

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

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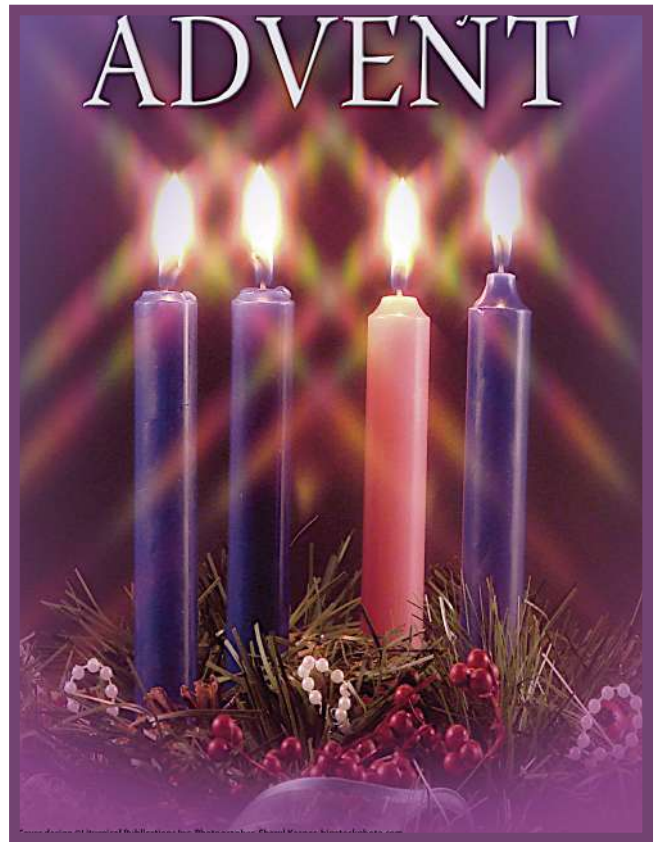
Ut In Omnibus Glorificetur Deus

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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 4

St. John Damascene

First Saturday

*6:00am Latin - Priest's Intention

4:30pm - † Marshall Monroe

Sunday, December 5

Second Sunday of Advent

8:30am Latin - † Peter Swart

11am - Barbara Buffington

12:30pm - Pro Populo

***Monday, December 6**

St. Nicholas

No Mass - † Grace McMahon

***Tuesday, December 7**

St. Ambrose of Milan

No Mass - † Grace McMahon

***Wednesday, December 8**

**The Immaculate Conception
of the Blessed Virgin Mary**

8:30am - Pro Populo

12pm - † Michael Carson

6:30pm Latin - Priest's Intention

Friday, December 10

Our Lady of Loreto

8:30am Latin - † Adeline &

† James Kenny

Saturday, December 11

St. Damasus

4:30pm - † Barbara Belthoff

Sunday, December 12

Third Sunday of Advent

8:30am Latin - † Coletta Lobas

11am - † Mark Overton

12:30pm - Pro Populo

****Change from regular schedule***

CONFESSIONS

***Monday No Confession**

Friday 7:30 — 8:30 am

Saturday 3 — 4:30 pm

DEVOTIONS

***ADORATION & BENEDICTION
OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT**

Monday, Tuesday & Thursday

8:30 to 9:30 am

DIVINE MERCY CHAPLET

After Monday Morning Mass

PATRIOTIC ROSARY

After Tuesday Mass

THE SANCTUARY LAMPS

are lit in memory of

† Michael Carson

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

The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 8TH
A HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION

MASS SCHEDULE

8:30 A.M.

12 NOON

6:30 P.M. LATIN



“FOR THE FORGIVENESS OF SINS”

This Advent I would invite you to make this consent to be forgiven because this is a very unique gift to God. He, as God, can show mercy; he cannot receive it. As God, he is the Lord of forgiveness, but he cannot be forgiven. We can say, in our human way of expressing a real truth of God before which all our human language limps and falters, that we can contribute something to God, who cannot be forgiven. And so, let us bring to him, in everything that we strive to do this Advent, this consent to be forgiven, this gift of being forgiven. When he, with lordly mercy, promises to throw all our faults and our sins into the sea, let us not put on the diving equipment of pride and go right down and bring them up again.

There is something in all of us that would like to pretend that we do not need to be forgiven, and this is why we sometimes get so excited about our faults, why we cannot be simple, why we will not stop rocking that little spiritual monster-child that we cuddle so, that we do not want snatched from us, that we do not want laid to Christian burial. We want to keep looking at it and in the end we convince ourselves that it is beautiful. Or the other alternative is to say that this isn't my child; it is somebody else's. We are adept at choosing one of those two alternatives which save us from being forgiven....

