



ST. ANN

CATHOLIC CHURCH

February 26, 2023



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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, February 26	8:00 am Intentions of our parish family 10:30 am + Dolores Galantowicz <i>by John Paul Galantowicz</i> 12:30 pm Latin Mass Intentions of Margaret Foushee <i>by the family</i>	9:00 a.m. Teen Apologetics (Classrooms 1&2) 9:15 a.m. Donuts and Dogma (Café) 2:00 pm Baptism (Church)
Monday, February 27	7:00 am + Frances Meares <i>By Fr. Reid</i>	7:00 p.m. Legion of Mary (Classroom 3) Fraternus (Gym)
Tuesday, February 28	7:00 am Intentions of Barbara and Jim Hoida <i>by Mary Eileen Beaten</i>	8:00 a.m. Adoration begins (Church) 6:00 p.m. INFL basketball practice
Wednesday, March 1	6:00 pm Latin Mass + Tom Savoy <i>by Fr. Reid</i>	<i>Adoration continues (Church)</i> 5:00 p.m. Holy Hour Church 7:00 p.m. Fidelis (Gym)
Thursday, March 2	7:00 am Intentions of Joachim Rosamond Ferrante family	10:00 a.m. Catholic Scripture Study-Classroom 3 2:30 p.m. Church in use 5:30 p.m. Confessions in Church 7:00 p.m. Gym in use
Friday, March 3	7:00 am Latin Mass + Poor Souls in Purgatory <i>by the Association of Holy Souls</i> 8:30 am Intentions of Elizabeth Walsh <i>by Debbie Walsh</i>	8:00 a.m. All rooms, chapel in use 1:00 p.m. Church cry room in use 6:00 p.m. Holy hour 7:00 p.m. Stations of the Cross HS Quizbowl set up (Classrooms 1&2)
Saturday, March 4	4:30 pm Intentions of Fr. Reid's grandparents <i>by Fr. Reid</i>	9:00 a.m. HS Quiz Bowl (All rooms, library, café) 3:00 p.m. Confessions (Church)
Sunday, March 5	8:00 am + Abbey Lejk <i>by Mike and Bonnie Allen</i> 10:30 am Intentions of our Parish 12:30 pm Latin Mass Intentions of Jack Nobers <i>by the family</i>	9:00 a.m. Teen Apologetics (Classrooms 1&2) 9:15 a.m. Donuts and Dogma (Café) 5:00 p.m. Solemn Vespers—Seminary



Dear Parishioners,

Lent is finally here! It's time to get down to the business of prayer, fasting, and almsgiving – all with the intention of loving God and neighbor better and becoming a little more like Christ! If you haven't yet chosen your Lenten sacrifices, it's not too late to do so. Just remember to choose something that really pinches, something that is really a sacrifice for you – but not so much that your penance makes you a penance to those around you! More importantly, be sure to take on your Lenten penances with a desire to love God and to make of yourself an offering to Him. That will make your Lenten disciples more efficacious for your soul and more pleasing to our Father in Heaven!

As Lent is a penitential season, Holy Mother Church has certain requirements for fasting and abstinence from meat during Lent. Specifically, for Catholics in the United States, the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops states that: "the age of fasting is from the completion of the eighteenth year to the beginning of the sixtieth." The requirements for fasting and abstinence in the United States are:

- Every person 14 years of age or older must abstain from meat on Ash Wednesday, Good Friday, and all the Fridays of Lent.
- Every person from age of 18 until 59 must fast on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday. When fasting, a person is permitted to eat one full meal. Two smaller meals may also be taken, but they are not to equal a full meal.

Through observing the Church's laws re: fasting and abstinence, I encourage you to make reparation for sin. Fasting and abstaining from meat shouldn't be empty rituals for us, but rather spiritual practices that we offer in reparation for all the ways our Lord has been offended. As we've done in the past, on the Fridays of Lent we will have a **Holy Hour of Reparation** at 6 p.m. in the church, followed by **Stations of the Cross** at 7 p.m. So please join us each Friday as we make reparation for our own sins and those of the whole Church.

