

**ST. JOHN  
THE BAPTIST  
ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH**

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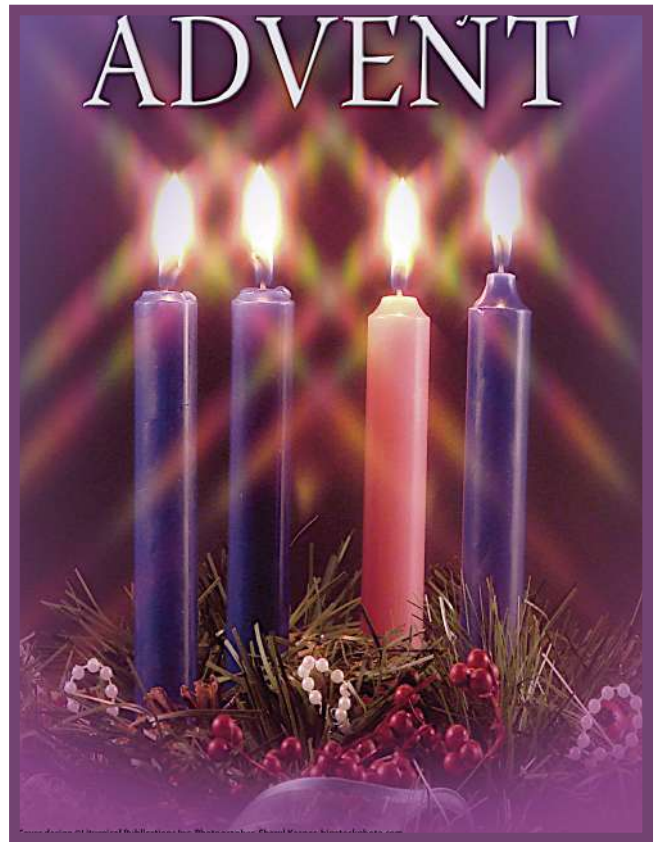
*Ut In Omnibus Glorificetur Deus*

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**ANOINTING OF THE SICK / LAST RITES:** Please ask the priest for the Anointing of the Sick before serious surgery. In the case of an emergency and the need for Last Rites, call the parish office at 828-859-9574, wait for the answering machine, then press 6 to leave your name and phone number.

**HOLY COMMUNION AND HOSPITAL CALLS:** Please notify the parish office when a parishioner is in the hospital or homebound.

**FAITH FORMATION:** Classes, Monday: 6 to 7 pm.  
High School Youth Group, see bulletin for scheduling.

**DEVOTIONS:** Rosary before weekday Mass. Divine Mercy Chaplet following Monday Mass. First Friday Adoration begins at 9 am and concludes at 5 pm with Benediction.

**SCHEDULE**

**SUNDAY MASSES**

Saturday Vigil: 4:30 pm  
Sunday: 8:30 am (Latin), 11 am & 12:30 pm (Spanish)

**WEEKDAY MASSES**

Monday, Tuesday & Friday: 8:30 am  
First Saturday Mass: 8:30 am  
*Holy Days to be announced*

**CONFESSION**

Monday & Friday: 7:30 — 8:15 am  
Saturday: 3:00 — 4:30 pm, or by appointment

**EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION**

Wednesday & Thursday: 8:30 — 9:30 am

**BAPTISM:** Preparation class required. Contact the parish office.

**MATRIMONY:** Couples planning marriage should contact the parish priest at least six months in advance of the marriage.

**REGISTRATION:** New parishioners may register at the parish office or download the registration form from our website.

# THE LITURGICAL WEEK

## MASS INTENTIONS

**Saturday, December 18**  
4:30pm - † Grace McMahon

**Sunday, December 19**  
**Fourth Sunday of Advent**  
8:30am Latin - † Adeline &  
† James Kenny  
11am - † Al Tedrahn  
12:30pm - Pro Populo

**Monday, December 20**  
8:30am - † Brian Kassel

**Tuesday, December 21**  
**St. Peter Canisius**  
8:30am - Lena Meredith

**Friday, December 24**  
4:30pm - Priest's Intention  
6:30pm - Priest's Intention  
12 Midnight Latin - Priest's Intention

**Saturday, December 25**  
**The Nativity of the Lord**  
9am - Pro Populo

**Sunday, December 26**  
**The Holy Family**  
8:30am Latin - Larry Pate  
11am - † Grace McMahon  
12:30pm - Pro Populo



## CONFESSIONS

**Monday 7:30 — 8:30 am**  
**\*Friday No Confession**  
**\*Saturday No Confession**

## DEVOTIONS

**ADORATION & BENEDICTION**  
**OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT**  
Wednesday & Thursday  
8:30 to 9:30 am

**DIVINE MERCY CHAPLET**  
After Monday Mass

**PATRIOTIC ROSARY**  
After Tuesday Mass

## THE SANCTUARY LAMPS

are lit for the Anniversary of the  
Order of Preachers

## PRAYERS

### FOR OUR SICK & SHUT-INS

Please remember the infirmed of our parish, especially those who, by request, have been placed on our parish prayer intention list. If you would like to be added to this list, please call the parish office. You may call for a copy of the prayer list.

