



ST. ANN

CATHOLIC CHURCH

December 4, 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 4	8:00 am +Thomas Moriarty <i>by Nancy and Lou Picciola</i> 10:30 am Intentions of our Parish family 12:30 pm Latin Mass Intentions of John Lauer <i>by the family</i>	9:00 am Teen apologetics (Classroom 1&2) 9:15 am Donuts & Dogma (Café) 5:00 pm Solemn Vespers-St. Joseph Seminary
Monday, December 5	7:00 am + Ann Gustainis <i>by Mary Ellen Gustainis</i>	3:00 pm Classroom 1&2 in use 7:00 pm Legion of Mary (Classroom 3), Fraternus (Gym), RCIA (Classrooms 1,2)
Tuesday, December 6	7:00 am Intentions of Kathy Roes <i>by St. Vincent de Paul Society</i>	8:00 am Adoration begins (Church) 6:00 pm Interfaith basketball practice (Gym)
Wednesday, December 7	6:00 pm Latin Mass Intentions of Michael Conner <i>by the family</i>	Adoration continues (Church) 8:00 am Library, classrooms 1,2,3&4 in use 5:00 pm Holy Hour Church 7:00 pm Fidelis (Gym)
Thursday, December 8	7:00 am Intentions of Mary Margaret Lewis <i>by Craig Lewis & family</i> 12:00 pm 6:00 pm	Office Closed 10:00 am Catholic Scripture Study-Classroom 3 2:30 pm Church in use NO Confessions 7:00 pm Gym in use
Friday, December 9	7:00 am Latin Mass + John Collins <i>by Mary Ellen Gustainis</i> 8:30 am + Stephen Alexander <i>by Bill and Kathi Kweech</i>	8:00 am All rooms, chapel in use 6:00 pm Interfaith basketball practice (Gym)
Saturday, December 10	6:30 am Rorate Latin Mass 4:30 pm Intentions of our parish family	8:00 am All rooms in use 3:00 pm Confessions (Church)
Sunday, December 11	8:00 am Intentions of John and Jeanne on their anniversary <i>by Nancy and Lou Picciola</i> 10:30 am Intentions of Brian & Cecilia Blatchford <i>by Abigail Blatchford</i> 12:30 pm Latin Mass Intentions of Cecilia Kehoe <i>by Peggy & 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
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Dear Parishioners,

I am grateful to the many of you who are praying the Novena in preparation for the dedication of our parish to the Immaculate Heart of Mary, which we will celebrate on the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception. This is something we've been doing for several years now, and it's something that I believe brings great graces to our parish. Along with praying the novena prayer below, I ask you to consider fasting from something you enjoy (as you would during Lent). Our Novena Prayer is as follows:

O Most Blessed Mother, heart of love, heart of mercy, ever listening, caring, consoling, hear our prayer. As your children, we implore your intercession with Jesus your Son. Receive with understanding and compassion the petitions we place before you today, especially that our parish may be consecrated to your Immaculate Heart. We are comforted in knowing your heart is ever open to those who ask for your prayer. We trust to your gentle care and intercession, those whom we love and who are sick or lonely or hurting. Help all of us, Holy Mother, to bear our burdens in this life until we may share eternal life and peace with God forever. Amen.

Thursday, December 8th is the **Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception**, and it is a holy day of obligation. We will have Masses at 7am (English Novus Ordo), 12noon (English Novus Ordo), and 6pm (Latin). Please be sure to join us!

This coming Saturday, 10 December 2022, we will have our annual **Rorate Mass** at 6:30 a.m. This votive Mass in honor of the Blessed Virgin Mary takes its name from the first words of the Introit: "Rorate coeli, desuper et nubes pluant justum," which is translated: "Drop down dew, ye heavens, from above, and let the clouds rain down the Just." What is special about this Mass is that it is celebrated early in the morning using only candlelight, a reminder that the world was in darkness before the coming of the True Light of the World, Jesus Christ. As the Mass is offered, and the dawn begins to break, the Church – through the prayers of this Mass – expresses her deep longing for the coming of the Messiah in the darkness of our fallen world. It is thus a Mass that is so wonderfully suited to the Advent theme of hopeful expectation of the coming of the Christ Child.

