



St. John Baptiste de LaSalle Catholic Church

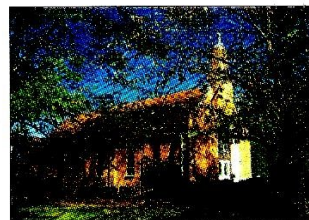
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Worship Times

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

25th Sunday in Ordinary Time

September 20, 2020

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

God is not fair. God is Love.

Morning, Church!

It's just not fair. It's not fair to be confined or limited in our movements for over six months. It's not fair to be living in this multi-layered pandemics: job anxieties /unemployment; concerns about financial obligations; family members becoming students at home; food insecurities; rampant verbal and physical expressions on an explosive new level of violence in our streets; our raw, systematic racism surfacing in our hearts, attitudes, and country. It's not fair, it's just not fair that lives are turned upside down, inside out, and backwards in a year that began with so much promise. The Year of Grace, 2020, touted as the decade of new, clearer vision, seems so broken.

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Jean-Pierre Médaille, S.J., helped form the first Sisters of St. Joseph community. He tried to set people on fire with God's love. Wherever he preached, he established Christian communities and missioned them to spread their love of God among their neighbors. He gave them *Maxims of Perfection* to keep them focused on the mission. Most Sundays, one of these Maxims is in our bulletin. Médaille hoped the Maxims would help people lead lives that would glorify God in any and all situations ~ the fair and the unfair.

One of Maxim inspires others to *concentrate on the good works themselves*, not the reward. Médaille's emphasized the value of paying attention to the mission and not *what others are doing or not doing*. He invited them to promote God's glory, *doing good for its own sake*, so they would become more like the God, who does everything for love and only for love.

God is not fair. God is Love. God invites us to bask in divine goodness, to stay focused on Christ's mission and to pay attention to what *God says is fair and unfair*. No matter what hour you began laboring in the field of faith, working hard to realize the completion of Christ's mission, don't be held hostage by pervasive unfairness, especially today. Instead, counter unfairness with God's abundant love and "...conduct yourself in a way worthy of the gospel..."

LIFE. FAMILY. PARISH. MAKE THEM BETTER. **BE FAIR AS GOD IS FAIR.**

God's blessings,

spanis



Rosh Hashanah, is the beginning of the Jewish New Year. These 10 days are set aside for profound SOUL-SEARCHING and real REPENTANCE. These days of soul prayer and repentance are meant to recreate sensitivity and appreciation for the importance of the present moment.

Reflecting on our need for a change and our human mortality forces us to look at the routines and habits that deaden our spiritual life.

It's easy to deceive yourself into believing that postponing soul-searching and repentance help us live the life God intended we'd live.

These are meaningful days to pray for the grace to let go of our self-deception and live in the fullness of grace.

These days call us to pray for the grace to change, the grace to want to heal; the grace to strengthen our weaknesses and our let go of our judgmental attitudes; the grace to take a deep dive into our lives and rediscover what really helps us live deeply, honestly, and generously.

Let us join our Jewish sisters and brothers in soul-searching prayer and a willingness to repent.

Let us pray to change what needs to be changed in us and to be,
by example, the change-makers so needed today.

Let us live the word of the Jewish prophet, Micah to God's Chosen,
"...love justice, do mercy, and to walk humbly with our God."

Sunday Scriptures	
Isaiah 55:6-9	Phil. 1:20-24, 27
Ps 145:2-3, 8-9, 17-18	Matthew 20:1-16

☞ Reflecting on the Word _____

What actions can you take to be more generous with your time, talents and treasure?

SEPTEMBER	
20	25th Sun OT
22	NO Communion Service
✠ 23	RCIA Inquiry
27	26th Sun OT
29	NO Communion Service
✠ 30	RCIA Inquiry



Thanks a Bunch!
God bless you,
real good!

**...thanks to those who joined in parish Zoom gathering on Tuesday night...a great blessing for all...our faithful church cleaners, too...
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!!

Tri-C Christian Ministries



September
Sm. bag of flour

☞ September Intentions

20	Celeste & Larry Liss (Anniversary)
27	+Alice Gwyn Heusel r/b Becky

Your best source for parish info is:

ST. STEPHEN PARISH WEBSITE

Birthdays & Anniversaries

24 Millie Mounce
 25 Theresa Martin



28 Britney Crispin
 29 Minnie Espino



22 Maria & Jose Ledesma

30 Raquel & Pedro Barrientos

☞ Prayer Request

S. St. Gervase Glackin, S.S.J.,
*born to eternal life in the 74th year
 of her religious life.*



*Blessing & Congratulations, Evana Ramirez
 Child of God and Grace,
 baptized yesterday and blessings
 on her parents, **Erika and Ruben,**
 who blessed their marriage in the Church.*

**Forming
 Consciences**



**for
 Faithful
 Citizenship**

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 vídeos y acceder a otros buenos recursos.