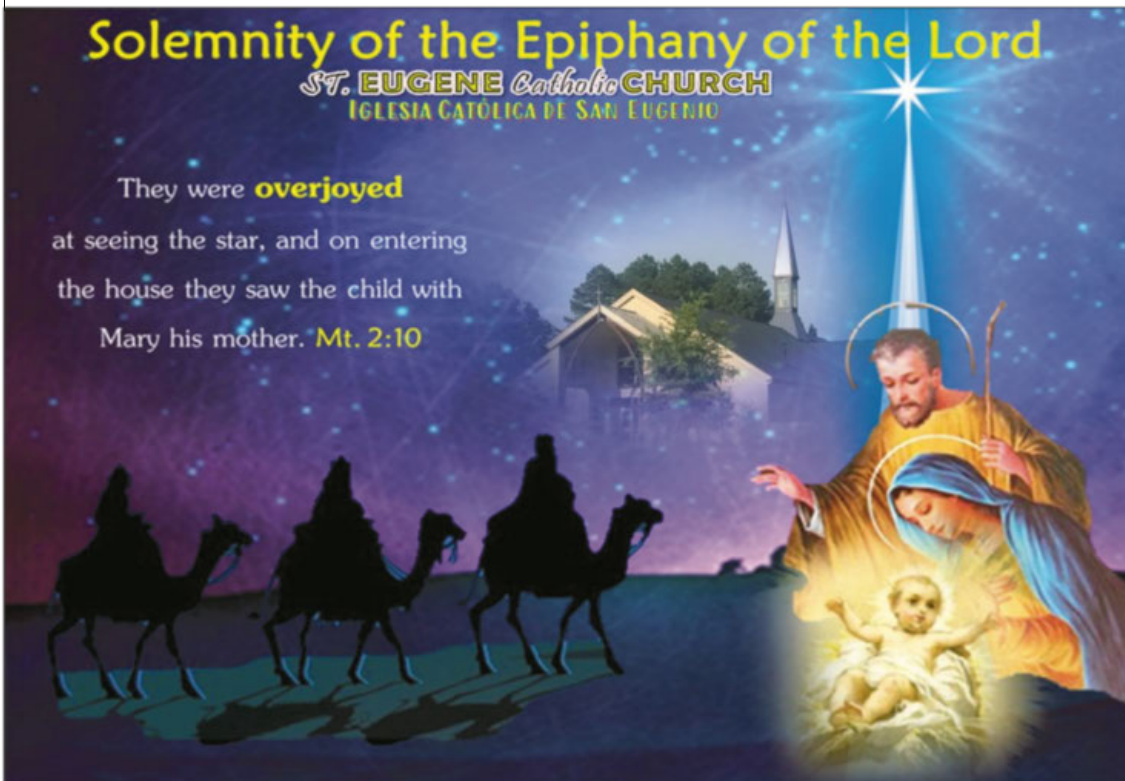


# Solemnity of the Epiphany of the Lord

ST. EUGENE Catholic CHURCH  
IGLESIA CATÓLICA DE SAN EUGENIO

They were **overjoyed**  
at seeing the star, and on entering  
the house they saw the child with  
Mary his mother. **Mt. 2:10**



We extend a warm and loving **WELCOME** to anyone new to our parish family and all visitors who celebrate with us throughout the year. If this is your first time in our parish, please introduce yourself to our priest after Mass. If you would like to join this parish of **Saint Eugene**, please call the office or register online. Thank you for joining us for worship this weekend and we hope to see you again!

Queremos dar una cálida y amorosa **BIENVENIDA** a cualquier persona a nuestra parroquia y todos los visitantes que están celebrando con nosotros durante todo el año. Si es su primera vez aquí, por favor, preséntese a nuestro sacerdote después de la Misa. Si le gustaría apuntarse a **San Eugenio**, por favor llame o inscribese en línea. Muchas gracias por acompañarnos en la Santa Misa. Lo esperamos!