I realize that 6:30 a.m. on a Saturday is a bit early, but I promise that this Mass will be worth getting up for! So please come and join us as we anticipate the dawning of the Son of God at Christmas.

Lastly, we still have not met our **Diocesan Support Appeal** Goal (DSA) for this year. We are about \$20,000 short of our assessment. If you haven't made a donation to the DSA yet, now is a great time to do so. And please consider giving generously to the **5-Year Plan** as you plan your end-of-year giving. We still have a debt to pay off the for renovations on the Allen Center. Thanks for your generosity!

In hopeful expectation of our Lord's coming,

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)
YTD July 01-November 13, 2022			
	\$ 464,234.86	\$ 459,230.60	\$ 5,004.26

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:	129,548.04
Received:	119,851.71
Pledge Balance:	9,696.33
Assessment Balance	22,510.29
Donors:	181

Priest Retirement 2022

Assessment:	\$36,932.00
Received:	25,863.30
Assessment Balance:	11,068.70

Give Electronically at www.StAnnCharlotte.org

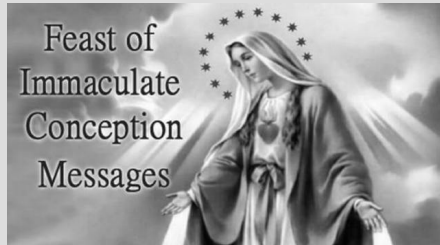
Bulletin Deadlines:

Tuesday, December 6 at 12 noon
for **Sunday, December 11**

NOTE change in deadlines:

- ♦ **Wednesday, December 7 at 12 noon**
for Sunday, December 18
- ♦ **Tuesday, December 13 at noon**
for Sunday, December 25
- ♦ **Tuesday, Dec. 20 at noon**
for Sunday, January 1

Email articles to: bulletinstann3635@gmail.com



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Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception,
a holy day of obligation.

Masses will 7am (English Novus Ordo),
12noon (English Novus Ordo), and
6pm (Latin).



The Men's Club of St. Ann is still looking for volunteers to support their biggest fund raising event of the year - The Men's Club Christmas Tree Sale. We currently have only 35% of the volunteers needed for the available slots. Scan this QR code to access the signup portal or use this URL: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/5080f4fa9ae2ea5fd0-2022>



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.votervoice.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 to be added to the list.

**Food Collections Catholic Charities
Diocese of Charlotte Food Pantry**
1st and 3rd weekends of every month
December 3-4 and 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.



Advent Angel Tree

The tree is in the narthex with tags for moms at MiraVia, various Catholic Charities needs and gifts for the Missionaries of the Poor (MOP) in India. Please consider taking a tag, purchasing the requested gift and returning it to the tree during the first 3 Sundays in Advent, or anytime in the office **no later than Dec. 12**. Thank you in advance for your generosity!

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

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.

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.

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 are off for November 27, and return to class on December 4th and 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

**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 off for November 27, and return to class on December 4th and 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 are off for November 27, and return to class on December 4th and 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 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 potluck 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

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

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. Contact

Cecilia Balman: vabalman@aol.com.



Our Lady of Fatima had made the request for the observance of the First Five Saturdays Devotion to the three shepherd children, which remains sadly neglected by her Son's Church. Masses celebrated on the first Saturday of each month offered in reparation for the sins committed against our Blessed Mother's Immaculate Heart, going to confession, recitation of the Rosary, and spending 15 minutes with her in meditation on a mystery of the Rosary brings great comfort to her and reaps blessings for those who honor her in this way. **Join us each First Saturday at 3:55 p.m. in the chapel as we pray the Rosary.** Information can be found each month at the Legion of Mary table.

LATIN MASS CORNER

Latin Mass (Extraordinary Form) Calendar

December 4	Second Sunday of Advent - 1 st class
December 5	Feria of Advent - 3 rd class
December 6	St. Nicholas, Bishop & Confessor - 3 rd class
December 7	St. Ambrose, Bishop, Confessor & Doctor - 3 rd class
December 8	Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary - 1 st class
December 9	Feria of Advent - 3 rd class
December 10	Feria of Advent - 3 rd class
December 11	Third Sunday of Advent - 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!

