



# ST. ANN

## CATHOLIC CHURCH

December 11, 2022



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### Liturgical Schedule

*(Changes in the schedule noted inside)*

### Parish Office Hours

*Monday through Friday 9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.*  
**Closed 1:00 - 1:30 p.m. for lunch.**

### St. Ann's Parish Mission

St. Ann Parish seeks the salvation of souls through the redemption of Jesus Christ as revealed to us in and through the divinely instituted Holy Catholic Church. We invite all to receive God's love as we give of ourselves in compassionate service.

#### Sunday Mass Schedule

Vigil Mass (Saturday): 4:30 p.m.  
 8:00 a.m. and 10:30 a.m.;  
**Mass in the Extraordinary Form: 12:30 p.m.**

#### Weekday Masses

Monday, Tuesday and Thursday: 7:00 a.m.  
 Wednesday: 6:00 p.m. (Mass in the Extraordinary Form)  
 Friday: 7:00 a.m. (Mass in the Extraordinary Form) and 8:30 a.m.

#### Adoration

Tuesday 8:00 a.m. through  
 Wednesday 5:00 p.m.  
 Holy Hour:  
 Wednesday 5:00 p.m.

#### Reconciliation

Thursday: 5:30-6:30 p.m.  
 Saturday: 3:00-4:00 p.m.

## THIS WEEK AT ST. ANN

+ denotes deceased	Mass Intentions	Meetings & Events
<b>Sunday, December 11</b>	<b>8:00 am</b> Intentions of John and Jeanne on their anniversary <i>by Nancy and Lou Picciola</i> <b>10:30 am</b> Intentions of Brian & Cecilia Blatchford <i>by Abigail Blatchford</i> <b>12:30 pm Latin Mass</b> Intentions of Cecilia Kehoe <i>by Peggy &amp; John McElravey</i>	9:00 am Teen apologetics (Classroom 1&2) 9:15 am Donuts & Dogma (Café) 5:00 pm Solemn Vespers-St. Joseph Seminary
<b>Monday, December 12</b>	<b>7:00 am</b> + David Vandenberg <i>by Adrienne Wilodarczyk</i>	7:00 pm Legion of Mary (Classroom 3), Fraternus (Gym) RCIA (Classrooms 1,2)
<b>Tuesday, December 13</b>	<b>7:00 am</b> Intentions of Lucy Wood <i>by the Ferrante family</i>	<i>8:00 am Adoration begins (Church)</i> 6:00 pm Interfaith basketball practice (Gym) 6:30 pm Classroom 1 & 2 in use
<b>Wednesday, December 14</b>	<b>6:00 pm Latin Mass</b> Intentions of John Nobers <i>by the family</i>	<i>Adoration continues (Church)</i> 8:00 am Library, classrooms 1,2,3&4 in use 5:00 pm Holy Hour Church 7:00 pm Fidelis (Gym) SVDP Ministry (Classrooms 1&2)
<b>Thursday, December 15</b>	<b>7:00 am</b> + Katherine Marshall <i>by Marguerite Doman</i>	10:00 am Catholic Scripture Study-Classroom 3 2:30 pm Church in use 5:30 pm Confessions 7:00 pm Gym in use
<b>Friday, December 16</b>	<b>7:00 am Latin Mass</b> Intentions of Vila family <i>by Vicky Ayala</i> <b>8:30 am</b> Intentions of Nancy Tota <i>by the St. Vincent de Paul Society</i>	8:00 am All rooms in use 1:00 pm Church cry room in use 6:00 pm Interfaith basketball practice (Gym) Fidelis retreat (Café, kitchen)
<b>Saturday, December 17</b>	<b>4:30 pm</b> + Joe Lawton <i>by Cindy Lawton</i>	8:00 am Interfaith basketball practice (Gym) 3:00 pm Confessions (Church)
<b>Sunday, December 18</b>	<b>8:00 am</b> Intentions of Nancy & Lou Picciola on their anniversary <b>10:30 am</b> Intentions of our Parish <b>12:30 pm Latin Mass</b> Intentions of Hannah Nobers <i>by the family</i>	