# SPIRITUAL READING & REFLECTION

## CHRISTMAS MASS SCHEDULE

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 24<sup>TH</sup>

4:30 PM

6:30 PM

12 MIDNIGHT – LATIN

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 25<sup>TH</sup>

9 AM



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*There will be no 3:00 Confession or 4:30 Vigil Mass on Saturday, December 25<sup>th</sup>. The Dec. 25<sup>th</sup>, 9am Christmas Mass, does not fulfill your Sunday obligation.*



*Sunday Mass Schedule — December 26<sup>th</sup>  
8:30am Latin, 11am & 12:30pm Spanish*



# Merry Christmas

*From Fr. Jason Christian,  
Deacon Art Kingsley,  
Deacon John Riehl  
& the staff of St. John Church*

# ANNOUNCEMENTS

## MASS READINGS FOR THE WEEK



# Alleluia

**Sunday:** Mi 5:1-4a/Ps 80:2-3, 15-16, 18-19 [4]/Heb 10:5-10/Lk 1:39-45

**Monday:** Is 7:10-14/Ps 24:1-2, 3-4ab, 5-6 [cf. 7c and 10b]/Lk 1:26-38

**Tuesday:** Sg 2:8-14 or Zep 3:14-18a/Ps 33:2-3, 11-12, 20-21 [1a; 3a]/Lk 1:39-45

**Wednesday:** 1 Sm 1:24-28/1 Sm 2:1, 4-5, 6-7, 8abcd [cf. 1a]/ Lk 1:46-56

**Thursday:** Mal 3:1-4, 23-24/Ps 25:4-5ab, 8-9, 10 and 14 [cf. Lk 21:28]/Lk 1:57-66

**Friday:** Morning: 2 Sm 7:1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16/Ps 89:2-3, 4-5, 27 and 29 [2]/Lk 1:67-79

**Saturday:** Vigil: Is 62:1-5/Ps 89:4-5, 16-17, 27, 29 [2a]/ Acts 13:16-17, 22-25/Mt 1:1-25 or 1:18-25

Night: Is 9:1-6/Ps 96:1-2, 2-3, 11-12, 13 [Lk 2:11]/ Ti 2:11-14/Lk 2:1-14

Dawn: Is 62:11-12/Ps 97:1, 6, 11-12/Ti 3:4-7/Lk 2:15-20

Day: Is 52:7-10/Ps 98:1, 2-3, 3-4, 5-6 [3c]/Heb 1:1-6/Jn 1:1-18 or 1:1-5, 9-14

**Next Sunday:** Sir 3:2-6, 12-14/Ps 128:1-2, 3, 4-5 [cf. 1]/ Col 3:12-21 or 3:12-17/Lk 2:41-52 or 1 Sm 1:20-22, 24-28/ Ps 84:2-3, 5-6, 9-10 [cf. 5a]/1 Jn 3:1-2, 21-24/Lk 2:41-52

## THE OFFERTORY REPORT

Fiscal Year July 1, 2021 — June 30, 2022

Offertory Totals for the Masses of Dec. 11 & 12, 2021

	This Week	Y.T.D
Actual - Regular	\$8,873	\$221,980
<b>Budgeted</b>	<b>\$7,885</b>	<b>\$189,231</b>
Variance	\$ 988	\$ 32,749

## 2022 OFFERTORY ENVELOPES

The 2022 offertory envelopes are in the social hall.

**Please pick up your envelopes today.**

## ONLINE DONATIONS

To conveniently make donations online, see our website or go to: <https://giving.parishsoft.com/app/giving/stjohntryon>.

## 2021 RETIREMENT FUND FOR RELIGIOUS

Religious give thanks. A sister writes, "Our prayers belong most of all to the generous benefactors whose donations have made this financial assistance possible." Thank you for supporting last week's Retirement Fund for Religious collection. Visit [retiredreligious.org](http://retiredreligious.org) to learn how your gift supports elderly sisters, brothers, and religious order priests.

## THE SANCTUARY LAMPS

are available for January 8 — 15, 2022. See Andree in the parish office by noon on Dec. 20<sup>th</sup> please.