### Mission Statement

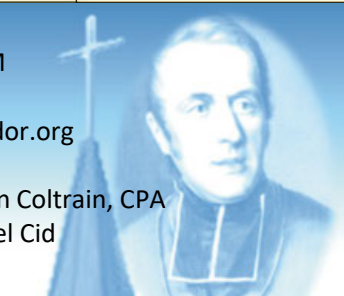
"We have come together in our common faith as God's Holy People. Strengthened by the Word of God and nourished by His Sacraments, we step forth in faith to love and serve one another."

### Declaración de Misión

"Nosotros nos hemos reunido por nuestra fe común como el Pueblo Santo de Dios. Fortalecidos por la Palabra de Dios y nutridos por Los Sacramentos, avanzamos en la fe al amarnos y servimos los unos a los otros."

### PARISH STAFF

**Pastor:** Rev. Frederic M. Mizengo, CICM  
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**Director of Music Ministry:** TBD



### PARISH OFFICE HOURS

Monday - Thursday: 9:00am - 4:00pm

### OFFICE OF RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

919-365-7114 EXT. 202

stereled@stewnc.org

TUES, WED, FRI: 9AM-2PM, 6:30PM-8:30PM

THURS. 9:00AM-4:00PM

SUN. 9AM-11:40AM

### MASS SCHEDULE

SATURDAY 5:00 PM English  
6:30 PM Español  
SUNDAY 7:30 AM English  
9:00 AM English  
12:00 PM Español

### WEEKDAY MASSES

TUESDAY-FRIDAY 8:00 AM English  
TUESDAY 7:00 PM Spanish

### EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

Every Thursday: 8:30 AM - 9:00 PM, except holidays

**QUINCEAÑERAS :** Debe ser un feligrés registrado.

Para apartar una misa de Quinceañera, debe ser por lo menos 6 meses de anticipación.

### SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM/BAUTISMO

Godparents must meet requirements according to Church law. Parents & Godparents must attend baptismal preparation classes . Please contact the Parish Office./Los padrinos deben cumplir con los requisitos de acuerdo con la ley de la Iglesia. Padres y padrinos deben asistir a las clases de preparación bautismal. Por favor llame a la Oficina Parroquial.

### SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION/CONFESIÓN

WEDNESDAY 6:00-7:00 PM or by appointment.

### SACRAMENT OF MARRIAGE/MATRIMONIO

Please contact the parish office for an appointment Six (6) months prior to your wedding date./Por favor llame a la oficina parroquial para una cita Seis (6) meses antes de la fecha de su boda.

### ANOINTING OF THE SICK/UNCIÓN DE LOS ENFERMOS

Please call the parish office for a priest at 919-365-7114.