Dear Parishioners,

“Rejoice in the Lord always! Again I say, rejoice! Indeed, the Lord is near.” These are the words of the entrance antiphon for today’s Mass on this Third Sunday of Advent (also known as Gaudete Sunday), and they signal for us the tone of today’s liturgy. While the violet we wear on most days of Advent indicate that there’s penitential nature to this season, now that we are roughly halfway through Advent, we take a break from our penance and rejoice in joyful anticipation of our Lord’s coming, much like Laetare Sunday in Lent. The liturgy today reminds us that soon the great feast of Christmas will be upon us, and this is cause for rejoicing indeed. Symbolizing a lightening of our penance and our joyful anticipation for Christ’s coming, our liturgical color switches from violet to rose today. Our readings, too, take on a more joyful nature.

On Saturday, 17 December, our liturgies will take on an even more eager and anticipatory nature as we move into a period of special preparation during Advent known as the Octave before Christmas. During this time special antiphons (known as the “O” antiphons) are used at vespers and for the Alleluia verse before the Gospel at Mass. These antiphons have been around since at least the 8<sup>th</sup> century, and each antiphon recalls a particular scriptural title of Jesus, announcing his imminent arrival and recalling the Old Testament prophecies of Isaiah. Moreover, they tell us something about the person of Christ and about salvation history. The famous Advent song O Come, O Come, Emmanuel that is often used this time of year is based upon these antiphons.

Lastly, Christmas will soon be upon us. While I know many of us are busy with the social obligations, shopping, and domestic chores this season brings, let’s not forget to make time for our Lord in prayer. Come to daily Mass if your schedule allows. Preparing our hearts for His arrival at Christmas is the most important part of Advent.

In hopeful expectation of our Lord’s coming,

Rw TS RD

Fr. Reid

Fr. Reid’s homilies (audio & PDF) & the bulletins are posted on the website: [www.StAnnCharlotte.org](http://www.StAnnCharlotte.org)

**Bulletin Deadlines:**

- ♦ **Tuesday, December 13 at noon  
for Sunday, December 25**
- ♦ **Tuesday, Dec. 20 at noon  
for Sunday, January 1**

Email articles to: [bulletinstann3635@gmail.com](mailto:bulletinstann3635@gmail.com)



**Your Stewardship of Treasure***807 registered families*

<u>Collection Date</u>	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Budget</u>	<u>Over/Under</u>
November 6	28,195.53	22,961.53	5,234.00
November 13	20,587.30	22,961.53	(2,374.23)
November 20	29,788.95	22,961.53	6,827.42
November 27	25,849.42	22,961.53	2,887.89
<b>YTD July 01-November 27, 2022</b>			
	<b>\$ 520,187.23</b>	<b>\$ 505,153.55</b>	<b>\$ 15,033.57</b>

**Outstanding Parish Loan Balances:****Rectory Loan: \$594,794.28    5 Year Plan Loan \$363,554.96**

—Text **Offertory** Donations to: 704-360-5305 with the amount you would like to contribute (Example: 25).

—Text **5-year Plan** Donations to: 704-360-5305 Amt/Space/Needs. You will be sent to a text with a link to register. Click on the link and enter your cardholder name and debt or card information. Once your registration is complete, you will receive a text verification and a receipt of your donation via email. *Thank you for your generosity!*

# DIOCESAN SUPPORT APPEAL 2022

**DSA 2022:**

<b>Goal:</b>	<b>\$ 142,362.00</b>
<b>Pledged:</b>	<b>129,868.04</b>
<b>Received:</b>	<b>121,815.17</b>
<b>Pledge Balance:</b>	<b>8,052.87</b>
<b>Assessment Balance</b>	<b>20,546.83</b>
<b>Donors:</b>	<b>183</b>