## O ANTIPHONS: LESSONS & CAROLS

*This Sunday at 10am*

St. John's youth choir, Pueri Cantores, invites the parish family to attend the O Antiphons: Lessons & Carols at 10am in the Church, this Sunday. O Antiphons: Lesson & Carols draws on contemplating the coming of Christ's birth at Christmas through poems, scripture, carols and chant, all based on the seven titles for Christ, also known as the O Antiphons. Please join us!

*And be prepared to sing!*



## THE PARISH OFFICE

*will be closed from Wed., Dec. 22<sup>nd</sup>  
through Fri., Dec. 31<sup>st</sup>.  
We reopen Mon., Jan 3<sup>rd</sup>.*



## OUR CHRISTMAS FLOWERS ARE IN † LOVING MEMORY OF:

Virginia Marie Mechensky  
 Joan Marie Mechensky  
 Leonard F. Polaski  
 Sr. St. Helen Sullivan, I.H.M.  
 Marshall Monroe  
 Edwina Brodzinski  
 Agnes Brodzinski  
 Edward Brodzinski  
 John & Joanne Cave  
 David Cave  
 Barbara Hanfman  
 Mathew Hanfman  
 Nanny  
 Samuel Cross  
 Audrey Cross  
 Joseph Williams

Katharine Williams  
 William Cross  
 Caesar Magnone  
 Frances Magnone  
 Joseph Magnone  
 Leo & Agnes Slusher  
 Irena Kricharska  
 Boguslaw Kricharska  
 Brohislawa Niemczura  
 Jery Niemczura  
 Grace McMahan  
 Ann Strozso  
 Betty & Carl Lewis  
 Barbara & John Shull  
 Nancy Shull  
 The Gagliano Family

The Cavarra Family  
 Barbara Jean Quirk  
 John Hicks  
 Laudy Hayden  
 The Basarab Family  
 Ed & Louise McLean  
 Stan & Mary Kochaniec  
 Margaret Jirmasek  
 Philip Varela  
 Tom Blackwood  
 Laura Minerd  
 Carrie Ernest  
 George & Helen Supsic  
 Jim Supsic  
 Bernie Blessner  
 Jennifer Supsic

## ... AND IN HONOR OF:

St. Joseph Seminarists  
 Rev. Gregory Littleton  
 The Pro Life Movement & Laws  
 John & Yvonne Basarab  
 Jodie Keestling  
 Bernardine Monroe

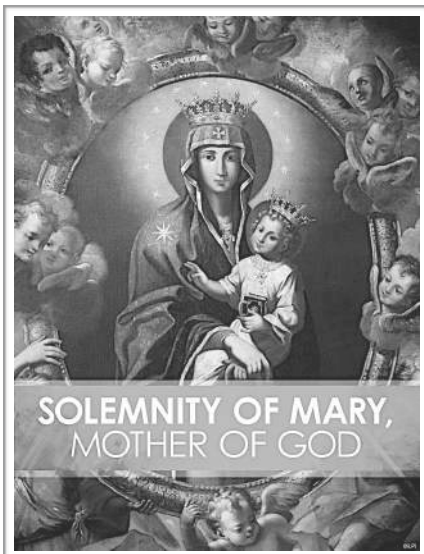


## PRAYER KNEELERS

**Deacon Aaron Huber and Deacon Darren Balkey | Monday, December 27 — Monday, January 3**

St. John the Baptist is hosting kneelers for Aaron Huber and Darren Balkey next Monday, December 27, through Monday, January 3, 2022. They will be located here in the Church, temporarily replacing our usual kneelers in front of the votive offerings. You are invited to come and say a prayer on the kneelers and to share messages and prayer intentions in their journals. The kneelers and journals will be presented to them as gifts upon their ordination.

*We thank Mary's Sons, an apostolate established by lay Catholics in our diocese, for providing the kneelers. Their mission is to promote prayer, support and love for our priests. They also support Eucharistic adoration, 40 hours devotions and holy hours for an increase in vocations.*



## MASS SCHEDULE FOR THE SOLEMNITY OF MARY

***The Solemnity of Mary is on Saturday, Jan. 1<sup>st</sup>***

Mass for this solemnity will be a Latin Mass at midnight, on Friday, Dec. 31<sup>st</sup>. We will not have an 8:30am Mass on Friday, Dec. 31<sup>st</sup> or Saturday, Jan 1<sup>st</sup>. The Solemnity of Mary is not a holy day of obligation this year.

- The Jan. 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday Mass schedule, including Confession and the 4:30pm Vigil on Jan. 1<sup>st</sup> remains the same.

