



ST. ANN

CATHOLIC CHURCH

December 18, 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
Sunday, December 18	8:00 am Intentions of Nancy & Lou Picciola on their anniversary 10:30 am Intentions of our Parish 12:30 pm Latin Mass Intentions of Hannah Nobers <i>by the family</i>	
Monday, December 19	7:00 am Intentions of Gene Luczak	7:00 pm Legion of Mary (Classroom 3), Fraternus (Gym)
Tuesday, December 20	7:00 am + Patricia Sanctis <i>by the family</i>	<i>8:00 am Adoration begins (Church)</i>
Wednesday, December 21	6:00 pm Latin Mass Intentions of Michelle & Raymond Bissonnette	<i>Adoration continues (Church)</i> 5:00 pm Holy Hour Church 7:00 pm Fidelis (Gym)
Thursday, December 22	7:00 am Intentions of Felicity Bremer <i>by the family</i>	10:00 am Catholic Scripture Study-Classroom 3 5:30 pm Confessions 7:00 pm Gym in use
Friday, December 23	7:00 am NO MASS 8:30 am Intentions of Teresa Lewis <i>by Craig Lewis and family</i>	OFFICE CLOSED 8:00 am All rooms, chapel in use 1:00 pm Church cry room in use 4:00 pm Wedding (Church)
Saturday, December 24	4:30 pm Intentions of our parish family 6:30 pm Intentions of Timothy Lewis <i>by Craig Lewis and family</i>	OFFICE CLOSED 3:00 pm NO Confessions
Sunday, December 25	12:00 am Latin Mass Intentions of Father Reid's godchildren 9:00 am Intentions of Father Reid <i>by the Rothe family</i>	OFFICE CLOSED



Dear Parishioners,

Christmas is almost here! This weekend we celebrate the 4th Sunday of Advent, and our Gospel this week reveals the divinity of Jesus by recounting for us the story of St. Joseph's encounter with the angel, who tells him that the child to be born of Mary has been conceived through the power of the Holy Spirit. Our time of preparation is drawing short! Soon the Christ Child will make His appearance among us, hidden as a babe in swaddling clothes, born in a stable and laid in a manger, adored by shepherds and their animals.

Our Christmas Masses will begin on Christmas Eve with vigil Masses at 4:30 and 6:30 p.m. There will also be a Midnight Mass and Mass on Christmas morning at 9 a.m. The Midnight Mass will be a Latin Mass, while the other Masses will all be in English. Per our usual custom, there will be a concert of Christmas music before the Midnight Mass beginning at 11:30 p.m.

As we prepare to celebrate the Birth of Christ here at St. Ann's, I want to thank each of you for the many ways you share your gifts of time, talent, and treasure with our parish family. Your participation in the many good works of our parish community demonstrates that the light and love of the Christ Child shines brightly here at St. Ann's! I am particularly grateful to our dedicated staff and all of our volunteers who give generously of their time and talent to make St. Ann's the beautiful and big-hearted parish that it is.

Recognizing that this is the season of gift-giving, I ask you to prayerfully consider putting our parish on your year-end Christmas giving list. As we strive to meet the spiritual and pastoral needs of our parish family, we must also recognize the practical and financial aspects of maintaining our parish on a day-to-day basis. Five years ago, our Finance Council created a 5-year plan to address the needs of the aging Allen Center, as well as other projects around the parish campus. Now that we've finished with the Allen Center renovations, and are eagerly awaiting the completion of the Marian Grotto, it's time for us to look ahead to our parish's future needs.

Of course, we still have a way to go to finish paying for these projects. Last year, our parish took out a 30-month loan of \$600,000, of which we still owe around \$350,000. The monies we collect on the first Sunday of the month with the "5-year plan" second collection are being put toward this debt. But this means we need to collect at least \$20,000/month to make our payments. And once this debt is paid off, we have to begin looking at other necessary projects, such as repaving the parking lot, replacing the gym floor, and renovating the Allen Center kitchen. So, we still have lots to do! I thank you in advance for your generosity.

Prayerfully Awaiting the Christ Child,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Fr. Reid". The signature is written in a cursive, slightly stylized font.

Fr. Reid

Fr. Reid's homilies (audio & PDF) & the bulletins are posted on the website: www.StAnnCharlotte.org

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

YTD July 01-November 27, 2022

\$ 520,187.23 \$ 505,153.55 \$ 15,033.57

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:

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

Priest Retirement 2022

Assessment:	\$36,932.00
Received:	29,720.88
Assessment Balance:	7,211.12

Give Electronically at www.StAnnCharlotte.org


**Christmas
Mass Times**

**December 24
4:30pm, 6:30 pm &
Midnight (Latin)**

**December 25
9am**

Bulletin Deadlines:

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

Email articles to:

bulletinstann3635@gmail.com

If you have not yet turned in your

DSA pledge envelope,
please fill it out and return it
to the Parish Office or go to
charlottediocese.org/dsa
to make a gift online.

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!



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 Shraeder at 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
January 7-8 and 21-22

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.

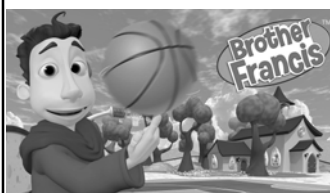
Any questions email Chantal at:
mommytots@att.net.

