to share stories of familiar settings and experiences to draw people in and then came the twist. Parables are stories with a twist. They are much more than stories, they are the way Jesus proclaimed the reign of God. For the next several weeks of Ordinary Time, which is anything but ordinary, we'll hear great parable after parable and dive into their heavenly meanings.

Today's parable of the Sower and the Seed is so familiar that you can dismiss it without taking a deeper look into what it says and what it means for you today ~ different from when you heard it three years ago.

The sower abundantly and indiscriminately scatters the seed. The sower knows the potential of the seed. What happens next is determined by the where the seed lands, if it takes root or doesn't. If it lands on good soil, that is receptive and adaptive to the seasons, its richness will nurture the seed to fruitfulness.

The potential growth of the seed of faith is dependent on where it lands and if it takes root. If the soil of our heart and faith are open, rich, and adaptive to the changing seasons of our journey, then the seed, the Word of God will take root and flourish in us. The image of the seed in the parable is the Word of God, with it unlimited potential to grace and guide us.

The Divine Sower's hope is in the soil of our hearts. So every day, the Divine Sower abundantly offers us the Word of God, with all its potential for leading us to wholeness and holiness. God hopes for us that we will nurture and tend to the Word so that it will yield a hundredfold in our lives to the glory of God.

These unordinary days offer us extraordinary opportunities to pray the Word, to become a living parable, and to give witness to the reign of God in our relationships and experiences. This will requires that you are intentional about your sowing in your own field first, then in the fields/hearts of your family and neighbors. Our humble openness will grace us to receive and be rooted in the Word and the life it calls us to live.

After exceptional challenges throughout their RCIA journey, Clyde Cowell, Ashley, Aymes, and Elijah Davis, celebrated the Sacraments of Initiation and Ryan Treannie celebrated his Confirmation on Saturday. The Word of God abundantly scattered in their hearts long ago, bore a fruit in their "yes" to Christ, The Word of God on July 11, three months to the day of their would-be Easter Vigil celebration. With them, we continue to nurture God's Word, pray for guidance, and be ever grateful for God's faithfulness and love.

**LIFE. FAMILY. PARISH. YOU'RE MAKING THEM BETTER.**

God's blessings,

*spanis*

## ☞ Sunday Scriptures

Zechariah 9:9-10	Rom. 8:9, 11-13
Ps 145:1-2, 8-11, 13-14	Matt. 11:25-30

## ☞ Reflecting &amp; Acting on the Word

*What burden do you most want  
to give Jesus?  
What burdens are you struggling to carry?  
What does true rest mean to you?*

## JUNE ~ JULY

28	13 <sup>th</sup> Sun OT
30	Communion Service, 12:15p For those who are unable to attend on Sundays; our Wise Ones and those who compromised health issues
✠ 01	RCIA, 11a
05	14 <sup>th</sup> Sun OT
✠ 08	RCIA, 6:30p
11	RCIA Elect Celebration of Christian Initiation, 11a
25	Tag Sale, FLC Access to the FLC during the Yard Sale will be limited to a few people at a time in compliance with the governor's mandate.

## ☞ July Intentions

12	+Roxanne Arrowood
19	St. Stephen Parishioners
26	+Elizabeth Karaffa (Karen Gochnauer's mother)

*Your best source for parish info is:*

**ST. STEPHEN PARISH WEBSITE**

**<https://www.ststephennc.org>**

## Birthdays & Anniversaries

13 Lesly Crispin

16 Carmen Kitts

18 Jim Cromartie

Eileen Ouellette

19 Linda Kroeger

20 Joyce Kelly

21 Crystal Coggins

22 Barbara DeJohn

24 Landon Garcia

Kevin Robinson

28 Lorraine Benfanti

26 Cadence Fuentes

Frank Simon

28 Paul Ardizzola

29 Julian Espino

31 Orlando Trinidad



### Sunday Mass

*To make Sunday Mass available  
in a variety of formats for parishioners,  
it would be helpful to know:*

☞ Do you have access to the internet  
so you can access YouTube?

☞ Do you have a Facebook account?

Please email your response to:  
[Connect@StStephenNC.org](mailto:Connect@StStephenNC.org)



12 Raquel &amp; Pedro Barrientos

22 Ashley &amp; Aymes Davis

☞ *Eternal rest, grant them, O Lord...*

+**S. Kathryn Malone, S.S.J.** born to eternal life  
in the 72<sup>nd</sup> year of her religious life.

+**S. Anne B. Towey, S.S.J.** born to eternal life  
in the 75<sup>th</sup> year of her religious life.



*Sisters of St. Joseph ~ Maxim 81*

*God knows you better than you know yourself. Let God be the judge.*

☞ *I come before God and ask to know myself as God does.*

☞ *My God always says, "Come as you are."*

☞ *I am grateful for all God's blessings. Earth provides for so many!*