**Priest Retirement 2022**

<b>Assessment:</b>	<b>\$36,932.00</b>
<b>Received:</b>	<b>29,720.88</b>
<b>Assessment Balance:</b>	<b>7,211.12</b>

*Give Electronically at [www.StAnnCharlotte.org](http://www.StAnnCharlotte.org)*

# WANTED

## St. Ann's Parish Directory Final photo opportunity!

In an effort to make the directory a success, volunteers will be available **after all the Masses the weekend of January 21-22**. The directory is an important tool for the parish office, as well as a help to families. If you have not had your family photo taken by the directory photographer or submitted a photo to the parish office yet, here is your chance to have a photo taken at no cost, and no extra hassle for you! **Please stop by the table in the narthex after Mass for a quick snapshot of your family.** We greatly appreciate your help to reach 100% participation in the parish directory!



**St. Lucy** is a virgin and martyr of Syracuse in Sicily, whose feast is celebrated on December 13th. According to tradition, Saint Lucy was born to rich and noble parents in the year 283. Her father was of Roman origin, but his early death left her dependent upon her mother, whose name, Eutychia, seems to indicate that she was of Greek

heritage. Like so many of the early martyrs, Lucy had consecrated her virginity to God, and she hoped to devote all her worldly goods to the service of the poor. Her mother, Eutychia, arranged a marriage for her, but for three years she managed to postpone the marriage. Lucy prayed at the tomb of Saint Agatha to change her mother's mind about her faith. As a result, her mother's long haemorrhagic illness was cured, and she consented to Lucy's desire to live for God. Saint Lucy's rejected bridegroom, Paschasius, denounced Lucy as a Christian. The governor planned to force her into prostitution, but when guards went to fetch her, they could not move her even when they hitched her to a team of oxen. The governor ordered her to be killed instead. After a gruesome torture which included having her eyes torn out, she was surrounded by bundles of wood which were set afire, but the fire quickly died out. She prophesied against her persecutors, and was then executed by being stabbed to death with a dagger.

## EVENTS AT ST. ANN'S

**Respect Life for December:** Spiritual Adoption of the Abortion Vulnerable. Our unborn baby is 2 months old! The display in the narthex this weekend shows his/her current stage of development in the womb. Thank you for your support and prayers!

**PRAY:** There will be **NO Respect Life Mass** in December due to Christmas. On Our Lord's birthday, please offer a prayer for the unborn, that the Christ Child - Who became an unborn baby for us - may guide them safely to their birthdays.

**GIVE:** Please continue your great generosity to our beloved MiraVia and Be Not Afraid. You can learn more about their missions and donate at their websites, <https://miravia.org> and <https://benotafraid.net>.

**ACT:** The ill-named "Respect For Marriage Act" - which effectively codifies same-sex marriage and seriously threatens religious liberty - is moving closer to passage in the Senate. Unfortunately, both our NC senators support it. Contact them and urge them to withdraw their support at <https://www.votervoices.net/USCCB/Campaigns/98786/Respond>. Fill in your address to direct the message to the NC senators.

Please join our email list for up-to-date information on Respect Life news and activities. Email Rachel Shrader at [peregrinenorth@gmail.com](mailto:peregrinenorth@gmail.com) to be added to the list.

**Food Collections Catholic Charities  
Diocese of Charlotte Food Pantry**  
1st and 3rd weekends of every month  
**December 17-18**

**Chaplet of the Holy Face of Jesus Christ**  
is prayed in our chapel every Tuesday after the 7:00 a.m. Mass.  
Please join us for this beautiful chaplet honoring the five wounds (five senses) of Our Lord Jesus Christ and to ask of God the triumph of His holy Church. We say the version that is 15-20 minutes.

Any questions email Chantal at:  
[mommytots@att.net](mailto:mommytots@att.net).

**St. Ann** has just renewed our parish membership for Open Light Media. To access the content, please sign up to create an account as though you are purchasing the membership. When you get to the checkout step, enter the parish code and your balance should go to zero. Our parish code is `oplsacdc0p0pfreeyear`

This code will allow you to access all the material on the site. The materials are produced by the Dominican Sisters so the content is excellent!

