



# ST. ANN

## CATHOLIC CHURCH

December 25, 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 25</b>	<b>12:00 am Latin Mass</b> Intentions of Father Reid's godchildren <b>9:00 am</b> Intentions of Father Reid <i>by the Rothe family</i>	OFFICE CLOSED
<b>Monday, December 26</b>	<b>7:00 am NO Mass</b>	OFFICE CLOSED 7:00 pm Legion of Mary (Classroom 3), Fraternus (Gym)
<b>Tuesday, December 27</b>	<b>7:00 am</b> + Joe Lawton <i>by Cindy Lawton</i>	<i>8:00 am Adoration begins (Church)</i>
<b>Wednesday, December 28</b>	<b>6:00 pm Latin Mass</b> For St. Ann's benefactors and for their loved ones	<i>Adoration continues (Church)</i> 5:00 pm Holy Hour Church 7:00 pm Fidelis (Gym)
<b>Thursday, December 29</b>	<b>7:00 am</b> + Father James Billar <i>by Marguerite Doman</i>	10:00 am Catholic Scripture Study-Classroom 3 5:30 pm Confessions 7:00 pm Gym in use
<b>Friday, December 30</b>	<b>7:00 am NO MASS</b> <b>8:30 am</b> Intentions of Colette Shanahan <i>by the Grant family</i>	OFFICE CLOSED 8:00 am All rooms, chapel in use 1:00 pm Church cry room in use 12:30 pm Wedding (Church)
<b>Saturday, December 31</b>	<b>4:30 pm</b> Intentions of Sister Marie Jeannette <i>by Craig Lewis and family</i>	3:00 pm Confessions
<b>Sunday, January 1</b>	<b>8:00 am</b> Intentions of our parish family <b>10:30 am</b> Intentions of thank and praise <i>by Mike and Jan Collin</i> <b>12:30 pm Latin Mass</b> Intentions of James Hetzel <i>by the family</i>	



Dear Parishioners,

A very Merry Christmas to all of you! I hope and pray that all of you are able to spend this special time with family and friends, and that our Infant Lord will shower you with His abundant graces.

Please keep in mind that Monday, 26 December 2022, is a federal holiday this year, which means our office will be closed. Also, we will not have Mass on 26 December. I'm sorry for this inconvenience to our daily Mass goers. However, we will follow our normal schedule for the rest of the week, including Adoration this Tuesday and Wednesday. Please be sure to keep an eye out for the "Friday 5" email blasts with changes and updates to our parish schedule and activities.

Next Sunday, 01 January 2023, is the Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God. We will follow our normal Sunday Mass and confession schedule. And as we've done for the past few years, we will also provide an opportunity to receive a plenary indulgence at all the Masses next weekend.

Sincerely yours in the Christ Child and His Virginal Mother,

Fr. Reid

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

**Saint Thomas Becket's Story**—A strong man who wavered for a moment, but then learned one cannot come to terms with evil, and so became a strong churchman, a martyr, and a saint—that was Thomas Becket, archbishop of Canterbury, murdered in his cathedral on December 29, 1170.

His career had been a stormy one. While archdeacon of Canterbury, he was made chancellor of England at the age of 36 by his friend King Henry II. When Henry felt it advantageous to make his chancellor the archbishop of Canterbury, Thomas gave him fair warning: he might not accept all of Henry's intrusions into Church affairs. Nevertheless, in 1162 he was made archbishop, resigned his chancellorship, and reformed his whole way of life!



Troubles began. Henry insisted upon usurping Church rights. At one time, supposing some conciliatory action possible, Thomas came close to compromise. He momentarily approved the Constitutions of Clarendon, which would have denied the clergy the right of trial by a Church court and prevented them from making direct appeal to Rome. But Thomas rejected the Constitutions, fled to France for safety, and remained in exile for seven years. When he returned to England he suspected it would mean certain death. Because Thomas refused to remit censures he had placed upon bishops favored by the king, Henry cried out in a rage, "Will no one rid me of this troublesome priest!" Four knights, taking his words as his wish, slew Thomas in the Canterbury cathedral. Thomas Becket remains a hero-saint down to our own times. December 29



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

<u>Collection Date</u>	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Budget</u>	<u>Over/Under</u>
December 4	24,930.85	22,961.53	1,969.32

YTD July 01-December 4, 2022

\$ 545,068.08    \$ 528,115.19    \$ 16,952.89

**Outstanding Parish Loan Balances:****Rectory Loan: \$573,479.85    5 Year Plan Loan \$323,690.68**

—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>121,965.17</b>
<b>Pledge Balance:</b>	<b>8,002.87</b>
<b>Assessment Balance</b>	<b>20,396.83</b>
<b>Donors:</b>	<b>183</b>

**Priest Retirement 2022**

<b>Assessment:</b>	<b>\$36,932.00</b>
<b>Received:</b>	<b>30,151.81</b>
<b>Assessment Balance:</b>	<b>6,780.19</b>

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



*Feast of the  
Holy Innocents*

**December 28**

**The Feast of the Holy Innocents**, or Childermas in Old English, commemorates the death of the male children in Bethlehem who were 2 years of age or under. King Herod the Great had ordered this, in order to ensure that the infant Messiah sought by the Magi would be unable to displace him on his throne. This is why Saint Joseph was told in a dream to take the Child and the Blessed Virgin and flee to Egypt to escape the persecution of King Herod.