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 `oplsaccdocp0pfreeyear`

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.

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.

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 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 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

**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 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 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 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 or contact Denae at 512-657-4388 -denae@yourhollyfamily.org



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/
go/9040b48aaab2aabf49-eucharistic1](http://www.signupgenius.com/go/9040b48aaab2aabf49-eucharistic1)**. Contact
Cecilia Balman: vabalman@aol.com.

Do You Like To Pray? Are you in need of prayer? Receive the comfort of others praying for and with you by joining the **St. Ann Prayer Group**. This group of volunteers filled with the love of God and the love of prayer. In Jesus name they pray for healings, conversions, whatever the need. Pray in your home, at Mass, at Adoration, or any place you are at peace. Any questions or to join, call Nancy Picciola at 803-389-5530 or email stannpray_ers@comporium.net

The Men's Club of Saint Ann is always looking for new members and volunteers. If your interested in joining, reach out to Paul Sorge at 704.430.8129/paulsorge@yahoo.com

Legion of Mary meets on
Mondays at 7:00 p.m. in Classroom 3.
Contact Sue Calkins at
704-724-2297 or maxxwellsr@gmail.com.

LATIN MASS CORNER

Latin Mass (Extraordinary Form) Calendar

December 18	Fourth Sunday of Advent - 1 st class
December 19	Greater Feria of Advent - 2 nd class
December 20	Greater Feria of Advent - 2 nd class
December 21	St. Thomas, Apostle - 3 rd class
December 22	Greater Feria of Advent - 2 nd class
December 23	Greater Feria of Advent - 2 nd class
December 24	Vigil of Christmas - 1 st class
December 25	The Nativity of Our Lord - 1 st 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.
For Latin Mass news, visit
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.

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](https://www.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 re-
connect and develop communication and healing Jan.
13-15. Visit: <https://community.helpourmarriage.org/weekends.php> to register for an upcoming weekend.

WEDDING BANNERS

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



St. Peter Canisius was born in Holland on 8 May 1521. He became a Jesuit. Saint Ignatius kept him by his side for five months. On the day of his final vows, as he knelt in Saint Peter's Basilica in Rome, he was favored with a vision of the Sacred Heart. From that time he never failed to make an offering of all his work to

the Sacred Heart of Jesus.

Peter became known for his preaching and writing. He was sent to Germany where he attacked heretical teaching. He wrote a catechism which was translated into many languages. He founded a number of colleges.

Peter was the second great Apostle of Germany, the first being Saint Boniface. He was one of the greatest opponents of the Reformation through his preaching and writing of books in defense of the Faith. Peter died in Switzerland in 1597. Pope Pius XI canonized him in 1925 and proclaimed him a Doctor of the Church.

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)
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
(daughter-in-law of
Deacon Tom &
Teresa Sanctis)

DIOCESAN EVENTS



TOGETHER IN HOLINESS™
FORMATION SERIES

YEAR-ROUND MARRIAGE ENRICHMENT FOR SMALL COMMUNITIES OF SPOUSES

SERIES ONE: Family, is Domestic 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@fortifyandfamily.org

PRESENTED BY **ST. ANN**

SCAN TO SIGN UP AND LEARN MORE!

TOGETHERINHOLINESS.ORG

Catholic Charities**Diocese of Charlotte Food Pantry**

If you would like to donate grocery items,
schedule a time on our webpage:

www.ccdoc.org/en/donate/donate-grocery-items

**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
rjm2108@aol.com.

Worldwide Marriage Encounter

call: 803-810-9602,

visit: SCMarriageMatters.org,

email: applications@scmarriagematters.org.

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 talking about it only make it worse? Retrouvaille (pronounced retro-vi with a long i) helps couples through difficult times in their marriages. This program has helped 10's of 1000's of couples experiencing difficulties in their marriage. For confidential information about or to register for the October program beginning with a weekend on Oct 14-16, in Charlotte, contact Bill and Lyn Folsom at 727-343-6701 or email: billlynfolsom@gmail.com (3 L's in a row) or visit the web site at www.HelpOurMarriage.org

Frances Xavier Cabrini was the first United States citizen to be canonized. She began charitable work at the House of Providence Orphanage in Cadogno, Italy. In September 1877, she made her vows there and took the religious habit. When the bishop closed the orphanage in 1880, he named Frances prioress of the Missionary Sisters of the Sacred Heart. Since her early childhood in Italy, Frances had wanted to be a missionary in China but, at the urging of Pope Leo XIII, Frances went west instead of east. She traveled with six sisters to New York City to work with the thousands of Italian immigrants living there.

When she arrived in New York, the house intended to be her first orphanage in the United States was not available. The archbishop advised her to return to Italy. But Frances, truly a valiant woman, departed from the archbishop's residence all the more determined to establish that orphanage. And she did.

In 35 years, Frances Xavier Cabrini founded 67 institutions dedicated to caring for the poor, the abandoned, the uneducated and the sick. Seeing great need among Italian immigrants who were losing their faith, she organized schools and adult education classes. As a child, she was always frightened of water, unable to overcome her fear of drowning. Yet, despite this fear, she traveled across the Atlantic Ocean more than 30 times. She died of malaria in her own Columbus Hospital in Chicago.



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.**

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.

Information Page

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