\*I recommend the Manners Mondays which are a 2-3 minute clips found here <https://openlightmedia.com/manners-monday/>

\*They also have a variety of videos on their channel: <https://www.youtube.com/c/OpenlightMedia/videos>



\*At St. Ann's we also have **Formed.org** which has a collection of kids programs in the series by Brother Francis. Our parish code is `Y6ZQ8M`

The link to the program is here: <https://watch.formed.org/brother-francis-1/season:1/videos/the-saints-our-heavenly-friends>

\*We also recommend the **90-day free trial for the Hallow app** during Advent. This app is an authentically Catholic source that brings you the daily Gospel, Rosary, meditations, homilies, and many sources of Advent music. It has special content for families to guide little ones to prayer, Mass preparation, Bible stories, and the sacraments. As each day closes, you can use it for Night Prayer, Examination before sleep, and much more. Take part in the Pray 25 challenge in your family and fill your Advent with PEACE.

### Seven Sisters Apostolate for our Deacons

Thanks be to God, we have Fr. Reid and Fr. Jones covered in prayer seven days a week - 1 holy hour/day. Now I am looking for prayer Warriors for our DEACONS...Deacon Thomas Sanctis and Deacon Peter Tonon. If you are interested in being a part of this team, please contact Sarah Miller at [Holyfamilyacademy4@yahoo.com](mailto:Holyfamilyacademy4@yahoo.com).

## CATHOLIC EDUCATION

**First Communion Families**

Please note on your calendars that we have changed the 1st Communion Date to April 29th. Families should have received an email with all the details. The First Confession Retreat is on January 7th. Watch for more details.

**Faith Formation 2022-23**

Classes have started and meet Sunday mornings from 9:00-10:10 a.m. Forms for registration will be available at the church office and on the parish website. Payment is due at the time of registration. For additional information or questions, contact Virginia Blatchford at 704 523 4641 ext. 231. We have class December 11th. We are then off until January 8th.

**Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults (RCIA)**

Our RCIA team meets for classes on Monday evenings at 7:00 p.m. in the Allen Center. Meetings are held from September through May. The RCIA program is an introduction to the beliefs and practices of the Roman Catholic Church, and exploration of what it means to be a Christian, and preparation to enter fully into the Catholic community through the sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation, and Eucharist. Please contact Virginia Blatchford, Director of Faith Formation, with any questions [vlblatchford@rcdoc.org](mailto:vlblatchford@rcdoc.org)

**Estate Planning**

We are grateful for the thoughtfulness of parishioners who have remembered our parish in their estate plans and would be honored to be a part of your legacy. These gifts help us build a solid foundation for future generations of parish families.

**Deacons and Dogma**

Deacon Tonon will host a class for adults from 9-10:10 in the café. These classes take place on each class day for Faith Formation. This is a great time for parents of Faith Formation students to deepen their beliefs, and enjoy faith filled conversations with other adults as they gather tools to use in the world. All adults are invited! We have class on December 11th. We are then off until January 8th.

**Teen Apologetics**

All students who have been confirmed are invited to join the Young Adult Apologetics classes. Classes are from 9-10:10 am, follow the faith formation schedule, and meet in the upstairs classroom at the Allen Center. We are starting Apologetics 6: Explaining and Defending Mary by San Juan Catholic Seminars. We have class Dec. 11th. We are then off until January 8th.

# LoveEd

A Catholic Program  
for Parents & Kids

We are happy to once again offer the LoveEd Program at St. Ann. The LoveEd Program is

designed to empower parents to teach both the theology and science of human sexuality within the context of God's plan for love and life. The opening event and information session will be open to all parents of children from ages 2 – 14 years of age, and it will be offered as an at home video session. Follow up sessions for both parents and their children (grades 4-6 and 6-8, fathers/sons and mothers/daughters) are scheduled at St. Ann's Allen Center as follows: the level 1 sessions will be offered on January 21, 8-10 am, and the Level 2 sessions will be offered on January 24, 6-8 pm. The LoveEd program can also be completed in its entirety at home. Please contact Virginia Blatchford, Office of Faith Formation at [vlblatchford@rcdoc.org](mailto:vlblatchford@rcdoc.org) with any questions.