Let this be our consolation, that God is truth and all truth honors him; therefore, the honest admission of our faults gives glory to God. And so, there is no reason to be discouraged because no matter how many faults the light of the coming King brings into focus in our hearts, everything honestly faced can give honor to him. Now isn't that wonderful? Isn't that something to be happy about? Isn't that why we continually rejoice in this season of penance? We laugh together and we are happy together, because this is the whole meaning of Advent, that we are the forgiven ones.

Mother Mary Francis of Our Lady, p.c.c.

Mother Mary Francis († 2006) was abbess of the Poor Clare Monastery of Our Lady of Guadalupe in Roswell, N.M.

Dec. 2021 Magnificat

ANNOUNCEMENTS

MASS READINGS FOR THE WEEK



Aleluia

Sunday: Bar 5:1-9/Ps 126:1-2, 2-3, 4-5, 6 [3]/

Phil 1:4-6, 8-11/Lk 3:1-6

Monday: Is 35:1-10/Ps 85:9ab and 10, 11-12, 13-14 [cf. Is 35:4]/Lk 5:17-26

Tuesday: Is 40:1-11/Ps 96:1-2, 3 and 10ac, 11-12, 13 [cf. Is 40:10ab]/Mt 18:12-14

Wednesday: Gn 3:9-15, 20/Ps 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4 [1]/ Eph 1:3-6, 11-12/Lk 1:26-38

Thursday: Is 41:13-20/Ps 145:1 and 9, 10-11, 12-13ab [8]/ Mt 11:11-15

Friday: Is 48:17-19/Ps 1:1-2, 3, 4 and 6 [cf. Jn 8:12]/ Mt 11:16-19

Saturday: Sir 48:1-4, 9-11/Ps 80:2ac and 3b, 15-16, 18-19 [4]/Mt 17:9a, 10-13

Next Sunday: Zep 3:14-18a/Is12:2-3, 4, 5-6 [6]/ Phil 4:4-7/Lk 3:10-18

THE OFFERTORY REPORT

Fiscal Year July 1, 2021 — June 30, 2022

Offertory Totals for the Masses of Nov. 27 & 28, 2021

	This Week	Y.T.D
Actual - Regular	\$7,016	\$200,792
Budgeted	\$7,885	\$173,462
Variance	(\$ 869)	\$ 27,330

CHRISTMAS FLOWER OFFERING

Please clearly print the names of your loved ones on the Christmas flower offering envelopes.

OFFERTORY ENVELOPES

The 2022 offertory envelopes have arrived. They are downstairs in the social hall, arranged in alphabetical order. If you currently have offertory envelopes, there will be a box with your name on it. If you would like to receive offertory envelopes, please contact Kelli in the office. Please pick up your envelopes today.

THE DREAM OF GERONTIUS



Saturday, Dec. 11th
6 — 8pm
Social Hall

All in the parish are invited to a special group reading of the *The Dream of Gerontius*, a poem by Cardinal John Henry Newman. All who wish to attend are encouraged to go to the following website and download a copy of the poem: www.ccel.org/ccel/newman/gerontius.

2021 RETIREMENT FUND FOR RELIGIOUS

Dec. 11th & 12th

Give in gratitude. A donor to the Retirement Fund for Religious writes, "I still remember the lessons the sisters gave us and how they instilled in us the love of our faith." Show



Please give to those who have given a lifetime.

retiredreligious.org

Visit retiredreligious.org/2021photos to meet the religious pictured.

your thanks for the prayerful service of elderly Catholic sisters, brothers, and religious order priests. Your gift to next week's second collection helps provide care, medicine, and more. Please be generous.

ATTENTION LECTORS & USHERS

First quarter schedule 2022 is in the early planning stages. Be sure to email, or leave voicemail at office, with any conflict or preference you have for the first quarter of the new year—January, February and March 2022. Thank you, Theresa. Email: stjohnff@windstream.net.

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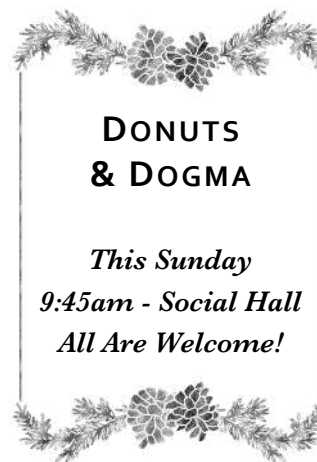
- Watch: *Guadalupe: The Miracle and the Message.*
- Learn: *FORMED NOW! Do We Make Too Much of Mary?*
- Listen: *Marian Dogmas*, with Matt Fradd & Dr. Brant Pitre.

To set up your FREE account, visit formed.org/signup and select our parish.

