

# St. Ann Catholic Church

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## 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.

## March 16, 2025 • Second Sunday of Lent

## Dear Parishioners,



If you haven't done so already, please complete the Disciple Maker Index, an online survey that seeks to collect key information about St. Ann's related to your spiritual growth and engagement with the parish. The survey results will provide insights into all our parishes, which in

turn will be used to help create a diocesan-wide vision, prioritize needs, and align resources at a diocesan level. To take the survey go to: https:// portal.catholicleaders.org/dmi/survey/xgya9x

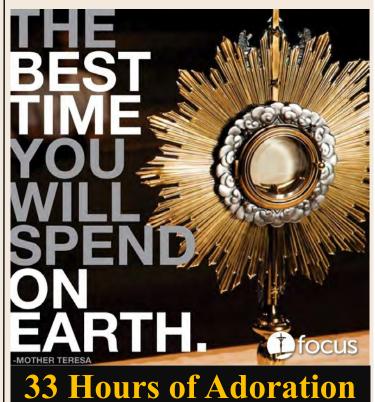
Please don't forget that this Wednesday, 19 March 2025, I will be leading a Men's Evening of Reflection. All men of the parish are invited! We will have our normal Wednesday evening Mass at 6pm. The talk will begin at 7pm, followed by a holy hour and time for fellowship.

Lastly, mark your calendars for March 23-26. Once again St. Ann will be hosting a Lenten parish mission! Our mission preacher this year will be Fr. Basil Cole, a delightful Dominican priest stationed in Washington, DC. Fr. Cole will be preaching about how to attain greater intimacy with our Lord. As we've done in the past, we will have mission talks from Sunday evening through Wednesday evening at 7pm, followed by confessions. Additionally, Fr. Cole will offer Mass on Monday through Wednesday at 10am, followed by a talk at 10:30am for those who cannot make the evening talks.

With blessings for a peaceful Lent,

RUTSR!

Fr. Reid



Tuesdays 8 am-Wednesdays 5 pm in the Church Can you give one hour on Wednesday at 12 noon or 1pm? If so, please contact Cecilia Balman

at (704) 618-7648 or vabalman@aol.com

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



## Mass Intentions

#### Sunday, March 16

8:00 am (Novus Ordo) For our Parish 10:30 am (Novus Ordo) Intentions of the Kaufmann Family by Joan Macalka

#### 12:30 pm

Intentions of Kenneth Witmore by the Skinner Family

#### Monday, March 17

7:00 am (Novus Ordo) +John Patrick Liddy by the Terry Family

#### Tuesday, March 18

7:00 am (Novus Ordo) Intentions of Ramana and Radhika Maddela by Tim Kelly and Ramya Maddelay

#### Wednesday, March 19

6:00 pm +Fr. Joseph Beniciewicz, OFM Cap. by the Carolina Traditional Liturgy Society

### Thursday, March 20

7:00 am (Novus Ordo) +Barry McGee by Evangeline Lothian

### Friday, March 21

7:00 am Intentions of Carolyn Skinner by the Family 8:30 am (Novus Ordo) +Ben Young by the Family

#### Saturday, March 22

8:00 am Pro Life Mass 4:30 pm (Novus Ordo) Intentions of Nick and Kelly Shayeghi by the Family

#### Sunday, March 23

8:00 am (Novus Ordo) For our Parish 10:30 am (Novus Ordo) Intentions of David and Chris Longo by Fr. Reid 12:30 pm Intentions of Kenneth Witmore by the Skinner Family

## **Catholic Charities Diocese of Charlotte**

Food Pantry Collection 1st and 3rd weekends of every month Next collection: March 15 & 16



## Please Pray For...

TO VOLUNTEER CONTACT BRENDA KRESAK AT BKRESAK DOMAIL COM

### **Our Parishioners**

Grace Coyne Daniel Foster Elena Hildebrand James Hochstetler Arlene and Gene Luczak Roe Family Stephany Shayeghi

### **Our Friends and Family**

Mia Alderman David Alderman Albert Ayd (Brother of Cecilia Balman) Brian Blatchford Betsy Devarakonda Kinley Duncan Steve Frank Maureen Frost (Sister-in-law of Regina Beach Hoar) Jeremy Kuhn (Son of Carol & Dennis Kuhn) Dolly Langley (Sister of Cecilia Balman) Marcia York (Sister of Carol Kuhn)

