



March 12, 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, March 12	8:00 am Intentions of Ruby Miller <i>by the Palanes family</i> 10:30 am + Lee Hannigan by Mike and Jan Colin 12:30 pm Latin Mass Intentions of our parish family	9:00 am Teen Apologetics (Classrooms 1&2) 9:15 am Deacon and Dogma (Café) 5:00 pm Solemn Vespers—Seminary
Monday, March 13	7:00 am + Rev. John Henry Bordeaux <i>by Suzanne Terry</i>	9:00 am Friendship Book Study (Classroom 1&2) 4:45 pm Choir (Loft in use) 7:00 pm Legion of Mary (Classroom 3) Fraternus (Gym & Café)
Tuesday, March 14	7:00 am Longo family <i>by Fr. Reid</i>	8:00 am Adoration begins (Church) 6:30 pm Library in use
Wednesday, March 15	6:00 pm Latin Mass + Rosemary Eno <i>by Les and Karen Auth</i>	<i>Adoration continues (Church)</i> 8:00 am High School/Homeschool (Library, Classrooms 1-4) 5:00 pm Holy Hour Church 7:00 pm Fidelis (Gym) Parish Council (Café)
Thursday, March 16	7:00 am + Joel Swensson <i>by Joseph Murdico</i>	10:00 am Catholic Scripture Study-Classroom 3 2:30 pm School student rosary 5:30 pm Confessions in Church 7:00 pm Gym in use
Friday, March 17	7:00 am Latin Mass + John Patrick Liddy <i>by the Terry family</i> 8:30 am Kelsey Biehler <i>by Katie Cosby</i>	8:00 am CCE (All classrooms, cryrooms) School rosary (Chapel) 9:30 am Liturgy meeting 10:30 am Staff meeting 6:00 pm Holy hour (Church) 7:00 pm Stations of the Cross
Saturday, March 18	4:30 pm For our parish family	8:00 am Family Fun Day (Cafeteria, playground, church) 3:00 pm Confessions (Church)
	8:00 am Father Brad Jones <i>by Deacon and Mrs. Sanctis</i> 10:30 am Gonzalez family <i>by the family</i> 12:30 pm Latin Mass Mary Katherine Carter <i>by the Ferrante family</i>	9:00 am Teen Apologetics (Classrooms 1&2) 9:15 am Deacon and Dogma (Café) 10:15 am Homeschool St. Joseph potluck (Gym, café, kitchen) 2:00 pm Baptism (Church)



Dear Parishioners,

Lent seems to be moving right along, doesn't it? In just four weeks we will be celebrating Easter. Of course, with four weeks to go, there's still plenty of Lent left, and so if you haven't chosen something from which to fast, it's not too late to start. Hopefully most of you are staying true to your Lenten promises and fasting especially from sin.

Please keep all of those who are preparing for Easter Sacraments in your prayers. This particular Sunday of Lent is marked by the 1st of 3 **scrutinies** for those who are to be baptized at Easter. The scrutinies are meant to uncover and then heal all that is weak, defective or sinful in the hearts of those preparing to enter the Church so that all that is upright, strong and good may be strengthened and nourished within them (RCIA, #141). *The three scrutinies, which date back to the early Church, are the last bits of preparation for those seeking to enter Her through baptism, but they are also a beautiful reminder to all of us of the*

need for self-examination and repentance. So, let us all be sure that we are well prepared for the glories of Easter by making a good confession.

If you're looking for a good event for your entire family, next Saturday (March 18th) our parish is hosting a **Family Fun Day**. This is a great opportunity to meet other families from the parish, and to get a little encouragement in the practice of your faith. Please join us for this fun and formative event!

Don't forget that during the Fridays of Lent, we have a **Holy Hour of Reparation** at 6pm, followed by **Stations of the Cross** at 7pm. These are great devotions, and I have to believe that they are very pleasing to our Lord. So, please join us if you can.