<p style="text-align: center;"><b>La Epifanía del Señor</b> (Is 60, 1-6/Ef 3, 2-3. 5-6/Mt 2, 1-12)</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>The Epiphany of the Lord</b> (Is 60:1-6/Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6/Mt 2:1-12)</p>
<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Oración por la familia</b></p> <p>Llena nuestros corazones, Señor, de regocijo mientras te buscamos y descubrimos. Tus caminos están llenos de asombro, gloria, sorpresa y gozo. Amén.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Prayer for Family</b></p> <p>Fill our hearts, Lord, with rejoicing as we seek and discover You. Your ways are full of wonder, glory, surprise, and joy. Amen.</p>
<p style="text-align: center;"><b>MEDITACIÓN DEL EVANGELIO</b></p> <p><b>La Epifanía del Señor Mt. 2:1-12</b></p> <p>Estamos aún en un ambiente navideño, la alegría perdura todavía en nuestro corazón y en el ambiente. El Evangelio nos narra que los Magos, obedeciendo la voz de su conciencia y guiados por una estrella, se ponen en marcha. Descaban reconocer a Dios para ofrecerle sus regalos de oro, incienso y mirra. Después de investigar y preguntar, se aseguran de continuar el camino. Su esfuerzo no fue en vano, ellos fueron capaces de encontrarlo: <i>“Al entrar a la casa vieron al niño con María, su madre; se arrodillaron y le adoraron” (Mateo 2:11)</i>. ¿Cuáles han sido mis esfuerzos en esta Navidad para encontrar a Dios? ¿A quien he preguntado para ser guiado y llegar a Él? Para ver el misterio de Dios, debemos prepararnos. Esto implica movimiento, bondad, y sencillez. Solo así, experimentaremos la grandeza de Dios y lograremos ver nuestra pequeñez. Callar y percibir el ambiente del Evangelio de esta Liturgia es esencial para una limpieza del corazón. Es tiempo de abandonar la terquedad de nuestra vida, la desconfianza e hipocresía que a veces tenemos guardada como Herodes. <i>“Se dejaron guiar por el impulso de la luz celeste y mientras acompañaban con atenta contemplación la luz que los precedía, eran guiados al conocimiento de la verdad por el esplendor de la gracia” (San León Magno, Primer sermón de la Epifanía)</i>. Todos estamos invitados y tenemos derecho de mirar al cielo como los Magos y buscar la estrella que nos guía en el camino: ¡Jesús! —©LPI</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>GOSPEL MEDITATION</b></p> <p><b>The Epiphany of the Lord Matthew 2:1-12</b></p> <p>Have you ever wondered <i>why</i> the magi had gold, frankincense, and myrrh? Matthew’s Gospel tells us, “Then they opened their treasures and offered him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh” (Matt. 2:11). Why are these things their “treasures”? One possible answer is they were magicians and astrologers, and these three items were the tools of their questionable trade. In offering them to Christ, they demonstrate that they will cease using such items to predict or control life. They place this baby -king, the God of Israel, at the center of their lives, and not their own devices of control, manipulation and prediction.</p> <p>Isn’t that what we need to do, too? Consider, for example, the magical power of money, symbolized by the magi’s gold. Seemingly whatever we ask of money, it does. It wields a god-like power over the world. It can predict the future by guaranteeing better outcomes for us — which is why it is such a tempting alternative to trusting in God. The problem is such absolute trust in money enslaves us to the economic forces that make money so powerful. In paying homage to Jesus with “gold” (i.e., tithing), we participate in his authority over (and therefore freedom from) the magical sway of money.</p> <p>What things in your life do you use to predict or control your future? What in your life seems to give you power over the world? Those are your treasures. Are you tired of feeling enslaved to them? Find a way to open them and give them to Christ, and you will be freer —Father John Muir</p>