#### **Our Servicemen and Servicewomen**

Lt. Grace Carlson, USN Lt. Drew Carlson, USMC Ensign Hayley Derscheid, USN Petty Officer 1st Class Jeffrey Derscheid, USN SGT James "Jim" Alston, US Army 2nd Lt. Kenneth Davison III USAF 2nd Lt. Anna Davison USAF Cadet 2nd Class Therese Davison, USAF Lt. Thomas Hetzel, Deployed, US Army Capt. Peter Hetzel, US Army Sam Hucko, Basic Cadet, USAF Capt. Thomas Mathis IV, DO, US Army Lt. Grace Mathis, US Army 1st Lt. Angelina Patrinostro USAF (deployed)

## **This Week in Our Parish**

#### Sunday, March 16 Donut Sunday Easter Card Craft Event ...... Café 7:00 am 9:00 am Legion of Mary ..... Conference room 9:10 am Classrooms 1&2 ..... in use 1:45 pm Altar Server Basketball...... Gym Monday, March 17 7:30 am Classrooms 3&4 in use ..... until 2pm Classrooms 1&2 in use ..... until 3:45pm 2:45 pm 5:00 pm MEF Server Training ...... Church 7:00 pm RCIA.....Classrooms 1&2 7:00 pm Fraternus......Gym, Café 8:00 pm Conference Room in use ..... until 9pm Tuesday, March 18 7:30 am Classrooms 2,3,4 in use..... until 2PM 8:00 am Adoration begins .....Chapel 2:45 pm Kitchen in use ..... until 3:45 pm Kitchen and café in use ..... until 10pm 5:00 pm 6:30 pm Young Adult Holy Hour..... Church 7:00 pm St. Joseph Prayer Group..... Library 7:00 pm Angel Group .....Classrooms 1&2 Classroom 3 in use ..... until 9pm 7:00 pm Wednesday, March 19 Adoration continues in the Chapel 7:45 am HS Homeschool .....all classrooms, library 5:00 pm Holy Hour ..... Church 6:00 pm Young Adult Basketball ...... Gym 6:45pm Our Lady's Handmaidens ...... Café 7:00 pm Men's Lenten Evening of Reflection ..... Thursday, March 20 7:00 am Mary's Women of Joy ......Classrooms 1&2 7:30 am Classrooms 3&4 in use ..... until 2pm Gym in use ..... until 4:00 pm 2:45 pm 5:30 pm Confessions ..... Church 7:00 pm Young Adult Swing Dance ...... Cafe Friday, March 21 8:00 am Parent's rosary .....Chapel 8:30 am Homeschool CCE ..... Classrooms 1-4, library 9:30 am Conference room in use...... until 11:30am Kitchen reserved ..... until 4:15 pm 2:45 pm 5:30 pm Family Ministry Soup and Stations 6:00 pm Holy Hour of Reparation ...... Church 7:00 pm Stations of the Cross ...... Church Saturday, March 22 10:00 am Classrooms 1&2 in use ..... until 2pm 3:00 pm Confessions ...... Church Sunday, March 23 Parish Mission with Fr. Basil Cole 9:00 am Legion of Mary ..... Conference room 9:00 am Kindergarten Faith Formation...... Library 9:00 am Teen Apologetics.....Classrooms 1&2 10:15 am Classrooms 1&2 ..... in use 1:45 pm Altar Server Basketball...... Gym 2:00 pm Baptism ..... Church 7:00 pm Mission Talk ..... Church

## **Catholic Charities Vineyard of Hope Banquet** Thursday, May 1 Carmel Country Club in Charlotte

Register at <u>www.ccdoc.org/voh</u>

Catholic Charities invites you to make a lasting impact in our community. Join us on **May 1** for an inspiring evening that celebrates our mission of hope for those in need. With Bishop Michael Martin, the Tenth Bishop of the Diocese of Charlotte, as our keynote speaker, this event will inspire a deep passion for service and strengthen your commitment to helping those in need within our community.

The Vineyard of Hope banquet, much like the vineyard in Scripture, calls each of us to labor in God's vineyard, nurturing and supporting our neighbors. Together, we can plant seeds of hope and build a stronger, more united community.

**RSVP Today** — your participation will directly impact the future of those we serve. Seats are limited, so don't delay! Visit <u>www.ccdoc.org</u> or scan the QR code below. Can't attend? You can still make a difference by donating to support

this important evening. Don't miss your chance to be part of this transformative evening!