## MINISTRIES AT ST. ANN



You are invited to attend a monthly gathering on the **2nd Saturday of each month** hosted by the Eitzenberger and Hebert Families. The event includes a pot-luck meal, fellowship, recreation and concludes with praying a rosary with other families on their journey to holiness. For more details and to sign up, please visit [abearacres.org](http://abearacres.org) or contact Denae at 512-657-4388 -[denae@yourhollyfamily.org](mailto:denae@yourhollyfamily.org)

### "Save the Date"



Church Cleaning is  
Saturday December 17<sup>th</sup>  
8:00am – 12:00pm

Please come help prepare the church  
for Christmas.

Bring buckets and mops and rags  
if you can.

Contact Chris Brunhuber  
with questions: 704 241-2577  
Or [ccb2691@icloud.com](mailto:ccb2691@icloud.com)

### 33 Hours of Adoration

Tuesdays 8 am—  
Wednesdays 5 pm  
in the church.

Adorers: share your contact information with those  
who adore during your  
Adoration Hour.

Check out the Sign-UP Genius for Adoration:

[www.signupgenius.com/](http://www.signupgenius.com/)

[go/9040b48aaab2aabf49-eucharistic1](http://go/9040b48aaab2aabf49-eucharistic1). Contact  
Cecilia Balman: [vabalman@aol.com](mailto:vabalman@aol.com).

## LATIN MASS CORNER

### Latin Mass (Extraordinary Form) Calendar

December 11	Third Sunday of Advent - 1 <sup>st</sup> class
December 12	Feria of Advent - 3 <sup>rd</sup> class; Our Lady of Guadalupe - 3 <sup>rd</sup> class
December 13	St. Lucy, Virgin & Martyr - 3 <sup>rd</sup> class
December 14	Ember Wednesday of Advent - 2 <sup>nd</sup> class
December 15	Feria of Advent - 3 <sup>rd</sup> class
December 16	Ember Friday of Advent - 2 <sup>nd</sup> class
December 17	Ember Saturday of Advent - 2 <sup>nd</sup> class
December 18	Fourth Sunday of Advent - 1 <sup>st</sup> class

**St. Ann's offers the Latin Mass** on Sundays at 12:30 p.m., Wednesdays at 6:00 p.m., Fridays 7:00 a.m., and on select feast days. The Latin Mass has a different liturgical calendar and readings than the Novus Ordo (English) Mass. Any Mass schedule changes will be listed on Page 2 of the bulletin.

**Latin Mass Q&A:** What do the Classes in the above calendar mean? The Class is the level of importance or solemnity (1st-4th) associated with that day's Saint or commemoration. A 1st Class Feast Day are many Sundays and major solemnities like Christmas. Feria is a non-feast day and readings typically revert to the prior Sunday readings.

**More Questions?** Email:

[info@charlottelatinmass.org](mailto:info@charlottelatinmass.org).

**For Latin Mass news,** visit

[www.charlottelatinmass.org](http://www.charlottelatinmass.org)

**Latin Mass Email List:** The Latin Mass Community shares updates on future Latin Masses around Charlotte, and last minute schedule changes. To sign up, email Chris Lauer at [info@charlottelatinmass.org](mailto:info@charlottelatinmass.org).

**MARRIAGE & NFP INFORMATION***Want to Reconnect?*

Try a Retrouvaille Weekend Retreat!  
It can help you to remember  
what is important!  
And bring you  
back together.

On a Retrouvaille Weekend Retreat, you'll listen to  
engaging talks from married couples, just like you, that  
have navigated the path of reconnecting a disconnected  
marriage. Then, you and your spouse privately share  
guided exercises to practically apply the concepts you've  
learned. And you'll bring home powerful communication  
tools—and meaningful memories, that will help you to  
stay connected for years to come!