Lastly, in addition to fasting and taking ascetical practices in Lent, it's good to do something positive. Practicing the spiritual and corporal works of mercy, almsgiving, attending daily Mass or making extra holy hours are all very positive things you can do to enrich your Lent. I certainly encourage you in this regard as well.

With prayers for a blessed Lent,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Fr. Reid". The signature is stylized and cursive.

Fr. Reid

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

EVENTS AT ST. ANN'S

Respect Life

Respect Life for February: Spiritual Adoption of the Abortion Vulnerable. Our unborn baby is 4 months old! The poster showing the development of a 4-month-old unborn baby is on display in the narthex this weekend.

PRAY: The February Mass for Our Blessed Lady's Respect Life intentions will be **Saturday, February 25th, at 8am (MEF)**. Holy Hour of Reparation and prayers at PP will follow as usual.

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: There are two important pro-life bills - one state, one federal - that need our support. Please contact your representatives (it's easy - just follow the links below)!

NC Heartbeat Law

Since Roe v. Wade was overturned, North Carolina has seen a 37% increase in the number of abortions performed here, as neighboring states have moved to limit or ban abortion. It's time our state banned it too. Please visit the following link to send an automatic message to your state representative and senator: www.ncvalues.org/heartbeat

No Taxpayer Funding for Abortion Act

The House of Representatives is considering whether to bring the No Taxpayer Funding for Abortion Act (H.R. 7) to a vote. This bill would permanently ban taxpayer dollars from going to abortions. Please visit the USCCB's Action Center to contact your representative: www.votervoice.net/USCCB/Campaigns/100286/

RespondPlease join our email list for up-to-date information and alerts on pro-life issues and events. Email Rachel Shrader at peregrinenorth@gmail.com to be added to the list.



Lenten Family Mini-Retreat: You are invited to a Lenten Family Mini-Retreat, A Family Fun Day at **St. Ann on Saturday March 18th at 11:30 AM**. Activities will include a potluck lunch, a talk for parents, a spiritual family activity followed by games, family prayer, opportunities for confession and the Saturday evening mass. For more information and to sign up, visit <https://yourhollyfamily.org/family-mini-retreat/> or call 512-657-4388 or email denae@yourhollyfamily.org

Catholic Quizbowl of North Carolina

All students, grades 5th-12th, are invited to compete in the first annual Catholic Quizbowl of North Carolina competition on **March 4** from **9am-4pm** in the Allen Center at St. Ann Catholic Church. Details and rules can be found on the website at:

www.nccatholicquizbowl.blogspot.com.

Please email Mary Margaret Lewis at marymargaretlewis03@gmail.com with any questions.



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.



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 next meeting for the Saint Ann Men's Club will be on March 5th. Rosary prayer will begin at 6PM in the church chapel, dinner at 6:30 in the Allen Center, and meeting following. Questions, reach out to Paul Sorge - Men's Club President at 704.430.8129 or paulsorge@yahoo.com. New members are always welcome.

CATHOLIC EDUCATION

Faith Formation 2022-23

Classes 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. We return to class on February 26th. For additional information or questions, contact Virginia Blatchford at 704-523-4641 ext. 231.

Confirmation Students

Our all-day confirmation retreat is on March 4th at Belmont Abbey from 9:00 am-3:00 pm with check in at 8:45 am. We will meet in the Mezzanine at the Student Commons Building. See the map at the Belmont Abbey College website for the location. Please note that students need to complete their adoration and service hours. Note that a parent needs to sign the release form for the retreat event. We have our 1st mandatory apologetics class on March 12th during our regular class time and location. We will dive into how to defend our Catholic Faith for our last 8 weeks of class.

