



# ST. ANN

## CATHOLIC CHURCH

March 5, 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
<b>Sunday, March 5</b>	<b>8:00 am</b> + Abbey Lejk <i>by Mike and Bonnie Allen</i> <b>10:30 am</b> Intentions of our Parish <b>12:30 pm Latin Mass</b> Intentions of Jack Nobers <i>by the family</i>	9:00 am Teen Apologetics (Classrooms 1&2) 9:15 am Donuts and Dogma (Café) 5:00 pm Solemn Vespers—Seminary
<b>Monday, March 6</b>	<b>7:00 am</b> Intentions of Sue Ann Howell	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 & Cafe) RCIA- (Classroom 1&2)
<b>Tuesday, March 7</b>	<b>7:00 am</b> + Archie D'Arezzo <i>by Joseph Murdico</i>	8:00 am Adoration begins (Church)
<b>Wednesday, March 8</b>	<b>6:00 pm Latin Mass</b> + Rosella S. Bruck <i>by Debbie Walsh</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) St. Vincent de Paul (Classrooms 1&2)
<b>Thursday, March 9</b>	<b>7:00 am</b> Intentions of George and Sandy Davis <i>by Zac Brakefield</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
<b>Friday, March 10</b>	<b>7:00 am Latin Mass</b> Intentions of James Pauson <i>by the Bouton family</i> <b>8:30 am</b> + Theodora Merlficker <i>by Darlene Konopasek</i>	7:00 am MEF 8:00 am CCE (Classrooms 1&2, both cryrooms) Middle School/Home School (Classrooms 1&2) School rosary (Chapel) 6:00 pm Holy hour 7:00 pm Stations of the Cross
<b>Saturday, March 11</b>	<b>4:30 pm</b> + Frances M. Harris <i>by the Terry family</i>	8:00 am Carmelites (All rooms, back of cafe) 1:00 pm Carmelite Sewing Event (Cafeteria) 2:00 pm Baptism 3:00 pm Confessions (Church)
<b>Sunday, March 12</b>	<b>8:00 am</b> Intentions of Ruby Miller <i>by the Palanes family</i> <b>10:30 am</b> + Lee Hannigan by Mike and Jan Colin <b>12:30 pm Latin Mass</b> 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



Dear Parishioners,

Many thanks to all of you who have already made a pledge to the annual Diocesan Support Appeal. Our goal this year is \$134,992. This is not an insignificant amount of money for our parish, so I ask all who are able to make a pledge. Historically, we exceed our assessment by five to ten thousand dollars, which is returned to us for us to use as we wish. But as I mentioned last Sunday, we didn't make our assessment goal last year, which means we had to cover the shortage through our operating funds. I don't want to have to do that again for this year. So, please be generous. Moreover, if you've never given to the DSA, please consider doing so this year. As always, I'm touched and edified by how well this parish supports those who are needy.

Speaking of which, thank you to all who fasted from a meal this past Wednesday and have given alms to the Wells of Salvation program of Cross Catholic Outreach. Our alms will be used to provide clean water to folks in sub-Saharan Africa. You can still drop off your checks to our office at any time. Again, thanks for being generous.

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.

As I mentioned at the end of Mass last Sunday, the pilgrimage to France is beginning to fill 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!

Yours in Jesus and Mary,

Fr. Reid

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



Altar Server Training for the Novus Ordo mass  
March 16<sup>th</sup>

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](mailto:ccb2691@icloud.com).



**Your Stewardship of Treasure**  
807 registered families

<u>Collection Date</u>	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Budget</u>	<u>Over/Under</u>
February 5	38,126.88	22,961.53	15,165.35
February 12	23,295.50	22,961.53	333.97
YTD July 01, 2022-February 5, 2023			
	\$ 830,070.96	\$ 757,730.49	\$ 72,340.47

—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!*

Make your DSA gift online right now!