## 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](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  
**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.

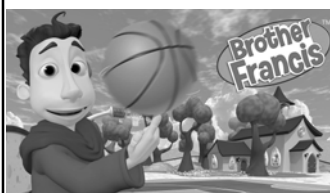
Any questions email Chantal at:  
[mommytots@att.net](mailto:mommytots@att.net).

**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 `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](mailto:Holyfamilyacademy4@yahoo.com).

## CATHOLIC EDUCATION

**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 off until January 8th.

**First Communion Families:**

Please note on your calendars that we have **changed the 1st Communion Date to April 29th. The First Mandatory Confession Retreat is on January 7th from 9:30 am to 12:30 pm. Remember to bring the completed packet of homework that goes with the St. Joseph Catechism Book. If we do not have your baptism certificate, please bring it to the retreat.**

**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)

**Prayer cards of our Statues**

are available in the North Vestibule.  
A donation of \$0.50 per card.

**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 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 7: How to Read the Bible by San Juan Catholic Seminars. Our next class is on 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



### 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](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto:maxxwellsr@gmail.com).

## LATIN MASS CORNER

### Latin Mass (Extraordinary Form) Calendar

December 25	The Nativity of Our Lord - 1 <sup>st</sup> class
December 26	St. Stephen, Deacon & ProtoMartyr - 2 <sup>nd</sup> class
December 27	St. John the Evangelist, Apostle - 2 <sup>nd</sup> class
December 28	Holy Innocents, Martyrs - 2 <sup>nd</sup> class
December 29	5th Day in the Octave of Christmas - 2 <sup>nd</sup> class
December 30	6th Day in the Octave of Christmas - 2 <sup>nd</sup> class
December 31	7th Day in the Octave of Christmas - 2 <sup>nd</sup> class
January 1	Octave Day of the Nativity of Our Lord (Sunday) - 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>  
to register for an upcoming weekend.

## WEDDING BANNERS

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

### One Bread One Body Booklets (a guide to daily Scriptures) available in the North Vestibule

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.

**PARISH RESOURCES**—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 `oplsaccdocp0pfreear`

## 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)  
Jan Hart

### 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



## 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.soriano@stannfamily.org](mailto:ashley.soriano@stannfamily.org)

**PRESENTED BY**  **ST. ANN**

 **SCAN TO SIGN UP  
AND LEARN MORE!**

Signatures: Ashley Soriano, Director of the St. Ann Parish Formation **TOGETHERINHOLINESS.ORG**



## 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](mailto:rjm2108@aol.com).

## Worldwide Marriage Encounter

call: 803-810-9602,

visit: [SCMarriageMatters.org](http://SCMarriageMatters.org),

email: [applications@scmarriagematters.org](mailto:applications@scmarriagematters.org).

St. Vincent ACES Senior Club invite all seniors 45+ young to join us on Wednesday, January 4 at 11am in the Activity Center as we celebrate our 30th anniversary and enjoy a Southern Buffet, and welcome well-known USO and national musician Theresa Eaman with her Swing sound of the 30's, 40's, & 50's. Cost is \$12/pp members and \$13/pp guest. Please RSVP by Friday, December 30 to Betty Smith at 864-517-4557 [betty-murraysmith@gmail.com](mailto:betty-murraysmith@gmail.com). **YOU DO NOT HAVE TO BE A MEMBER TO ATTEND.** Seats available for our "Elvis Presley" Tribute Trip, Sunday, February 12, 2023, 3:00pm. For trip information or registration forms email [pgibbons1@att.net](mailto:pgibbons1@att.net). or 704-588-5870 (leave a message).

## 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](http://www.ccdoc.org/en/donate/donate-grocery-items)

## THE FEAST OF ST. STEPHEN 26TH DECEMBER

St. Stephen, the first of the Martyrs, d. c. 34AD, was a popular deacon in the early Church of Jerusalem, who distributed alms to the orphans and poor. He was falsely accused of blasphemy and stoned to death by the Jewish Authorities.

His martyrdom was witnessed by the Pharisee, Saul of Tarsus—who would later convert to Christianity and become St. Paul the Apostle.

St. Stephen is the Patron Saint of deacons, and stonemasons, and is usually shown with a martyr's palm and three stones. His Feast Day is celebrated as 'Boxing Day' in New Zealand, Canada, Australia and the United Kingdom.

The Guild of St. Stephen traditionally award their crosses, medals and awards to altar servers on this day.



St. Stephen by Giacomo Cavedone, 1611 (detail)

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](http://charlottediocese.org/dsa)  
to make a gift online.

## 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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