

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

Est. 1911

*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 7:15 pm. High School Youth Group, see bulletin for scheduling.

**DEVOTIONS:** Rosary before weekday Mass. Morning Prayer following 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: 3:30 — 4:15 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, February 6**

**St. Paul Miki & Companions**

**First Saturday**

8:30am Latin - Priest's Intention

4:30pm - Marshall Monroe†

**Sunday, February 7**

**Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

8:30am Latin - Adeline &

James Kenny†

11am - The Schweizer Family

12:30pm - Pro Populo

**Monday, February 8**

**St. Jerome Emiliani**

**St. Josephine Bakhita**

8:30am - The Kohlbry Family

**Tuesday, February 9**

8:30am - The Meyers Family

**Friday, February 12**

8:30am Latin - Adeline & James Kenny†

**Saturday, February 13**

4:30pm - Charles Loescher†

**Sunday, February 14**

**Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

8:30am Latin - Anel Chavez†

11am - Loretta Pack†

12:30pm - Pro Populo

## CONFESSIONS

**Monday 7:30 — 8:30 am**

**Friday 7:30 — 8:30 am**

**Saturday 3:30 — 4:15 pm**

## DEVOTIONS

### ADORATION & BENEDICTION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

Wednesday & Thursday

8:30 — 9:30 am

### MORNING PRAYER

after Mass on Monday,

Tuesday & Friday

### DIVINE MERCY CHAPLET

after Monday morning prayer

## THE SANCTUARY LAMPS

are for the intentions of

The Gray Family

## 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

## HOW WE PURSUE HIM AND FIND HIM

I would like to end this letter by speaking of prayer.... I am sometimes distracted, although distractions come and go without causing me any disturbance. I could almost say that I hardly advert to them. My will is united to God and no one can separate it from him. It is a fortress which no one can penetrate and Jesus is its master. I have given him the key and no one but he can enter.... Formerly it was not so. When distractions came, I would be disturbed and annoyed and fear that I had not done all I could to reject them. In this way I lost that complete quietude of spirit which is so necessary for conversing with God.

I am a child and Jesus treats me that way.... He wants me to see what I am and what I could be without him so that I will realize my incapacity for all things and will experience my own nothingness. At the same time, he makes me understand that he is within me and that I should be strong in faith and love.... Love gives us courage to carry the yoke of the Lord. Yes, love makes everything easy, and more than anything else, the practice of prayer. Prayer is such an urgent need for anyone who loves God that he cannot find anything else to replace it. And if for any reasonable cause he has to leave it, he seeks God in everything he does and he finds him. How good the Lord is to souls that seek him and how he lets himself be found in all places!

I believe that for now I have told you enough about my practice of prayer. It is so simple that there is not very much to say. It is the prayer of little souls, because everything in me is little, except my love. I do not want my love to be little; I want it to be great, very great. When God takes me in his arms, I give myself to him at once, without thinking of my unworthiness or smallness.

*VENERABLE MOTHER MARY MAGDALEN OF JESUS IN THE EUCHARIST,  
C.P. Mother Mary Magdalen († 1960) was a Passionist nun from Spain and a spiritual writer.  
Feb. 2021 Magnificat*



### FAST & ABSTINENCE

“Ash Wednesday and Good Friday are obligatory days of fasting and abstinence for Catholics. In addition, Fridays during Lent are obligatory days of abstinence. For members of the Latin Catholic Church, the norms on fasting are obligatory from age 18 until age 59. When fasting, a person is permitted to eat one full meal, as well as two smaller meals that together are not equal to a full meal. The norms concerning abstinence from meat are binding upon members of the Latin Catholic Church from age 14 onwards.”