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

Teen Apologetics

All students who have been confirmed are invited to join the **Young Adult Apologetics** classes from 9-10:10 am which follow the faith formation schedule, and meet in the upstairs classroom at the Allen Center. We have started Apologetics 7: **How to Read the Bible** by San Juan Catholic Seminars. We are back to class this week. We are off on April 9th and the 16th for HOLY WEEK. Our next book is *Apologetics #9: How to Answer Muslims*.

First Communion Families:

Please note that our **1st Eucharist Retreat is on April 1** from 9:30-12:30 with check in at 9:15 am in the Allen Center. Our **1st Communion date is April 29th**. Families need to arrive before 10:30 am or as early as 9:30 am for pictures. If you plan to have 1st communion at the Latin Mass, or if you are not receiving communion class emails please contact the Faith Formation office.

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 `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!

At St. Ann's we also have **Formed.org** which has a powerful program called "Our Story" that walks you through the books of the Bible with a Catholic view. During Lent, they will offer meditations by Jim Caviezel and a weekly commentary on the Sunday readings. There is also a program on the powerful mercy of confession. Our parish code is `Y6ZQ8M`. A direct link is found on our parish website.

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. We are back to class this week and off on April 9th and the 16th for HOLY WEEK. 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!

Bishop's Youth Pilgrimage

See page 9 of the bulletin for more information

WELLS OF SALVATION FOR LENT

Our parish will participate in the Wells of Salvation program run by Cross Catholic Outreach during Lent. Go to: CrossCatholic.org/Lent or call 800-914-2420.

MINISTRIES AT ST. ANN**JOIN THE CHOIR!**

If you love to sing and believe in the transformative power of beautiful music for the liturgy, please consider adding your voice to the St. Ann choir and/or schola(s).

**NEW MEMBER**

As a new member, you can expect to start out by singing:

1. The Ordinary of the Mass: Kyrie, Gloria, Psalm/Gradual, Alleluia, Credo, Sanctus, Memorial acclamation, Agnus Dei. This is no easy task at St. Ann as we change the Ordinary of the Mass frequently.

2. The Processional/Recessional Hymns

EXPERIENCED MEMBER

As you become a more skilled, experienced member, or as a music reader who can prepare independently, you can expect to participate in the presentation of some of the more musically challenging repertoire.

REPERTOIRE

St. Ann choir/schola repertoire includes items sung in English and Latin, plainchant, Gregorian chant, SATB harmony & polyphony.

Music is available for pickup 1 week in advance of Mass. Packets will include both new member & experienced member items.

REHEARSAL

All singers are expected to thoroughly review the music independently. Rehearsing with the group will occur 45 minutes prior to the start of Mass and at other times as needed.

ARRIVAL

Arrival is 45 minutes prior to Mass start time.

Questions? Contact Terese Rowe at 704.599.5725 or rowetmj@bellsouth.net or stop up in the loft, and we will show you where to pick up the next week's music so you can get started!

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

LATIN MASS CORNER**Latin Mass (Extraordinary Form) Calendar**

February 26	First Sunday of Lent - 1 st class
February 27	Feria in Lent - 3 rd class
February 28	Feria in Lent - 3 rd class
March 1	Ember Wednesday in Lent - 2 nd class
March 2	Feria in Lent - 3 rd class
March 3	Ember Friday in Lent - 2 nd class
March 4	Ember Saturday in Lent - 2 nd class
March 5	2nd Sunday of Lent - 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

Marriage Help – Retrouvaille (pronounced retro-vi) has helped tens of thousands of couples at all stages of disillusionment or misery in their marriage. This program can help you too, or a hurting couple you might know. For confidential information about or to register for the upcoming October 14-16 program in Charlotte, call 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

**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/9040b48aaab2aabb49-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.

The Young Couples and Families ministry is comprised of newly married couples and families in the

beginning years of parenthood! We are hosting a Lenten event on Friday, March 24th. Please email clarajdavis@gmail.com for more information about this event and to be added to the Young Couples and Families email list.