THE CHURCH BUILDING WILL CLOSE

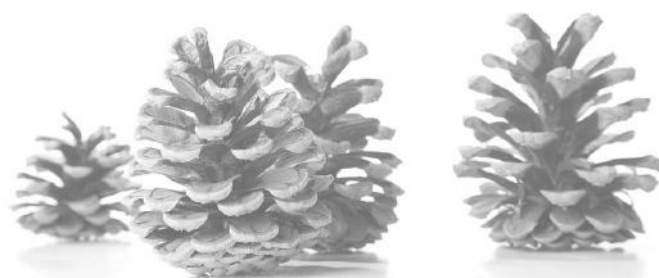
after 8:30 a.m. Adoration on Thursday, Dec. 9, for cleaning. We reopen Friday, Dec. 10. The side door will also be locked. *Thank you for your understanding*

*The 2022 Catholic
wall calendars
are in the vestibule!
One to a family please.*



**PRAYER KNEELERS
& PRAYER INTENTION BOOKS**

Deacon Aaron Huber & Deacon Darren Balkey
Prayer kneelers & intention books will be here Monday, December 27 through Monday, January 3. See the insert in this bulletin.



MASS INTENTIONS

Please note that when a regularly scheduled Mass cannot be celebrated here, Fr. Christian will offer the previously requested intention at a private Mass. Please see Mass schedule changes on page 1.

PARISH LIFE			
Mon	Dec 6	5:30pm 6pm	Schola Choir Rehearsal, Church Faith Formation Classes, Parish Ctr
Wed	Dec 8	—	Parish Office Closed, Holyday
Sat	Dec 11	6pm	The Dream of Gerontius, Social Hall
Pueri Cantores Rehearsals — 9:30am Dec. 5 — Parish Ctr / Dec. 12 — Parish Ctr			

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS ANNUAL CHRISTMAS DINNER

Sunday, December 12th | Lake Lure Inn, N.C.

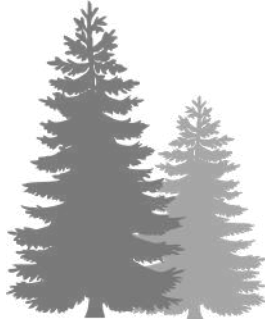
Tickets on Sale Now

Purchase your dinner and LAMB fundraiser tickets after weekend Masses, or call Tom Furey at 828-817-0536 or Steve Boehm at 516-509-1909. Dinner tickets are \$40 each. The fundraiser prize drawing will be held at the Christmas dinner. Fundraiser tickets are \$10 each.

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.



CHARLOTTE AIRPORT SUNDAY MASS

The Airport Chaplaincy at Charlotte Douglas International Airport offers Catholic Mass at 8:30am & 10:30am each Sunday. Please feel free to attend Mass there if you are in the area. All Sunday services are held in the airport auditorium, not the Chapel (due to its size). Once through security, proceed to the main terminal atrium (food court) and take the stairs to the 3rd floor (elevator access available). Head to the hallway to your left (away from the USO) and the entrance to the auditorium will be the 2nd door on the right.

PATRIOTIC ROSARY FOR THE CONVERSION OF OUR COUNTRY

Join us every Tuesday morning at 9:30am in the Church, before the statue of Our Lady. Booklets are provided.

FREE PIANO

Grinnell Brothers — Good Condition

Call parishioner, Beverly Gray at 864-237-4032.

COUNSELING SERVICE

Catholic Charities Diocese of Charlotte, Asheville office has a bilingual English & Spanish speaking counselor on staff. Our counseling service has a sliding scale fee based on income. We have immediate openings for folks looking for anger management as well as EMDR, individual, couple and family counseling. Call 828-255-0146 to speak to the counselor or to leave a message.

THE GOLDEN RULE GROUP

Are You Lonely?

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

O ANTIPHONS: LESSONS & CAROLS

Sunday, Dec. 19th

St. John's youth choir, Pueri Cantores, invites the parish family to attend the O Antiphons: Lessons & Carols at 10am in the Church on December 19th. 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!*



SAVE THE DATE

Dec 8	Immaculate Conception
Dec 11	The Dream of Gerontius Reading
Dec 12	K of C Christmas Dinner, Lake Lure Inn
Dec 19	O Antiphons Program
Dec 25	The Nativity of the Lord

FAITH FORMATION



Youth, let the SAINTS guide you...
“The giver of every good and perfect gift has called upon us to mimic Gods giving, by grace, through faith, and this is not of ourselves.”
 —Saint Nicholas of Myra

- Sunday, December 5 Donuts & Dogma after Latin Mass
- Sunday, December 12 Youth Breakfast & Blessing Bags for Homeless
- Sunday, December 19 O’ Antiphons after the 8:30 Latin Mass. Many of your fellow youth are participating.



FAITH FORMATION

- FF Classes meet three Mondays in December: 6, 13 and 20.
- Christmas holiday: December 27 and January 3.

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 sjohnff@windstream.net.

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

— ADULT FAITH FORMATION —

MEN’S GROUP

Tuesday, December 14 — 3pm

Men’s group will meet on Tuesday, December 14th. 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.