<p style="text-align: center;"><b>RECONOCE A DIOS EN TUS MOMENTOS ORDINARIOS</b> Por Colleen Jurkiewicz Dorman</p> <p><b>Mini Reflexión:</b> El viaje de los reyes magos habría sido traicionero e incómodo. Imagínese la paz en sus corazones cuando se acercaron al joven Mesías y cayeron de rodillas. La nueva y vibrante conciencia de cuál era su propio propósito. Fue epifanía para ellos. Puede ser lo mismo para nosotros. <b>La Respuesta</b> ¿Alguna vez has tenido una epifanía?</p> <p>Confieso que nunca he dedicado mucho tiempo a reflexionar sobre el término "epifanía." En mi cabeza, siempre ha habido una estricta separación de la iglesia y el estado cuando se trata de esta palabra. Pienso en la fiesta religiosa de la Epifanía, cuando celebramos el encuentro de los Reyes Magos con el Niño Jesús, como algo totalmente distinto de nuestra comprensión moderna de la antigua palabra griega <i>epipháneia</i>, que significa "manifestación" o "aparición."</p> <p>"He tenido una epifanía," lo he dicho muchas veces antes, y lo que quiero decir es que he llegado a una realización largamente esperada. He recibido la respuesta a una pregunta que me ha dejado perpleja, tal vez me ha inquietado. Ahora sé qué curso de acción debo tomar.</p> <p>"Hoy es la Epifanía," les digo a mis hijos cuando hacemos una rosca de reyes y llevamos las figuritas de los Reyes Magos a nuestro Nacimiento debajo del árbol de Navidad (que, después de hoy, se volverá a guardar, porque el tiempo de Navidad ha llegado a su cumplimiento). Y siempre he pensado que quería decir dos cosas muy diferentes.</p> <p>Pero hoy, reflexiono sobre el viaje de los magos, uno que a menudo debe haber sido traicionero e incómodo. Pienso en su encuentro con Herodes, una situación que ciertamente estaba llena de tensión y miedo. Y me imagino el sentimiento en sus corazones cuando se acercaron al joven Mesías y cayeron de rodillas. Pienso en la paz que debieron sentir. La nueva y vibrante conciencia de cuál era su propio propósito. Fue una epifanía para ellos, un descubrimiento de la verdad. Una respuesta.</p> <p>Debería ser lo mismo para nosotros. ©LPI</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>RECOGNIZE GOD IN YOUR ORDINARY MOMENTS</b> By Colleen Jurkiewicz Dorman</p> <p><b>Mini Reflection:</b> The journey of the magi would have been treacherous and uncomfortable. Imagine the peace in their hearts as they approached the young Messiah and fell to their knees. The new, vibrant awareness of what their own purpose was. It was an epiphany for them. It can be the same for us.</p> <p><b>The Answer</b> Have you ever had an epiphany?</p> <p>I’ll confess that I’ve never spent much time reflecting on the term “epiphany.” In my head, there has always been a strict separation of church and state when it comes to this word. I think of the religious feast of the Epiphany, when we celebrate the magi’s encounter with the Christ Child, as totally distinct from our modern understanding of the ancient Greek word <i>epipháneia</i>, which means “manifestation” or “appearance.”</p> <p>“I’ve had an epiphany,” I have said many times before, and what I mean is that I have come to a long-awaited realization. I have received the answer to a question which has perplexed me, perhaps troubled me. I now know what course of action I must take.</p> <p>“Today is the Epiphany,” I say to my children when we make a king cake and bring the little magi figures to our Nativity beneath the Christmas tree (which will, after today, be put back into storage, for the Christmas season has come to its fulfillment).</p> <p>And I’ve always thought I meant I was saying two very different things.</p> <p>But today, I ponder the journey of the magi, one that must have often been treacherous and uncomfortable. I think about their meeting with Herod, a situation that certainly was fraught with tension and fear. And I imagine the feeling in their hearts as they approached the young Messiah and fell to their knees. I think of the peace they must have felt. The new, vibrant awareness of what their own purpose was.</p> <p>It was an epiphany for them — a discovery of truth. An answer. ©LPI</p>