**EVENTS AND ACTIVITIES****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
Penn Castles
Langan family

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
Steve Frank

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

Thank You, Lord, for the blessings You have bestowed on our lives. We pray for the healing, protection, transformation, strength and restoration of those in need. Comfort the lives of those who need it most. In your precious name we pray. Amen

DIOCESAN EVENTS

THE BISHOP'S YOUTH
PILGRIMAGE
I Am With You Always
Matthew 28:20 - 27/03/23



March 25, 2023
9:00AM-3:00PM

REGISTER ONLINE AT GOECHARIST.COM

Bishop Peter J. Jugis invites middle and high school youth to join him at Belmont Abbey for a day of prayer and adoration of our Eucharistic Lord. The Bishop's Youth Pilgrimage is graciously hosted by Belmont Abbey College and Monastery and provides youth with an experience of the Catholic faith with uplifting music and dynamic speakers. The Youth Pilgrimage is the perfect opportunity to prepare the way for the Eucharistic Congress.

COST
\$15/person, includes lunch

REGISTER goeucharist.com



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Aging with Confidence

Add Aging with confidence #2 (in email) when this one expires.

4-PART WEBINAR SERIES

Join Catholic Charities Elder Ministry as we explore how our Five Senses impact aging.


SESSION ONE:
SENSE OF HEARING
"Hearing Health and the Brain"
March 8th
1:00-2:00 p.m.

SESSION TWO:
SENSE OF SMELL & TASTE
"Adjusting to Change in Smell & Taste"
March 22nd
10:00-11:00 a.m.

SESSION THREE:
SENSE OF VISION
TBA

SESSION FOUR:
SENSE OF TOUCH
June 13th
2:00-3:00 p.m.


SESSION ONE:
"Hearing Health and the Brain"
Hearing loss affects people of all ages and can be caused by many different factors. Join us as Dr. Kelly Knolhoff explores the basics of hearing, the effects of hearing loss on the brain and cognition. Treatment options and updates in hearing aid technology will be discussed.
Wednesday, March 8, 2023 • 1:00-2:00 p.m.


 Presented by:
Dr. Kelly Knolhoff
Audiologist & Owner at Birkdale Audiology

To register, please click [here](#).
After registering, you will receive a confirmation email containing information about joining the webinar. For additional information or assistance with registering, please contact Sandra Breakfield at 704-370-3220 or email sandra@ccdc.org.

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REGISTER NOW

MARCH 25, 2023 | 9:15 AM - 6:45 PM | THE CATHEDRAL OF ST. PATRICK

Medical professionals, students, and interested lay-people are invited to the sixth annual Converging Roads health care ethics conference on Saturday, March 25 at The Cathedral of St. Patrick in Charlotte! This conference is a wonderful way to gain a comprehensive knowledge of practicing medicine under a Catholic ethos while earning up to 7 hours of CME/CNE credits. Join national and local experts either in person or online to discuss topics rooted in the Hippocratic and Catholic ethical tradition. For more information or to register, visit <https://bit.ly/cr23-cnc>

St. Vincent ACES Senior Club
invites all seniors 45+ young to join us
Thursday, March 9 at 11 am
in the Activity Center
as we celebrate
St. Patrick's Day and
"wearing of the green,"
a traditional Irish Buffet
and the music of Phil Diaz,
Carolina Society of Bag-
pipers member.
Cost is \$12/pp members
and \$13/pp guest.
RSVP by Friday, March 3
to Sandy Jankoski at
631-338-1290 mommaj4@yahoo.com.
NEWCOMERS WELCOME.

Seats available on our trip for the
RAT PACK Concert-3/26/23,
Boston -9/24-9/29/23;
Christmastime at Williamsburg, 12/1-12/3/23;
contact Peggy pgibbons1@att.net
or 704-588-5870 (leave a message).



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, 888-630-5929, 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.**