Visit [HelpOurMarriage.org](http://HelpOurMarriage.org)  
to Register for an Upcoming  
Western Carolina Retrouvaille  
Weekend Retreat  
or Call (704) 702-2112  
for Information  
Charlotte, North Carolina

Retrouvaille of Western Carolina is hosting  
a weekend for married couples who are looking to  
reconnect and develop communication and healing  
Jan. 13-15. Visit: [https://  
community.helpourmarriage.org/weekends.php](https://community.helpourmarriage.org/weekends.php) to  
register for an upcoming weekend.

## WEDDING OBANNS

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I: Sheyla Diaz—Sebastian Alvarez  
30 December 2022  
1:00 PM

**You Can Help Your Marriage** – Do you  
feel alone? Are you frustrated or angry with  
each other? Do you argue ... or have you  
just stopped talking to each other? Does talk-  
ing about it only make it worse? Retrouvaille  
(pronounced retro-vi with a long i) helps  
couples through difficult times in their mar-  
riages. This program has helped 10's of  
1000's of couples experiencing difficulties  
in their marriage. For confidential informa-  
tion about or to register for the October pro-  
gram beginning with a weekend on Oct 14-  
16, in Charlotte, contact Bill and Lyn Fol-  
som at 727-343-6701 or email: [billlynfol-  
som@gmail.com](mailto:billlynfol-som@gmail.com) (3 L's in a row) or visit the  
web site at [www.HelpOurMarriage.org](http://www.HelpOurMarriage.org)

**MINISTRIES AT ST. ANN****Our Parishioners**

Roe family,  
Chuck Sollard,  
Edward McNally,  
Mark Ponischil,  
Mckenzie Hansen,  
Anna Sobus & family,  
Thomas Lauer & family  
Maximiliano Cardlle  
Susan Carter

**Our friends and family:**

Ellen Hill (sister of  
Yvonne Dundee)  
Michelle Obruba  
(friend of Skorupa family)  
Jennifer Arnold  
(friend of Nancy Tota)  
Mary Regester  
(friend of Nancy Tota)  
Grace Portigue  
(daughter of Barbara  
Meskill)  
Douglas Edge  
Albert Ayd  
(brother of Cecilia  
Balman)  
Dolly Langley  
(sister of Cecilia Balman)  
Joel Rivera  
Marcia York  
(sister of Carol Kuhn)  
Michael Pappas  
Jacqueline Russell  
(mother of Andrea Hines)  
James Matthew Brennan  
William "Will" Shack  
(grandson of Pat Niemer)  
Muriel Johnson  
Christine Weiss &  
family,

Jimmy Dixon  
(Mary Ann Wolff)  
Thais Turner  
(mother of Carmel  
Palanos)  
Josie Sanctis  
(daughter-in-law of  
Deacon Tom & Teresa  
Sanctis)  
Judah  
(grandson of Carol Fiore)  
MOP Brothers &  
Residents in India  
Rena Butler  
Everleigh Moore  
(granddaughter of  
Maryann Conrad)  
Mary Jo Shannon  
(niece of Jim & Wilma  
Crates and Kathleen &  
Rick Miner)  
Jeremy Kuhn, (son of  
Carol & Dennis Kuhn),  
Don Perkins (friend of  
Mary Ann Wolff)  
**Our servicemen and  
servicewomen:**  
Lt. Grace Carlson, USN,  
Lt. Drew Carlson, USMC  
Ensign Hayley Derscheid  
Petty Officer 1st Class  
Jeffrey Derscheid  
SGT James "Jim"  
Alston, US Army.  
Cadet 1st Class Kenneth  
Davison III USAF  
Cadet 2nd Class Anna  
Davison USAF  
Cadet 4th Class Therese  
Davison USAF  
Lt. Thomas Hetzel,  
Deployed  
Capt. Peter Hetzel,  
US Army  
**For the Repose  
of the Soul of:**  
Josie Sanctis