## HOMAGE TO THE SAVIOR OF ALL NATIONS

Epiphany is the *manifestation/revelation* of Jesus as the King/Savior not only of the Jews, but of all human beings. Today's feast reminds us that God loves all nations and cultures of the earth, and that He communicates with us in many, often unforeseen ways – through internal inspirations, through external events, through people, and through His Word. Many times, these factors are combined in an interplay that becomes clear only in hindsight. The challenge is for us to “*decipher*” God’s message and respond to it with **faith, persevering generosity and courage**, just as the Magi did.

The image of the Magi kneeling before the infant Jesus and opening their treasure chests for Him is an image that we should all try to follow. Each of us is called to open our gifts before Jesus, offering Him what He needs. If you have trouble with this idea, keep one of the Magi from your Nativity set on your desk all year as a reminder to bring your gifts to Jesus.

As we celebrate the Eucharist, let us include in our intentions all the peoples of the world and all those who are working hard to bring about harmony and cooperation among all human beings.

**QUESTION OF THE WEEK:** What does “the gift of the Magi” mean to me personally? How do I imitate the Magi gift-givers? Do I intend to offer my life to the Christ Child as “gift”?

### Masses This Week ~ Misas Esta Semana

<b>Saturday</b>	<b>January 4</b>	<b>5:00 PM</b>
† John Ettensberger and For all the Souls in Purgatory.		
<b>6:30 PM</b>		
~ Por la Salud Fisica y Espiritual de Jennifer Cortes, Ana Ochoa, Felipe Guerrero y Braulio Fuentes Martinez.		
† Junior Jose Berrios Luna, Juan Gomez Montes, Melchor Guerrero y Por todas las Almas del Purgatorio.		
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>January 5</b>	<b>7:30 AM</b>
† Luis Rodriguez-Morales and For all the Souls in Purgatory.		
<b>9:00AM</b>		
† Anne Hartin and for all the souls in Purgatory.		
<b>12:00PM</b>		
~Por la Salud Fisica y Espiritual de la Familia Lopez Vargas.		
† Martin Apodaca Sandoval, Jesus Rodriguez, Carlos David Caro Sevilla, Mariza Romero Martinez, Jesus, Maria Esther Raya, Maria Alvarez, Baciliso y Ana Luz Araujo y Por todas las Almas del Purgatorio.		
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>January 7</b>	<b>8:00 AM</b>
† For all the Souls in Purgatory.		
<b>7:00 PM</b>		
~ Por la Salud Fisica y Espiritual Felipe Guerrero.		
† Melchor Guerrero y Por todas las Almas del Purgatorio.		
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>January 8</b>	<b>8:00AM</b>
† Joanna Kracik and For all the Souls in Purgatory.		
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>January 9</b>	<b>8:00 AM</b>
~ For the Health of Fr. Jack Hurley.		
† For all the Souls in Purgatory.		
<b>Friday</b>	<b>January 10</b>	<b>8:00 AM</b>
† Ryan McCarthy and For all the Souls in Purgatory.		
<b>Saturday</b>	<b>January 11</b>	<b>5:00 PM</b>
† Joseph, Dorothy, and Thomas Sullivan, and For all the Souls in Purgatory.		
<b>6:30 PM</b>		
~ Por la Salud Fisica y Espiritual de Jennifer Cortes, Ana Ochoa, Felipe Guerrero y Braulio Fuentes Martinez.		
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## † STEWARDSHIP ✉

Whatever you have – has been given.  
Whatever you give – will be returned.

Please remember Saint Eugene in your Last Will and Testament

**“...They prostrated themselves and did him homage. Then they opened their treasures and offered him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh.” - MATTHEW 2:11**

What gifts do you give to the Lord? Pope St. Gregory said that these three gifts represent what we should give God every day. Gold – we should reflect Christ’s wisdom in all our relationships. Frankincense – represents our daily prayer and adoration to God. Myrrh – is a symbol of our daily sacrifices that we unite with Jesus for the sake of others.

### Offertory for FY 2025 (July 1 2024 thru June 30 2025)

12-14 & 12-15	Fiscal Year To Date Offertory
\$ 22,428	\$ 363,008

Average Weekly Offertory	\$	15,125.33
Budgeted Weekly Offertory	\$	15,620.00
Shortfall per week	\$	(494.67)
Current Mortgage Balance	\$	68,373.60

Thank you for your continued generous support of St Eugene!

**«...y postrándose lo adoraron y abriendo sus tesoros le presentaron obsequios de oro, incienso y mirra.” - MATEO 2:11**

¿Qué regalos le da usted al Señor? El santo papa Gregorio dijo que esos tres obsequios representan lo que deberíamos darle a Dios cada día. Oro – ya que debemos reflejar la sabiduría de Cristo en todas nuestras relaciones. Incienso - representa nuestras oraciones diarias y la adoración a Dios. Mirra - es un símbolo de nuestros sacrificios diarios en los que nos unimos con Jesús para el bien de los demás.

## “Giving from the Heart” Program.

### Programa "Dando desde el Corazón".

Scan this QR code with your smartphone to fill out your Commitment Card online.

Escanear este código QR con tu smartphone para completar tu Tarjeta de Compromiso en línea.