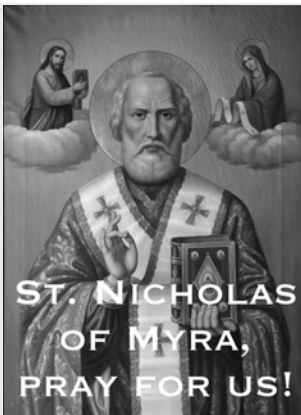
It can help you to remember what is important!

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 reconnect and develop communication and healing Jan. 13-15, 2023. Visit: <https://community.helpourmarriage.org/weekends.php> to register for an upcoming weekend.



As a young man St. Nicholas is said to have made a pilgrimage to Palestine and Egypt in order to study in the school of the Desert Fathers. On returning some years later he was almost immediately ordained Bishop of Myra, which is now Demre, on the coast of modern day Turkey. The bishop was

imprisoned during the Diocletian persecution and only released when Constantine the Great came to power and made Christianity the official religion of the Roman Empire.

One of the most famous stories of the generosity of St. Nicholas says that he threw bags of gold through an open window in the house of a poor man to serve as dowry for the man's daughters, who otherwise would have been forced into prostitution. The gold is said to have landed in the family's shoes, which were drying near the fire. This is why children leave their shoes out by the door, or hang their stockings by the fireplace in the hopes of receiving a gift on the eve of his feast.

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

DIOCESAN EVENTS



TOGETHER IN HOLINESS™
FORMATION SERIES

YEAR-ROUND MARRIAGE ENRICHMENT FOR SMALL COMMUNITIES OF SPOUSES

SERIES ONE: Family, at Our Lady of the Sacred Heart Church

FEATURING:

DANIELLE BEAN

DAMON OWENS

HIGHLIGHTS:

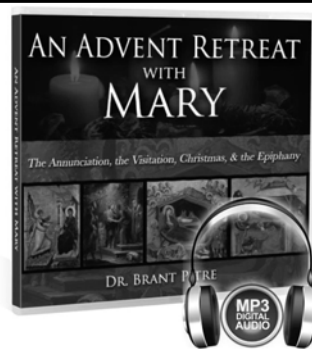
- Couples gather monthly for a 7-part series
- A meal and time for fellowship
- Short, compelling video presentations
- A Bring It Home component that translates learning into living
- Available for Spanish-speaking couples through translated materials
- Cost of registration is \$50 per couple

For questions, email Ashley Soriano at ashleysoriano@stannfamily.org

PRESENTED BY **ST. ANN**

SCAN TO SIGN UP AND LEARN MORE

TOGETHERINHOLINESS.ORG



Are you familiar with the song "Mary, Did You Know?" What exactly did Mary know? As a first-century Jewish woman, how would she have understood the mysterious events that led up to the birth of

Jesus? What are the Jewish roots of Christmas?

In this Advent Bible study and retreat, Dr. Brant Pitre takes you on a scriptural journey from Nazareth to Bethlehem by looking at Jesus through the eyes of the person closest to him: the Virgin Mary.

Please considering joining us in our Rock Hill home to grow in faith and fellowship as we host the Catholic Productions program, *An Advent Retreat with Mary*. We will gather on Tuesday evenings starting November 29th (last session December 20th). Feel free to start arriving at 7 pm. The program will begin around 7:15 pm and a conversation surrounding the Study Guide questions will follow. If you have any questions, call or text Tammy Fischer (704.287.2319) or Ron Fischer (704.965.1815).



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.

St. Vincent ACES Senior Club invite all seniors 45+ young to join us for our Christmas Celebration. Cost is \$25/pp and includes a wine bar and holiday buffet with entertainment by the Carolina Copy Cats Floor Show. Please RSVP to Betty Smith at 864-517-4557 betty-murraysmith@gmail.com.

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.

Retirement Fund for Religious



Please give generously to the upcoming collection.

Dec. 10-11

Visit retiredreligious.org/2022photos to meet the religious pictured.
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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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