

DATE	MASS INTENTIONS	SPECIAL EVENTS	DAILY READINGS
<b>SUNDAY</b> 12/06/2015 SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT	10:00 Mass- 	RCIA after 10:00 Mass Faith Formation after Mass.	Bar 5:1-9 Ps 126:1-6 Phil 1:4-6, 8-11 Lk 3:1-6
<b>Monday</b> 12/07/2015	<u>This week only:</u> 8:00 AM- Mass 6:30 PM- Mass Vigil		Is 35:1-10 Ps 85:9ab, 10-14 Lk 5:17-26
<b>Tuesday</b> 12/08/2015 The Immaculate Conception	<u>This week only:</u> 8:00 AM- Mass ✠ 6:30 PM- Mass- Consecration to Mary after Mass.	<b>OFFICE CLOSED</b> 9:30 AM- Bible Study in Parish Hall. Contemplative Prayer after Mass <b>Christmas Pageant Committee Meeting after 6:30 pm Mass.</b>	Gn 3:9-15, 20 Ps 98:1-4 Eph 1:3-6, 11-12 Lk 1:26-38
<b>Wednesday</b> 12/09/2015	8:00 AM—Mass ✠	1:00 PM- Book of Psalms in Parish Hall. 7:00 PM- Holy Spirit Prayer Group. 7:00 PM- KofC Meeting in Parish Hall.	Is 40:25-31 Ps 103:1-4, 8, 10 Mt 11:28-30
<b>Thursday</b> 12/10/2015 	8:00 AM- Mass ✠	11:30— <b>Womens Guild Christmas Luncheon at "Cataloochee Café"</b> . 	Is 41:13-20 Ps 145:1, 9-13b Mt 11:11-15
<b>Friday</b> 12/11/15	8:00 AM- Mass ✠		Is 48:17-19 Ps 1:1-4, 6 Mt 11:16-19
<b>Saturday</b> 12/12/2015 OUR LADY OF GUADALUPE.	8:00 AM- Mass- ✠ 4:00 PM—Mass - ✠	3:15-3:45 PM- Reconciliation	Zec 2:14-17 (Ps) Jdt 13:18bc, 19 Lk 1:26-38
<b>SUNDAY</b> 12/13/2015 THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT 	10:00 AM- Mass 2:00 PM- Healing Mass.	<b>NO</b> Faith Formation- <b>Christmas Pageant Practice at Church.</b> RCIA after Mass.	Zep 3:14-18a (Ps) Is 12:2-6 Phil 4:4-7 Lk 3:10-18

### DECEMBER 6, 2015

Some of the obstacles that keep us from "making a straight path" for the Lord are the same obstacles that keep us from embracing stewardship as a way of life. John the Baptist calls us to reform our lives and let go of the selfishness and greed that keep us from following God's will.

**NOTE:** Please be aware that our bulletin is posted on our website; therefore, any information in the bulletin is out there in cyberspace, accessible to anyone. Please let the office know if this is an issue for you.

*Our Mission Statement: To Fulfill Fr. Michael Murphy's dream to be a welcoming community*  
*\*To grow in the love of the Lord*  
*\*To follow the teachings of the Church*  
*\*To serve one another and the community.*



## St. Margaret of Scotland Catholic Church

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**December 6, 2015**

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Office Hours: 9:30 AM—5:00 PM Monday—Friday  
Office located next to the Church. (Closed on all Holy Days and Holidays)

**MASSES** — \*Tues. 4:00 PM—Wednesday thru Saturday 8:00 AM  
**RECONCILIATION:** Saturday: 3:15—3:45 PM (or by appointment)

**BAPTISMS & MARRIAGES:** By appointment

**HOLY DAY MASSES:** Vigil 6:30 PM, 8:00 AM & 6:30 PM  
*\*see calendar on back for possible time changes*

### SUNDAY MASS SCHEDULES

**\*WINTER:** Nov. 1<sup>ST</sup> to the last Sunday before Memorial Day  
Saturday Vigil: 4:00 PM Sunday: 10:00 AM

**\*WINTER SNOW DAYS—SUNDAY MASS WILL BE AT 2:00 PM**  
**SUMMER:** Memorial Day Weekend until October 31<sup>ST</sup>  
Saturday Vigil: 4:00 PM Sunday: 8:00 AM & 10:00 AM