## SCAN TO RSVP

Catholic Charities Vineyard of Hope Banquet





St Ann is on a journey to know, love and serve Christ better and thrive! We want to hear from our parishioners! Please complete the Disciple Maker Index survey today. The survey

assesses our unique strengths and opportunities for improvement. Sharing your perspec-

tive will help strengthen St. Ann and better prepare us for the future! The 15-minute survey can be accessed on-line using this QR code:



Bulletin Articles Deadline: Tuesday by noon Email articles to: bulletinstann3635@gmail.com

## Retrouvaille Marriage Help

offers a welcoming and loving space to couples who have been living with the misery of a failing marriage.

Retrouvaille offers hope: hope that it is not too late, hope of a different and better marriage. Retrouvaille helps couples to show each other mercy through the opportunities it provides to listen, to forgive, to be reconciled and to move into their futures believing that God loves them and with His help and their efforts, their marriages can be healed and restored. For over 40 years, Retrouvaille has provided help for



marriage problems/difficulties/crises. For more information about an upcoming Retrouvaille Weekend program for couples in the Charlotte area email: <u>3062r@helpourmarriage.org</u> or Call: 727-343-6701 Website: <u>www.HelpOurMarriage.com</u>



## St. Ann Homeless Ministry

### We Are Always In Need of Volunteers

We cook and serve a hot meal the 3rd Sunday each month for those in need. For details and signups, please scan this QR code or contact Elliot Consoli at 704-497-6998. Must be 16 to serve at the shelter but no age required to help cook and prepare meals.



Your pledge to the Diocesan Support Appeal is shared with educational, multicultural, vocational, social service and faith formation ministries across the diocese. Thousands of people are positively impacted by your generosity. Bishop Martin has asked each of us to prayerfully consider our financial support of the DSA in 2025. <u>Please scan here to learn more and to make a donation (when donating, please be</u> <u>sure to note St. Ann as your home parish). Thank you!</u>





\*\* We are in need of prayer warriors for our three wonderful Deacons.

You will be asked to pray for **Deacon Tom, Deacon Peter and Deacon Ari** one day/ week. Please let me know if you can give Our Lord just one hour.

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

## Legion of Mary

Sundays • 9:00 am Classroom 3 Contact Sue Calkins At 704-724-2297 or maxxwellsr@gmail.com



**St. Vincent ACES Senior Club** invite all seniors 45+ young to join us Thurs.4/10/25 at 11am in the Activity Center as we welcome spring with a buffet lunch and enjoy a return visit by The Carolina Copy Cats Musical Revue. Cost-\$13/pp members and \$14/pp guest. RSVP/ payment by Fri. 4/4/25 Donna Anderson, call/text/email 704-607-6880 danderson@cottinghamchalk.com.

Seats available for ACES four remaining 2025 trips, contact pgibbons1@att.net or 704-588-5870 (leave a message). See the ACES cabinet in the Narthex for more details. Newcomers welcome.

## St Joseph's Men's Prayer Group

We invite the men of our community to gather for a time of prayer and fellowship. Join us every **Tuesday at 7 PM** for Rosary followed by reflection and discussion in the library. Following the rosary, we engage in fellowship activities designed to foster genuine



relationships within our parish. For updates or to submit prayer requests, please use the QR code provided.

Let's come together as a community to grow closer to Christ and help a parishioner in need! March 18th from 5-8pm.

Adoration, Soup Dinner, and Gift Card Collection. Please scan code or contact Trista for more information and to RSVP for the dinner.

trista.bremer@gmail.com



Holy Saturday Blessing of Easter Food Baskets--St. Thomas Aquinas Church

On **Holy Saturday**, April 19th at 1:00 p.m., Deacon James Witulski will be blessing Easter Food Baskets at St. Thomas Aquinas

Church. The Blessing, *in both the English and Polish languages*, will take place in the Church.

This Eastern & Central European tradition is called *The Blessing of the Easter Baskets,* or, *Swieconka,* in the Polish language, and will last about 30 minutes. This tradition has become popular among many Catholics.