— USCCB

## FEBRUARY 17<sup>TH</sup> MASS SCHEDULE

**8:30 a.m.**

**12:00 noon**

**6:30 p.m. — Latin**

*Ashes will be distributed  
during each Holy Mass.*

# ANNOUNCEMENTS

## MASS READINGS FOR THE WEEK



# Meliua

**Sunday:** Jb 7:1-4, 6-7/Ps 147:1-2, 3-4, 5-6  
[cf. 3a]/1 Cor 9:16-19, 22-23/Mk 1:29-39

**Monday:** Gn 1:1-19/Ps 104:1-2a, 5-6, 10 and 12, 24 and  
35c [31b]/Mk 6:53-56

**Tuesday:** Gn 1:20—2:4a/Ps 8:4-5, 6-7, 8-9 [2ab]/  
Mk 7:1-13

**Wednesday:** Gn 2:4b-9, 15-17/Ps 104:1-2a, 27-28,  
29bc-30 [1a]/Mk 7:14-23

**Thursday:** Gn 2:18-25/Ps 128:1-2, 3, 4-5 [cf. 1a]/  
Mk 7:24-30

**Friday:** Gn 3:1-8/Ps 32:1-2, 5, 6, 7 [1a]/Mk 7:31-37

**Saturday:** Gn 3:9-24/Ps 90:2, 3-4abc, 5-6, 12-13 [1]/  
Mk 8:1-10

**Next Sunday:** Lv 13:1-2, 44-46/Ps 32:1-2, 5, 11 [7]/  
1 Cor 10:31—11:1/Mk 1:40-45

## THE OFFERTORY REPORT

Fiscal Year July 1, 2020 — June 30, 2021

Offertory Totals for the Masses of Jan. 30 & 31, 2021

	This Week	Y.T.D
Actual - Regular	\$6,056	\$253,171
<b>Budgeted</b>	<b>\$7,885</b>	<b>\$244,423</b>
Variance	(\$1,829)	\$ 8,748

## THE 2021 OFFERTORY ENVELOPES

Everyone who received envelopes last year has an envelope box with your name on it. The envelopes are in the church social hall, arranged in ALPHABETICAL order. Please pick up only the envelope box with your name on it.

## ONLINE OFFERTORY & OTHER DONATIONS

To conveniently make donations online, see our website or go to: <https://giving.parishsoft.com/app/giving/stjohntryon>. Or, feel free to mail your offertory donation to St. John Church at 180 Laurel Ave., Tryon, NC 28782 Attn: Kelli.

*“Love Thy Neighbor,” is the theme of the 2021 Diocesan Support Appeal. Bishop Jugis asks each of us to prayerfully consider a gift to the DSA as a way of serving Christ through service to thousands of Catholics in western North Carolina.*



# DIOCESAN SUPPORT APPEAL 2021

PLEASE GIVE PRAYERFUL  
CONSIDERATION TO HOW YOU WILL  
RESPOND BY FILLING OUT YOUR  
PLEDGE AND MAILING IT THIS WEEK.

**FORMED: January**

Suggestions for this week...

- Watch: *Bernadette*
- Learn: *Formed Now! How and Why to Pray the Rosary*
- Listen: *Truth to Inspire: St. Bernadette of Lourdes*

See “Pick of the Week” in the glass bulletin board for more information. To set up your free account visit [formed.org/signup](http://formed.org/signup) and select our parish.

**MASS INTENTIONS PROCEDURE**

During this time, Mass intention and sanctuary lamp requests may be made by phone. Please call Andrée in the parish office at 828-859-9574.

**LENTEN PROGRAM**

*Led By The Spirit*

*40 Days to Grace & Glory*

*Daily Lenten Reflections*, with Dr. Tim Gray, are at your fingertips and free of charge. This Lent, we invite you to journey with Dr. Tim Gray by signing up for *Daily Lenten Reflections*. Each day you will receive in your inbox a short video which features Dr. Gray commenting on the daily Mass Readings, explaining the Scriptures, and providing you with the concrete ideas on how to apply them to your life. Sign up at [formed.org/lent](http://formed.org/lent).



**SOUPER BOWL OF CARING**

*This Saturday and Sunday*

**LOOK FOR OUR YOUTH GROUP AFTER MASS!**

Our youth will hold soup pots outside the main church doors following all Masses for this Sunday, February 7, 2021. ALL monies collected will go directly to Thermal Belt Outreach — FEED-A-KID program. Please support the youth of our Church in this effort to “love our neighbors” in Polk County by dropping your checks, dollars or change in the soup pots on Saturday, February 6<sup>th</sup> and Sunday, February 7<sup>th</sup>.