## DIOCESAN EVENTS



**TOGETHER IN HOLINESS™**  
FORMATION SERIES

**YEAR-ROUND MARRIAGE ENRICHMENT FOR SMALL COMMUNITIES OF SPOUSES**

**SERIES ONE: Family, St. Dominic Church**

**FEATURING:**

**DANIELLE BEAN**

**DAMON OWENS**

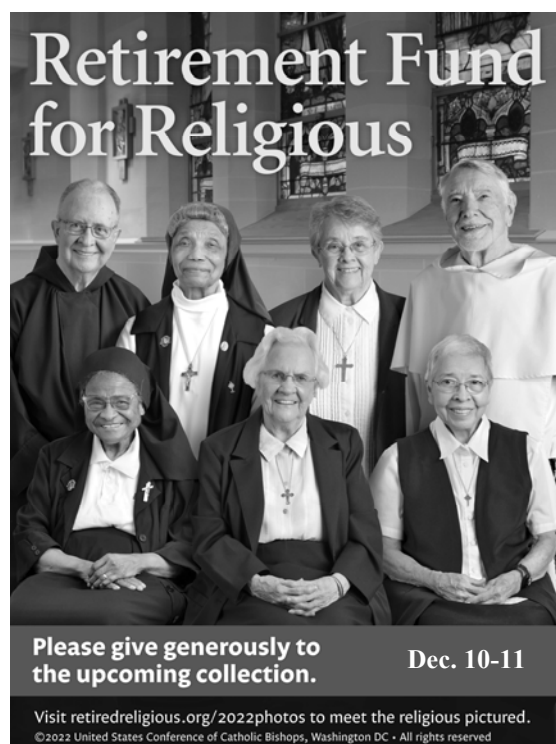
**HIGHLIGHTS:**

- Couples gather monthly for a 7-part series
- A meal and time for fellowship
- Short, compelling video presentations
- A Bring It Home component that translates learning into living
- Available for Spanish-speaking couples through translated materials
- Cost of registration is \$50 per couple

For questions, email Ashley Soriano at [ashley@togetherinholiness.org](mailto:ashley@togetherinholiness.org)

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**Retirement Fund for Religious**

Please give generously to the upcoming collection. Dec. 10-11

Visit [retiredreligious.org/2022photos](http://retiredreligious.org/2022photos) to meet the religious pictured.

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**Knights of Columbus Meetings**  
**1st Tuesday of each month at 7pm**  
**St. Patrick's Family Life Center**  
Learn more about how the Knights of Columbus serve God's people.

Contact Richard Mills, Financial Secretary at [rtn2108@aol.com](mailto:rtn2108@aol.com).

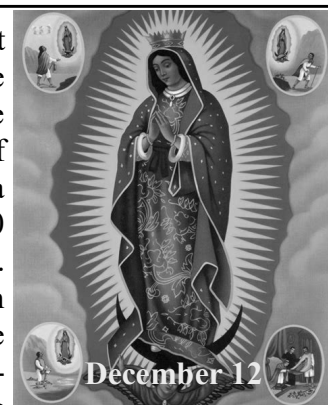
### ***One Bread One Body Booklets***

(a guide to daily Scriptures)

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Learn how to love Him more deeply, transform your life and the lives of your family and friends. Read His Word every day. The daily Mass readings are the very voice of God speaking to us. Meditate on His Word for just 15 minutes every day.