The traditional foods, such as sausages, eggs, bread, and butter in the shape of a lamb, are brought to the Church, neatly arranged in a basket. However, *every person of any nationality is invited* to use their imagination and include their own national foods. Children can even bring their own baskets with their own treats, including chocolate and Easter candy. St. Thomas Aquinas Church is located at 1400 Suther Rd., Charlotte, NC 28213 ... Feel free to contact **Deacon James Witulski** with any questions at **704.960.3704** 

## LENTEN MEN'S EVENING OF REFLECTION **OUR LADY OF GUADALUPE** & HER POWER OVER EVIL WEDNESDAY, **MARCH 19, 2025 AFTER THE 6:00PM LATIN MASS** UNTIL 9:00 P.M. Evening will include: Gifts for first 25 to arrive! Refreshments Talk by Father Reid Holy Hour/Homily Questions/RSVP to: STANNHSMRETREAT@gmail.com Please spread the word and invite your friends! Basket available for optional Free-Will Gift Offering. Gifts may be made via check payable to 'Fr. Reid.' Sponsored by St. Ann Homeschool Ministry

## **St. Gerard Ministry**

Would you like to support mothers after a birth? The St. Gerard Ministry organizes meal trains to support families after the birth of a child. This is an easy way to practice a work of mercy while getting to know other families in our parish! To get on the Ministry list, please email Clara Davison at: clarajdavison@gmail.com.

If you are expecting a baby soon and would like to receive meals, please email Clara at: <a href="mailto:clarajdavison@gmail.com">clarajdavison@gmail.com</a>!

## **Do You Like To Pray**

or 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, email Tony Antonangeli at:

*Faith Formation*: The St. Ann Faith Formation program for the children of registered parishioners in grades K-8 takes place from 9:00 to 10:10am between the Masses on Sunday. **Our next Sunday off of class is on March 16**. Classes meet in the St. Ann school building, and families enter the doors at the upper parking lot. <u>Contact Virginia Blatchford with questions at 704 523 4641 ext. 231 or faithformation@stanncharlotte.org</u>

*Teen Apologetics:* Sunday classes have started. We meet on Faith Formation days from 9:00am-10:10am. **Our next Sunday off of class is on March 16.** The faith formation calendar is also on the parish website. Our current study is with the book, "A Daily Defense" by Jimmy Akin. Come join us!

*1st Communion and 1<sup>st</sup> Confession* students have several special dates approaching. We will have our 1<sup>st</sup> Communion retreat on April 5<sup>th</sup> from 9-12 in the Allen Center. We also celebrate 1<sup>st</sup> Communion on May 17<sup>th</sup>. The **photography information** was sent in an email to all parents. If you are preparing your children at home, be sure you are registered to attend the retreat. You can send Virginia any questions at <u>faithformation@stanncharlotte.org</u>

*Attention Confirmation Students:* our all day retreat at Belmont Abbey is on March 22 from 8:45am-3pm so mark your calendars! Confirmation by Bishop Martin will be on June 10<sup>th</sup> at 6pm in St. Ann Church. Rehearsal is on June 9<sup>th</sup> at 5pm. There is no class on March 16.

Our WELLS OF SALVATION project will run through Lent. The collection boxes will be due back on Divine Mercy Sunday between the Masses. Please write a check for the amount you collect to Cross Catholic or go to the online link in the flyer to give directly at Cross Catholic. Be sure to indicate you are giving from St. Ann Parish. Our alms will help Cross Catholic Outreach build 145 community water systems, blessing 238,903 people with a lifetime supply of safe, clean water. Indeed, your gift of \$105 provides clean water for life for a family of five. We invite your families to: PRAY. FAST. AND SHARE A GLASS.

## **Rachel Retreats for Post-Abortion Healing**

Rachel Weekend Retreats create a healing environment of prayer and forgiveness. The retreat works to reconnect individuals to themselves, their friends, and family and to realize God's ever-present love. These retreats can help men and women who have experienced abortion begin their healing journey.

Please contact us for more information or to register:

Jackie Childers: 980-241-0251 | <u>Jackie.childers1@gmail.com</u> or Jessica Grabowski: 704-370-3229 | <u>JRGrabowski@rcdoc.org</u> Lorena Haynes: 828-585-0483 | <u>Lorena Haynes@yahoo.com</u> (Spanish)

### English Retreat: March 21-23, 2025



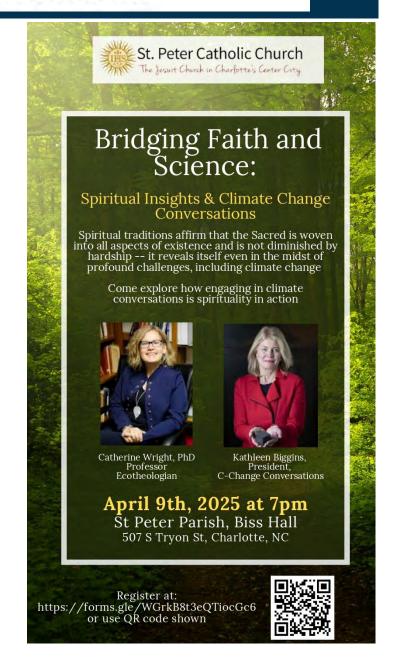
St. Ann's Formed.org has kid movies, audio books, saint shows, and formation materials. Our parish code is Y6ZQ8M. A direct link is found on our parish website.