PARISH LIFE			
Mon	Feb 8	5:30pm	Schola Choir Rehearsal
Tue	Feb 9	9:30am — 7pm	Patriotic Rosary, Church No Men’s Group K of C Mtg, Social Hall
Thur	Feb 11	10am	Women’s Bible Study, Social Hall





**Fridays**

**Stations  
of  
the Cross**

**begin Feb. 19<sup>th</sup>  
at 5pm**

**HUMAN TRAFFICKING**

On February 8, the Feast Day of St. Josephine Bakhita, please join the Diocese of Charlotte Anti-Trafficking Taskforce, the USCCB's CCOAHT and other organizations for a series of events honoring the International Day of Prayer and Awareness Against Human Trafficking and learn how the Catholic Church is fighting this crime.

You can register for this free event here: <https://www.humantraffickingacademy.org/event/day-of-prayer/>

**THE ST. JOHN KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS**

plan to hold our Lenten season fish fry dinners again this year. Our fish fries will be held on the Fridays of February 19<sup>th</sup> through March 26<sup>th</sup>. We will be prepared to serve meals for sit-in and carry-out, at 5:30pm, after Stations of the Cross. Schedule subsequent to change depending on attendance. Price information to follow.



**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.

**SAVE THE DATE**

Feb 8	Sacramental Prep Classes begin (grades 2 & 8)
Feb 15	President's Day, parish office closed
Feb 17	Ash Wednesday
Stations of the Cross, Fridays in Lent	
Lenten Fish Frys, Fridays in Lent	
Feb 21	First Sunday of Lent
Mar 14	Daylight Saving Time begins
Mar 28	Palm Sunday
April 4	Easter Sunday

*Attention Youth!*



**IT'S A NEW YEAR!**

Raise your voice in praise in St. John's Youth Choir, Pueri Cantores! Pueri Cantores is open to youth ages 7 to 17. Rehearsals are Sundays after the 8:30am Mass in the parish center. The P.C. choir sings the Mass twice a month, except during the summer. If you have a young person interested in singing the music of the Church, and who would like to serve in this way at Mass, please contact P.C. director, Jennifer Murrey: email: [ovenbird.murrey@gmail.com](mailto:ovenbird.murrey@gmail.com) or phone: 828 808 8438.

# FAITH FORMATION

## FAITH FORMATION 2021

*FF Classes 2<sup>nd</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> Grades*

*Monday, February 8<sup>th</sup>*

*5:30 to 6:30pm*

We will offer and hold only sacramental prep classes this spring—starting Monday, February 8 at 5:30pm to 6:30pm in the parish center. Letter & forms were mailed to those in 2<sup>nd</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grades. Please contact Theresa Fitch in the parish office if you did not receive your letter. If you homeschool and you have a child preparing for Sacraments of Penance, First Holy Communion or Confirmation please contact Theresa in the parish office, if you have not done so already.

## Youth Ministry

- Sunday, February 7 SOUPER BOWL of CARING SUNDAY  
Youth collect for Souper Bowl of Caring
- Sunday, February 14 Youth Breakfast with Fr. Christian  
9:45am Parish Social Hall
- Sunday, February 28 Youth Group at 5:30pm  
Parish Center

### *Let the Saints Guide you:*

*“I asked you and you would not listen; so I asked my God and He did listen.”*  
— St Scholastica

## WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY

*Thursday, February 11*

Women's bible study classes resumed last Thursday, February 4<sup>th</sup>. Bible study sessions meet each Thursday at 10am in the parish social hall. Any questions, please contact Suanne at 864-510-1073 or email suannethen@gmail.com.

## MEN'S GROUP

No men's group until further notice. Any questions, please email Greg Lobas: beintentional500@gmail.com.

## WOMEN'S GROUP

No Women's Group — Tuesday evenings — until further notice.