Here's our link for Online giving:  
<https://www.osvhub.com/catholicste/funds>

**Jesús mío, que estás real  
y verdaderamente en el Cielo  
y en el Santísimo Sacramento del altar.  
Te amo sobre todas las cosas y deseo  
vivamente recibirte dentro de mi alma,  
pero no pudiendo hacerlo ahora  
sacramentalmente, ven al menos  
espiritualmente a mi corazón.  
Y como si ya te hubiese recibido,  
Te abrazo y me uno del todo a Ti.  
Señor, no permitas que jamás me aparte  
de Ti. AMEN**



**My Jesus, I believe that  
you are present in the Most Holy  
Sacrament.  
I love you above all things  
and I desire to receive you in my soul.  
Since I cannot at this moment  
receive you sacramentally,  
come at least spiritually into my heart.  
I embrace you as if you were already  
there and unite myself wholly to you.  
Never permit me to be separated from you.  
AMEN**



**“Giving from the Heart” Program**

Thank you for your generous support of our “Giving from the Heart” Program! Several weeks ago, we began this important parish-wide program and we are starting to see signs that our offertory collections are growing through the generosity of YOU, our faithful parish community. Next week we will be publishing in the bulletin a report with important highlights from our program. Thank you so very much to all who participated. Your generosity shows your willingness as faithful stewards to be a part of the ongoing missions of St. Eugene Catholic Church.

**Programa de “Dando desde el Corazón”**

Gracias por su apoyo generoso a nuestra parroquia mediante nuestro Programa “Dando desde el Corazón”. Pronto recibirán un informe final con los resultados del programa. Hace seis semanas que empezamos este programa, y comenzamos a ver señales de que nuestra colecta dominical está creciendo gracias a la generosidad de nuestra comunidad parroquial. Muchas gracias a todos que han decidido participar en este programa muy importante. Su generosidad muestra su voluntad de ser administradores fieles y ser parte de la misión de Iglesia Católica de San Eugenio.

**Please pray for sick members of our  
parish family and friends/ Por favor oren  
por familiares y amigos enfermos:**



Alejandro Bello and Family Ana Ochoa Campus Anita Schwarzweller Barbara Favale Barbara Nalesnik Bill Taylor Bob Reedholm Cathy Richards-Duren Cedric Duren Charleen Malgrat Claire Gova Crystal Sprissler Danny Strobel David and Colleen Yasenchock Dawn Hedgepeth Denise Vargas Dorothy Cicchetti Duane Glossa	Eric Werner Elodia Sarmiento Aguirre Ester Guardado Evelyn Lewis Familia Mares Correa Felipe Guerrero Fran Smith Frankie Ruth George & Catherine Haddad Gordon and Monica Dotterer Humberto & Cony del Rio Irene Maldonado Isiah Pate James Sikkenga Janet Roman Jeannine Cholerton Jemifer Cortez Jeremy Winter Jorge Hernandez Jose Alberto Duran	Katie Strobel Kelly Flores Leanna Osisek Leslei Caballo Leticia Gomez Lisa Snow Lisa Zimaneck Lois Bouchard Madison Thomas Mark Winter Maria Eugenia Carbajal Maria Villalpando Mary Ellen Switzer Mary White Mayra Rodriguez Michael A. Laurence Nguyen Phuoc Neomari Altigracia Duran	Pat Entz Paul A. Verderber Peg Albrecht Peter Carroll Peter Hartin Raul Restrepo Raymond Richards Renee James Rick Becraft Rita Echeverria Romero Family Ron Rogers Ruth Shultz Sherri Reichert Shirley Wiggins Shannon Dowling Sharon Zielinski Shirley Wiggins Tiffany and Tony Martin Tom Dowling Tony Wilder Vidalia Alvarez
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Please call or email the office to add or remove a name to the list, 919-365-7114, Ext. 200; steugenoffice@gmail.com/ Por favor llame o envíe un correo electrónico a la oficina para agregar o remover un nombre a la lista, 919-365-7114; steoffice@stewnc.org.