**16TH ANNUAL MARCH FOR LIFE CHARLOTTE!***Friday, Jan. 14, 2022*

The day will begin with a Mass offered for the Unborn at 9am at St. Vincent de Paul Catholic Church at 6828 Old Reid Rd. Charlotte, N.C. At 11am we will start to gather at the parking lot across the street from the Catholic Diocese at 1123 S. Church St. Charlotte, N.C. There may be some parking available at the parking lot but please expect to find parking on your own uptown if necessary. At 12pm we will march to Trade and Tryon to be a witness for The Unborn. There will be a guest preacher and prolife speaker. After the prolife testimonies we will pray the Most Holy Rosary and the Chaplet of Divine Mercy. Please join others to march and pray for an end to abortion and save babies lives! See schedule details at [www.marchforlifecharlotte.com](http://www.marchforlifecharlotte.com).

**FORMED.ORG**

- Watch: *A Christmas in Rome: A Celebration of the Nativity.*
- Learn: *The Story of the Nativity: The Truth of Christmas.*
- Listen: *The True Meaning of Christmas*, by V. Fulton Sheen.

To set up your FREE account, visit [formed.org/signup](http://formed.org/signup) and select our parish.

**DEFENDING CONSCIENCE RIGHTS AGAINST VACCINE MANDATES**

This Christmas many Catholic employees and families are threatened with the loss of employment, income, and livelihood due to employer vaccine mandates which go against their conscience and pro-life beliefs. To support Catholic workers and families and their conscience rights, the Carolina Family Coalition (CFC) is organizing a special Defend Your Conscience Rights event on Monday December 20 at 7pm at St. Thomas Aquinas parish – Aquinas Hall (1400 Suther Road, Charlotte). The event will feature talks by an attorney, impacted workers, and a reflection by a priest on how to suffer for Christ and His teachings. The event is free. CFC is an organization founded in 2018 by Catholic pro-life leaders in Charlotte to defend the family against the secular culture. For questions contact: [info@carolinafamilycoalition.org](mailto:info@carolinafamilycoalition.org).

**THE GOLDEN RULE GROUP***Need Christmas Cheering Up?*

The Golden Rule provides rides to appointments, errands, visits, prayers, etc. Contact parishioner Peggy Wyllie at 828-859-6339.

**GIFT CARD REQUEST, ROOM AT THE INN**

Room At The Inn is in need of \$25 gift cards for Target and Walmart for use as Christmas gifts for the mothers in the program. Cards can be mailed to: PO Box 13936, Greensboro, NC 27415. Thank you for helping to make room at the inn for single homeless pregnant women in our community this Christmas!

**COAT & BLANKET CHARITY DRIVE***Now through December 24**Corporal Work of Mercy—Matthew 25:40-45*

Corporal work of mercy opportunity. Please consider donating new or slightly used coats and /or blankets to a Christmas charity drive for individuals experiencing homelessness. Young adults, from various Churches, will join together to sort the items and deliver to individuals on the streets throughout the Christmas season.

Drop your donations in the labeled boxes that are downstairs in the social hall. Do not wrap the donation. Last chance to donate is Christmas Eve midnight Mass. Any questions: contact fellow parishioner, Regina Maimone: 828-980-3029 (please leave voicemail and your call will be returned).

**SAVE THE DATE**

Dec 25	The Nativity of the Lord
Jan 1	The Solemnity of Mary
Jan 2	The Epiphany
Jan 9	The Baptism of the Lord
Jan 16	Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

# FAITH FORMATION



**Youth, let the SAINTS guide you...**

*"If you have too much to do, with God's help you will find time to do it all."*

*"Better that only a few Catholics should be left, staunch and sincere in their religion, than that they should, remaining many, desire as it were, to be in collusion with the Church's enemies and in conformity with the open foes of our faith." — Saint Peter Casinius*

- Sunday, December 19 O Antiphons after the 8:30am Latin Mass — many of your fellow youth are participating.

## FAITH FORMATION



- FF Classes meets Monday, December 20— arrive by 5:50pm.
- Christmas holiday: December 27th and January 3rd.
- FF Classes will resume on Monday, January 10, 2022.

Faith Formation classes meet Monday's at 6pm to 7pm. Please arrive by 5:50pm to check the students in. Thank you and God bless. If you have any questions, please call Theresa Fitch at 859-9574 ext. 3 or email at [stjohnff@windstream.net](mailto:stjohnff@windstream.net).

***Ut In Omnibus Glorificetur Deus—So That in All Things May God be Glorified***

## ADULT FAITH FORMATION



### MEN'S GROUP

***Tuesday, December 28<sup>th</sup> — 3pm***

Men's group will meet on Tuesday, December 28, 2021.

Men's group meets on the second and fourth Tuesday of each month in the parish social hall. They gather first in the Church for prayer.