Recommendations: Lectio: A call to intimacy with God by Tim Gray. They also have excellent ebooks for teens, such as, *Crossbows and Crucifixes* and *The Blood Red Crescent* audio books, saint shows, and formation materials like prayer songs and audio books.

Created by the Augustine Institute and Catholic Sprouts, The Catholic Parent aims to encourage you as a mom or dad as you embrace your God-given role to form your family in the richness of the Catholic faith.

Watch the series with your spouse, with friends, on your own, or as part of a small group!

The participant guide includes questions for group discussion, topics for personal reflection, and ideas to try at home.



## JOIN US FOR OUR PARISH MISSION:

the means to grow in

Preacher:



Fr. Basil Cole, OP

Beginning Sunday, March 23rd 7:00 pm Talk In the Church Monday March 24th-Wednesday March 26th

Lord Jesus Christ

with the

Daily in the Church

10:00 am Holy Mass 10:30 am Talk

7:00 pm Talk

Confessions to follow each talk.

Image of Christ and Mary adapted from Relief Panel with Crucifizion from Bode-Museum, Berlin, Germany, photo by Baderot/Wikipedia, CC0 1.0 Universal Public Domain

## Your Stewardship of Treasure

#### Weekly Stewardship

Collection Date	Actual	Budget	Over/Under
February 2	\$32,303.55	\$ 27,212.50	\$ 5,091.05
February 9	36,085.97	27,212.50	8,873.47
February 16	20,117.16	27,212.50	(7,095.34)
February 23	35,122.33	27,212.50	7,909.83
YTD July 1-February	23, 2025		
	\$1,008,823.97	\$952,437.50	\$56,386.47

929 Registered Families

#### **Outstanding Parish Loan Balances**

Rectory Loan ......\$286,484.81 5 Year Plan Loan Paid in Full......\$0.00

Sunday Offertory



Diocesan Stewardship

## DSA 2025

Goal	\$149,240.16
Pledged	
Received	
Balance Due	\$112,438.39

Please be generous to the **Diocesan Support Appeal.** Your contribution is a way to act with love for our sisters and brothers throughout the diocese and to continue the saving work begun by Jesus.

Priests Retirement Assessment0
Received0
Balance Due0



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### Parish Office Hours Monday

9:00 am-4:00 pm

**Tuesdays** 10:45 am-4:00 pm

Wednesday 9:00 am-4:00 pm

**Thursday** 9:00 am-4:00 pm

**Friday** 9:00 am-3:45 pm

**Closed** 1:00-1:30 pm for lunch

#### Your Parish Staff Pastor

Rev. Timothy S. Reid x222

**Deacon** Rev. Mr. Thomas Sanctis x223

**Deacon** Rev. Mr. Peter Tonon X227

**Deacon** Rev. Mr. Ari Lekovic

Director of Faith Formation and Evangelization Virginia Blatchford X231 Faith Formation and Evangelization Clare Beltran x231

**Liturgical Ministries** Helen Nobers x229

Music Terese Rowe x234

Maintenance/Facilities Raymond Mosley X233 Chris Hall X233 Accountant Alejandra Seagle x237

Accounting Assistant (Part time) Sandra Sharron x232

Administrative Assistant Sister Mary Lydia, DVM x221

Director of Operations and Facilities Scheduling Mark Donzella X224

Sunday Mass Schedule Saturday Anticipated Mass

4:30 p.m. (Novus Ordo)

**Sunday Masses** 8:00 a.m. (Novus Ordo) 10:30 a.m. (Novus Ordo) 12:30 p.m. Weekday Masses Monday, Tuesday, Thursday 7:00 a.m. (Novus Ordo)

Wednesday 6:00 p.m.

**Friday** 7:00 a.m. 8:30 a.m. (Novus Ordo) 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.



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