Unwrap the gifts in your marriage on the next Worldwide Marriage Encounter. It is a weekend for married Christian couples who value their relationship and desire a richer, fuller life together. Sign up for an upcoming

**Worldwide Marriage Encounter Experience on Mar 21-23, 2025 in EMERALD ISLE, NC and May 2-4, 2025 in HICKORY, NC.** Early sign up is recommended. For more information visit our website at:

<https://NCMarriageDiscovery.org>  
or contact us at  
[applications@NCMarriageDiscovery.org](mailto:applications@NCMarriageDiscovery.org)  
or 704-315-2144.



IGNITED BY TRUTH

**2025 Ignited By Truth Catholic Conference**

Get out your calendar!  
Block out the weekend of April 5-6th, 2025 and plan to join us for our 22nd annual conference!

**SAVE THE DATE**  
April 5-6, 2025

***A Big Thank You to St. Eugene Community!  
from the Knights of Columbus and from Wake County Eastern Regional Center for your continued and generous support!***




***¡Un cordial agradecimiento a la comunidad de San Eugenio!  
En nombre de los Caballeros de Colón y del Centro Regional del Este del Condado de Wake, les expresamos nuestro más sincero reconocimiento por su continuo y generoso apoyo.***

**HAS YOUR STATUS CHANGED?**

A new name? A change of address, Cell number, work number, or email? Have the children moved away or maybe you have a new baby? A death in the family? If so, be sure to let the Parish Office know.

Please call 919-365-7114, Ext. 200, or email [steoffice@stewnc.org](mailto:steoffice@stewnc.org) to update us. It's important to keep our records current.



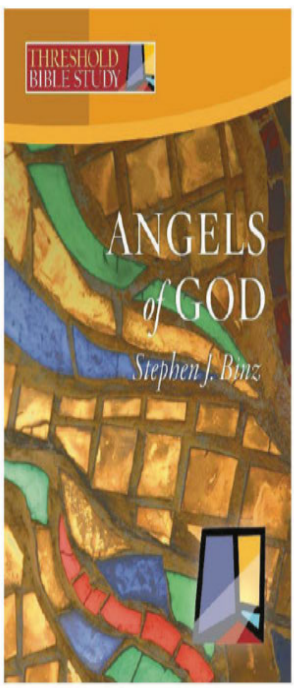
**Seasons of Hope**  
A Parish Grief Support Group for  
Adults Who Mourn  
Centered on Jesus Christ in  
Prayer and Scripture

Meets on Tuesdays from 9:30 – 11:30 am  
St. Eugene Catholic Church  
Parish Hall  
Contact: Tony Wrobel (252)290-5306,  
[tonywrobel240@gmail.com](mailto:tonywrobel240@gmail.com)  
or  
Ray Reilly (919)709-8347  
[rmmreilly@aol.com](mailto:rmmreilly@aol.com)

REGISTRATION REQUIRED

## The greatest of gifts: Holy Sacrifice of the Mass

If you would like to have a Mass celebrated for a special occasion, on behalf of a family member, a friend, or a deceased loved one (**Holy Souls in Purgatory**), **MUST email or call the office at [steugeneoffice@gmail.com](mailto:steugeneoffice@gmail.com) subject line: MASS INTENTION** or call the office 919-365-7114 Ext. 200.



The St. Eugene Evangelizing Disciples  
S.E.E.D Ministry  
Is pleased to announce...

**ANGELS of GOD**  
Stephen J. Binz

This study enhances the fascination with angels and provides an overview of the Bible's presentation of God's angels as guardians and messengers.

Stephen J. Binz will present an understanding of their presence throughout biblical history and will enhance your awareness of their invisible presence with us today.