**Our Lady of Guadalupe**—In 1531 a "Lady from Heaven" appeared to Saint Juan Diego, a poor Indian from Tepeyac, at a hill northwest of Mexico City. She identified herself as the Mother of the True God and instructed him to have the bishop build a church on the site. As a sign for the bishop, she left an image of herself imprinted miraculously on his tilma, a poor quality cactus-cloth. The tilma should have deteriorated within 20 years but shows no sign of decay after over 470 years. To this day it defies all scientific explanations of its origin. In the eyes of Our Lady of Guadalupe on the tilma, we can see reflected what was in front of her in 1531. Her message of love and compassion, and her universal promise of help and protection to all mankind, as well as the story of the apparitions, are described in the "Nican Mopohua," a 16th century document written in the native Nahuatl language. There is reason to believe that at Tepeyac Mary came in her glorified body, and her actual physical hands rearranged the roses in Juan Diego's tilma, which makes this apparition very special. An incredible list of miracles, cures, and interventions are attributed to Our Lady of Guadalupe. Each year an estimated 10 million people visit her Basilica, making her Mexico City home the most popular Marian shrine in the world, and the most visited Catholic church in the world after Saint Peter's Basilica in the Vatican.



## REMINDERS

Please to be mindful of our Lord's presence whenever you are in the church. **Making sure to genuflect whenever you pass before the tabernacle, maintaining a prayerful silence in the church, dressing modestly** and silencing cell phones are practices that we would all do well to follow—not simply out of respect for our Lord, but for the benefit of our fellow parishioners as well. Thank you!

As you come into the church, please keep in mind that we have several parishioners and visitors with walkers and canes that would like to sit in the back by the baptismal font so the walk from their cars is not too far! Make sure to lock your cars and trucks. Either keep your personal items with you in church or lock them in your trunk. *This is for your safety.*

If you are approached by panhandlers on the church campus, **please do not give them money.** Instead, direct them to the parish office for financial assistance. *We have the St. Vincent de Paul Society to help those in need.* Thank you!

**Low gluten hosts** are available at Holy Communion for those who need them. To receive a low gluten host, go to the eagle lectern after everyone else has received Holy Communion.

Be sure you are up to date on your **Protecting God's Children information & the Virtus monthly bulletins.** You need to up date your **Background Check every five (5) years.** All forms are online on the Diocese of Charlotte website: under Safe Environment & Volunteers.

If you have information about possible sexual abuse or misconduct by any clergy, employee or volunteer of the Diocese of Charlotte, report concerns safely, securely and anonymously 24/7 over the phone using the diocese's new hotline, 8 8 8 - 6 3 0 - 5 9 2 9 , or online : **[www.RedFlagReporting.com/RCDOC](http://www.RedFlagReporting.com/RCDOC).**

**NOTE: If you suspect a child is in danger, contact 9-1-1 or local law enforcement agency.**

### **To Parents with Infants and Small Children**

One of the most beautiful blessings of our Parish is that we have so many babies and small kids! While all children are most welcome in the church, please keep in mind that the acoustics in our church are excellent, which means that their voices carry. If your children cry or scream during the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass, please be sensitive to those around you by taking your child to one of our cry rooms. *The cry rooms are reserved for families with small children. Everyone else is requested to sit in the church.*

### **To those in the Cry Rooms for Mass**

Please remember that these rooms are an extension of the church itself. Therefore, please be as reverent as possible during Mass. These rooms exist to help you train your children how to attend Mass properly; thus, they should not be used as play rooms. While everyone who uses the cry rooms expects them to be a bit noisier than the church, disruptive games or toys are better left at home. Moreover, conversations in the cry rooms should be kept to a minimum during Mass. *Thank you for your consideration.*

### **Outdoor Speakers**

We have outdoor speakers for those whose small children are too loud for the cry rooms or narthex. Please be considerate of your fellow parishioners if your children are making a lot of noise.

The general dispensation to miss Mass has been rescinded. Everyone without a serious reason to miss Mass is obliged to attend Mass on Sundays and holy days of obligation. As has always been the case, we may legitimately miss a Sunday Mass if we are sick, if we care for the sick and infirmed, have a health condition that would be seriously compromised if we were to contract a communicable disease, or if we have good reason to think we might be asymptomatic of a contagious illness. Feel welcome to continue wearing a mask if you are more comfortable doing so. As for the Allen Center, masks are not mandated.

**To book a room in the Allen Center,**  
call Chris Brunhuber at 704-523-4641 x233.

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