**DIOCESAN  
SUPPORT  
APPEAL 2023**

*to* **SERVE** *is* **to** **LOVE**

Thank you for your generosity. Make sure to select St. Ann, Charlotte so your gift applies to our goal.

[www.charlottediocese.org/dsa](http://www.charlottediocese.org/dsa)

SCAN HERE  
TO GIVE ONLINE  
RIGHT NOW!



**DSA 2023:**

**Goal: \$ 134,991.59**

**Outstanding Parish Loan Balances:**

**Rectory Loan: \$552,058.71**

**5 Year Plan Loan \$283,694.73**

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



**Baptism Class**

A baptism class is scheduled for  
**March 5th at 9:10am**  
in the Activity Center



*Adoration*  
of the Blessed Sacrament

Adorers needed to cover the following days and times:

- Wednesday, 1 PM

Please contact Cecilia Balman at [vabalman@aol.com](mailto:vabalman@aol.com) if you are interested in covering one of these hours.

**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](mailto:SeparatedFaithful@outlook.com) with your name, parish, city.

Church Cleaning  
in preparation  
for Easter  
April 1<sup>st</sup>  
8am – 12pm



**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).

## EVENTS AT ST. ANN'S

## Respect Life

**Respect Life for March:** Spiritual Adoption of the Abortion Vulnerable. Our unborn baby is 5 months old! The poster showing the development of a 5-month-old unborn baby is on display in the narthex this weekend.

**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>.



**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](mailto:denae@yourhollyfamily.org)

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](http://abearacres.org) or contact Denae at 512-657-4388 -[denae@yourhollyfamily.org](mailto: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](mailto:paulsorge@yahoo.com). New members are always welcome.

  
**PARISH  
SERVICE DAY**

**May 6<sup>th</sup>  
8:00am – 12:00pm**  
Service Day to beautify our campus

**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.

## 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 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.

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

**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.

**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)

**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 9<sup>th</sup> and the 16<sup>th</sup> 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!

**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 `oplsaccdcp0pfreeyear`. 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 have started Apologetics 7: **How to Read the Bible** by San Juan Catholic Seminars. We are back to class this week until we are off again on April 9<sup>th</sup> and the 16<sup>th</sup> for HOLY WEEK. Our next book is Apologetics #9: How to Answer Muslims.

**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.

**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](mailto:stannpray_ers@comporium.net)

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

March 5	2 <sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Lent - 1 <sup>st</sup> class
March 6	Feria of Lent - 3 <sup>rd</sup> class
March 7	Feria of Lent -3 <sup>rd</sup> class
March 8	Feria of Lent -3 <sup>rd</sup> class
March 9	Feria of Lent -3 <sup>rd</sup> class
March 10	Feria of Lent -3 <sup>rd</sup> class
March 11	Feria of Lent -3 <sup>rd</sup> class
March 12	3 <sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Lent - 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

**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](mailto:billlynfolsom@gmail.com) (3 L's in a row) or visit the web site at [www.HelpOurMarriage.org](http://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](http://www.signupgenius.com/go/9040b48aaab2aabb49-eucharistic1). Contact Cecilia Balman: [vabalman@aol.com](mailto: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](mailto: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



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

**REGISTER ONLINE AT GOEUCHARIST.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](http://goeucharist.com)



CATHOLIC YOUNG ADULTS | CHARLOTTE, NC

THE **VIGILANT** RETREAT  
2023  
*Awaiting our Blessed Hope*

**WHAT** 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

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

**WHERE** Catholic Conference Center  
1551 Trinity Ln, Hickory, NC 28602

**WHO** Young Adults in Charlotte, NC area  
Ages 21-35, Male & Female, Single & Married

**HOW** Head to [thevigilantretreat.com](http://thevigilantretreat.com) to learn more and signup.  
Registration is open until March 7th and spots are limited, so act fast!

CONVERGING ROADS™

St. JOHN PAUL II FOUNDATION



**REGISTER NOW**

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

Medical professionals, students, and interested laypeople 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>

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!**

## 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](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.