The six (6) week session will begin on Thursday, January 30, 2025 at 9:30am. Cost is \$12.00


For further information contact:  
Charlene Giacco, [fcgiacco@gmail.com](mailto:fcgiacco@gmail.com)  
Ray Reilly, [rmmreilly@aol.com](mailto:rmmreilly@aol.com) or (919) 709-8347

## March For Life in Washington DC

**Time to sign up for the bus trip to the National March for Life**

The National March for Life will be on **January 24, 2025 in Washington, DC**. You can join thousands at the National Mall for the concert, rally, great speakers, and march for the preborn children, and for all who still need your support for the Culture of Life in our State and Nation. The cost is \$100 per seat, and school-age children ride free with a parent or guardian. The bus will leave from St. Raphael Catholic Church and return the same day. Can't make it? Then please sponsor a trip for some of these kids.

Sign up or donate at [www.KofC9880.org/marchforlife](http://www.KofC9880.org/marchforlife) - This QR code will directly go to the website. Please contact Chuck Piratzky at 919-819-7113 with questions.




“Project Rachel was something I didn't truly think I needed. I had confessed my sin and received forgiveness. I had spent years of personal work and therapy to deal with the pain and depression I felt. In my heart I felt truly forgiven, but I still carried the shame and isolation of my burden—my secret. *I was still condemning myself in that still quiet part of my spirit.*

A retreat announcement was in our bulletin—and on a leap of faith I signed up—not knowing at all what to expect or even to pray for.

That retreat was a turning point in my life in so many ways... As a lifelong Catholic I never dreamed there were people just like me who had suffered the pain of abortion and were willing to share their journey to healing—to use their experience (with God's Grace) to transform the pain of others. The very secret that threatened to turn me from God and the church became transformed—reminding me that I am beloved by God—and that I belong to a church that is not only pro-life, but also pro-love and forgiveness.

Project Rachel cares for us post-abortion women the way Christ Himself would. It is a true expression of the unconditional and undeserved love of God; empowered by the gifts of the Holy Spirit.”

*If you desire healing from a past abortion, you are invited to experience the love of Jesus Christ at Project Rachael weekend retreat:*

**January 10-12, 2025**

The weekend retreat is strictly *confidential* for both women and men and includes discussions, spiritual exercises, the Sacrament of Reconciliation, a Memorial Service and a Mass of Resurrection. Participation offers a beautiful opportunity to experience God's love, forgiveness and compassion.

For more information or to register for the retreat, contact Project Rachael:  
[project.rachel@raldioc.org](mailto:project.rachel@raldioc.org) or call (919) 852-1021

The cost is \$200 for lodging, meals, and all retreat materials. If you have a financial burden, assistance is available.

## La Importancia de estar Registrado

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**WEEKLY READINGS & OBSERVANCES OF JANUARY 5, 2025/  
 LAS LECTURAS Y CONMEMORACIONES SEMANALES DEL 5 DE ENERO DE 2025**

**Readings for the week of January 5, 2025**

Sunday: Is 60:1-6/Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 10-11, 12-13 (see 11)/Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6/Mt 2:1-12  
 Monday: 1 Jn 3:22—4:6/Ps 2:7bc-8, 10-12a/Mt 4:12-17, 23-25  
 Tuesday: 1 Jn 4:7-10/Ps 72:1-2, 3-4, 7-8/Mk 6:34-44  
 Wednesday: 1 Jn 4:11-18/Ps 72:1-2, 10, 12-13/Mk 6:45-52  
 Thursday: 1 Jn 4:19—5:4/Ps72:1-2, 14 and 15bc, 17/Lk 4:14-22a  
 Friday: 1 Jn 5:5-13/Ps 147:12-13, 14-15, 19-20/Lk 5:12-16  
 Saturday: 1 Jn 5:14-21/Ps 149:1-2, 3-4, 5 and 6a and 9b/Jn 3:22-30  
 Next Sunday: Is 40:1-5, 9-11/Ps 104:1b-2, 3-4, 24-25, 27-28, 29-30 (1)/Ti 2:11-14; 3:4-7/  
 Lk 3:15-16, 21-22

**Observances for the week of January 5, 2025**

Sunday: The Epiphany of the Lord  
 Monday: St. André Bessette, Religious  
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