Don't forget that the **pilgrimage to France** is quickly filling up. The details of the "Saints and Cellars" France pilgrimage are available on our parish website homepage. There are also brochures on the table by the baptismal font. We'll be traveling September 18-29, 2023, and we'll be visiting lots of holy sites, including Lourdes and the tombs of St. Thomas Aquinas and St. Mary Magdalene, as well as some famous wineries! It should be a great trip!

With blessings for a fruitful Lent,

Fr. Reid

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

Altar Server Training for the Novus Ordo mass
March 16th 7:00pm – 8:30pm
The training will be for current servers
and new servers. If your son has received his first
communion and would like to become an altar
server at the Novus Ordo mass,
please contact Chris Brunhuber at
704 241-2577 or ccb2691@icloud.com.

The St Ann Men's Club is having their annual
Charity Lenten Fish Fry of Friday
March 31 from 4-7PM. Dine-in or
drive thru take-out. Beer battered
Cod fish, french fries, cole slaw,
roll, banana pudding, and soda or
water - All inclusive \$12.00 per
plate. Half portions for children
available.



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807 registered families

Collection Date	Actual	Budget	Over/Under
February 5	38,126.88	22,961.53	15,165.35
February 12	23,295.50	22,961.53	333.97
February 19	22,058.19	22,961.53	(903.34)
YTD July 01, 2022-February 12, 2023	\$ 852,883.15	\$ 780,692.02	\$ 72,191.13

—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!*

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DSA 2023:

Goal:	\$ 134,991.59
Pledged:	29,055.09
Received:	18,006.08
Over/Under Goal Pledges:	(105,936.50)
Pledge Balance:	11,049.01
Families that Pledged:	39
Registered Families:	879

Outstanding Parish Loan Balances:

Rectory Loan: \$552,058.71
 5 Year Plan Loan \$283,694.73

Give Electronically at www.StAnnCharlotte.org

As many of you know, Josie Sanctis (daughter in law of Deacon Tom and Teresa Sanctis) lost her battle with cancer on December 5, 2022. Please join Josie's family and friends in celebration of her life and also give hope to others that have received the same cancer diagnosis as we participate in the Sarcoma Stomp 5K/3K run/walk. 100% of the proceeds goes to Levine's Cancer Institute for research. Please join our team in memory of Josie and help raise money for research to find a cure for this rare cancer. Below is a link with Josie's team (Josie's Joggers) to sign-up to run a 5k, walk a 3k, run virtually, or make a donation. Race Registration: <https://runsignup.com/Race/NC/Charlotte/TheSarcomaStomp>
 Josie's Team Page: <https://runsignup.com/josiesjoggers> Also, here is a link to purchase a t-shirt that we encourage to wear on race day. We would love to see a sea of green, Josie's favorite color, with the yellow ribbon for osteosarcoma. T-shirt Link: <https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSflpRCN3yQMg-XEcxFf-Z5hCtkIBbqEU4KpXXSDUJ6XU7ghrA/viewform?vc=0&c=0&w=1&flr=0>



"AS IRON SHARPENS IRON..."
 - PROV 27

QUI QUÆRIS
 "Who Are You Looking For?"

MARCH 18, 2023

SPEAKERS

Bishop Peter Jugel Diocese of Charlotte charlottebishops.org	Charles Fraune Author, Author Writing Dispersed charlesfraune.com	Jonathan Fanning Author, Speaker, Entrepreneur, Pastor jonathanfanning.com	Deacon John Clare Diocese of Charlotte DEACON@DIOCESEOFCHARLOTTE.ORG	Scott Wehrman Cardinals by Retirement Speakers, Author scottwehrman.org	Kevin Spaloni, MD Speaker, Author, Business Coach kevinspaloni.com

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 \$25 Virtual

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 children and their families in the Caribbean
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WEDDING BANNERS

I: Brandon Melchiorre and Kara Hansen
 March 25
 1:00 PM
 St. Ann Church

EVENTS AT ST. ANN'S

Respect Life

Respect Life for March:

PRAY: The March Mass for Our Blessed Lady's Respect Life intentions will be **Saturday, March 25th, at 8am (MEF)**. Holy Hour of Reparation and prayers at PP will follow as usual. *This is the feast of the Annunciation, a WONDERFUL day to pray for the pro-life cause!*

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: NC Heartbeat Law

A decision about what type of pro-life bill to propose in the NC General Assembly is expected soon. The options being considered are a "heartbeat bill" limiting abortion after a fetal heartbeat is detected (around 6 weeks) or, alternatively, a limit on abortion after 13 weeks. The heartbeat bill would save more lives, as around 85% of abortions in North Carolina take place before 13 weeks. Please contact our state legislators right away by going to this website:

<https://www.votervoice.net/NCHLA/Campaigns/101408/Respond>

40 Days for Life

This 40-day pro-life prayer vigil runs until April 2. Sign up to pray outside Planned Parenthood at <https://www.40daysforlife.com/en/charlotte>.

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.

SEVEN SISTERS APOSTOLATE UPDATE:

- * We are need of an additional sister for Wednesdays to make a Holy Hour of prayer for Fr Jones.
- * We are also in need of additional prayer warriors to make a weekly Holy Hour for our 2 deacons.



If God is calling you to make a Holy Hour / week for either of our needs, please contact Sarah Miller at Holyfamilyacademy4@yahoo.com.



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://yourholysfamily.org/family-mini-retreat/> or call 512-657-4388 or email denae@yourholysfamily.org

ST. JOSEPH FEAST DAY CELEBRATION

Sunday, March 19th

Please join us for an Italian potluck at the St. Ann Allen Center Cafe from 1:30pm-3:00pm
All are welcome!

Litany of St. Joseph
St. Joseph Altar
Food Pantry Collection
Door Prizes
Children's Activities

Bring an Italian dish to share! Food Pantry donations may be placed on the St. Joseph altar any time after 3pm on Friday, March 17th (located in the Cafe). If you are providing bread or desserts for the potluck, those items may also be placed at the altar in advance.

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Questions?
Email Stephany Shayeghi
shayeghifamily@gmail.com

Church Cleaning
in preparation
for Easter
April 1st

**Parish Service Day**

May 6th

8:00am – 12:00pm

Service Day to beautify our campus

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 have weekly classes until we are off again on April 9th and the 16th during HOLY WEEK. For additional information or questions, contact Virginia Blatchford at 704 523 4641 ext. 231.

Confirmation Students: Our confirmation has its 1st mandatory apologetics class on March 12th during our regular class time from 9:00-10:10am at St. Ann School. We will dive into how to defend our Catholic Faith for our last 8 weeks of class.

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.

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!

Join the Hallow app for Lent!! Go to <https://hallow.com/blog/pray40-2021/> and click on the #pray40 challenge. This will take you to the page where you can join **for free**. Just follow the directions.

Wells of Salvation for Lent: Our parish will participate in the Wells of Salvation program run by Cross Catholic Outreach during Lent. See the details in the Friday Five as we collect donations to build wells for clean water.

Go to: CrossCatholic.org/Lent scroll to the family giving. Be sure to indicate that you are giving as part of the St. Ann Project, Charlotte.

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 opslaccdocp0pfreear. 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.

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 start ***Apologetics 9: How to Answer Muslims*** by San Juan Catholic Seminars. We are back to class this week until we are off again on April 9th and the 16th of HOLY WEEK.

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

Attention Summer Cat Participants! Save the dates of **July 17-21**. We will be **learning about and loving Our Lady**. Get your ticket to travel on the train to track Our Blessed Mother. We will travel to the places where Our Mother appeared as Our Lady of Mt. Carmel, Fatima, Grace, Guadalupe, Knock, and Lourdes, learning what she taught us at each stop. Watch the bulletin for more details soon!

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**

March 12	3rd Sunday of Lent - 1 st class
March 13	Feria of Lent - 3 rd class
March 14	Feria of Lent - 3 rd class
March 15	Feria of Lent - 3 rd class
March 16	Feria of Lent - 3 rd class
March 17	Feria of Lent - 3 rd class
March 18	Feria of Lent - 3 rd class
March 19	4th Sunday of Lent (Laetare Sunday) - 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

**Retrouvaille
marriage-saving
weekend
April 14-16th
in Charlotte**



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](http://www.signupgenius.com/go/9040b48aaab2aabb49-eucharistic1). Contact
Cecilia Balman: vabalman@aol.com.

Separated Faithful: Divorced or separated Catholics who remain faithful to marriage. Catholics who were reluctantly divorced or separated can continue to fulfill your marriage mission – to sanctify yourself and your spouse.

Discuss the ongoing seven stages
from the book,

***“The Gift of Self, A Spiritual Companion
for Separated and Divorced
Faithful to the Sacrament of Marriage.”***

(See book review on USCCB)

Conference phone call on
the second Mondays monthly at 9 pm.
Contact SeparatedFaithful@outlook.com
with your name, parish, city.

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 clarajdavison@gmail.com for more
information about this event and to be added to the
Young Couples and Families email list.

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

Nancy Tessener (friend of
the Skorupa family)

**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

THE BISHOP'S YOUTH PILGRIMAGE

I Am With You Always

March 25, 2023

9:00AM-3:00PM

REGISTER ONLINE AT GOEUCCHARIST.COM

Bishop Peter J. Jusi 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

THE VIGILANT RETREAT

Awaiting our Blessed Hope

WHAT

WHEN

WHERE

WHO

HOW

The 2nd Annual Vigilant Retreat, a weekend-long retreat (talks, small groups, prayer, mass, recreation, & more) to inspire each other to prepare for our Lord's coming.

April 28-30, 2023
Check-in: 5:30-6:30pm on Friday, Check-out: 2:30-3pm on Sunday

Catholic Conference Center
1511 Trinity Ln, Hickory, NC 28602

Young Adults in Charlotte, NC area
Ages 21-31, Male & Female, Single & Married

Head to thevigilantretreat.com to learn more and sign up.
Registration is open until March 7th and spots are limited, so act fast!

Cursillo Region VII Spring Encounter
April 14-15, 2023
St. Matthew Catholic Church
Charlotte, NC

All for the GLORY of GOD

What happens at an Encounter?

- We pray, share our faith and make new friends from throughout Region VII (Southeast).
- We listen to witness and Cursillo method talks and discuss them.
- We experience group reunion with Cursillistas throughout the region.
- We celebrate Mass and explore Scripture.
- We sing and pray. And, of course, we eat!

An Encounter is one of the few times that all the language groups (English, Spanish and Vietnamese) come together. Come and experience the larger Cursillo Community.

REGISTER NOW!

If you wish to attend, please register using the link below. We are asking for a donation of \$30.00 per person to help offset the cost of meals and hosting the Encounter.

<http://charlottecursillo.com/wp-content/uploads/2023/01/Region-VII-Spring-Encounter-Registration-Form-Final.pdf>

Send your application and check to the address on the registration form. The deadline for the receipt of applications is March 31, 2023.

Don't Miss the
DEADLINE!

Aging with Confidence

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4-PART WEBINAR SERIES

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

SESSION TWO:
"Adjusting to Change in Smell & Taste"

As we age our sense of taste and smell change. Join Margaret White, Consultant with Central Area Agency on Aging to learn about the impacts associated with age loss, identify risk factors you might face, learn proven tips to mitigate loss and take steps to increase the flavor of your foods.

Wednesday, March 22, 2023 • 10:00-11:00 p.m.

Presented by:
Margaret White, MSW, RD, LDN
Consultant at Central Area Agency on Aging

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 Brookfield at 704.379.0230 or email sandra.brookfield@cccnc.org.

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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, 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.