**DIOCESAN SUPPORT APPEAL**



<u>ASSESSED GOAL</u>	<u>AMT. PAID</u>	<u>PLEDGED BAL.</u>	<u>OVER/(UNDER)</u>
17,665.69	16,782.58	445.00	(103.11)

**Only a few weeks left to fulfill your DSA pledge.** Our ministries and our parish are counting on you. Any amount over our goal will be returned to the parish for our own needs. **Thank you so much for all of your help in supporting the DSA. You can make a contribution online @ www.charlottediocese.org/dsa. Please designate it for St. Margaret of Scotland #85.**

**RETIREMENT FUND FOR RELIGIOUS COLLECTION**

Next weekend we will be having a second collection for the Retirement Fund for Religious Collection. This annual appeal benefits some 33,000 senior Catholic sisters, brothers, and religious order priests— women and men who have consecrated their lives to serving God and the Church. Today many of the sisters, brothers, and religious order priests are elderly. While some continue in volunteer ministry, others are frail and need care. Most worked for years for small stipends, leaving their religious communities without adequate resources to meet growing retirement and eldercare needs. Please pray for God’s blessing on all religious and donate generously to the Retirement Fund for the Religious.



**CHRISTMAS PAGEANT**

There will be a **Christmas Pageant Committee Meeting** on **Tuesday, December 8th** immediately after the 6:30 PM Mass.



**PRISON MINISTRY**

There is a box in the vestibule to put your donated **“Stamped Christmas Cards”** for the Prison Ministry



**WOMEN’S GUILD CHRISTMAS LUNCHEON**

The Women’s Guild Christmas Luncheon will be **Dec. 10 at 11:30 AM** at **Cataloochee Café on Soco Rd.** It will be a hot meal with choice of entre. Cost is **\$16. per person.** Pie will be available for an additional \$2.50 payable at the luncheon to those desiring it. **Tickets sold at Masses this weekend.** **“REACH”** family shopping is being arranged. Call **246-9742** for more information. **Please bring non-perishable foods / paper goods donation for the REACH Shelter to the luncheon.**



**WORLDWIDE MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER**

Today St. Paul prays for the Lord to increase our love for one another so that it may abound and he reminds us that we should live our lives to please God. Does your life and marriage reflect this? The next **Worldwide Marriage Encounter** weekends are Feb 5-7, 2016 in Asheville, NC and Apr 29-May 1, 2016 in Chapel Hill, NC . Contact Joe & Karen Grasso for more information at : **828-631-3693.**



**PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS:**

Katie & Len Adams, R.Allan, Rosanne Asbell, Fr. Linus DeSantis, OFM Conv., Thomas Dexter, Elliot Dowdell, Norma Esbenshade, Margie Gundelach, Jasay Ketchum, Josh Ketchum, Nancy Konecny, Paul Lormand, Jerry LaPointe, Matt Loetz, G.Lydia, R. Mas, Kathleen Mercogliano, Robert Missana, Joseph Orvos, Suzanne Palmiere, Pat & George Pastore, Shirley Pinto, Hanah Cary Rose, Carroll Smathers, Helen & Tracy Tabacek, Boone Tilley, Olivia Triollo, Connie Vass, Ollie Wells, Barb & Bob Williams, Bella Grace Yarrington, Bruce Yarrington,- **AND ALL THOSE IN NEED OF PRAYER. NAMES WILL REMAIN FOR ONE MONTH, UNLESS NOTIFIED OTHERWISE.**

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**WELCOME TO OUR PARISH FAMILY**

All newcomers interested in officially joining the parish are asked to call the church office to register.

**STEWARDSHIP BULLETIN REFLECTION**

Prayer should be an important part of our lives as Catholics; prayer needs to be a part of our lives (and our schedule) during this Advent season as we prepare for the coming of Christ. In our Second Reading today, St. Paul, in his letter to the Philippians proclaims a prayer for them (and for us as well), “And this is my prayer: that your love may increase ever more and more in knowledge and every kind of perception, to discern what is of value, so that you may be pure and blameless for the day of Christ, filled with the fruit of righteousness that comes through Jesus Christ.”



That prayer is a succinct way of reminding us what we should be doing as part of our Advent preparations. We should be making a concerted effort to love; that we need to increase both our knowledge and our perception of what it means to be a good Catholic, a good steward, a disciple; that we must sort out what is really of value — that can be a challenge in a world where Christmas is so commercialized and the emphasis seems to be placed more on glitz than on faith; and that we should be striving for “righteousness” as we prepare for not just the birth of Christ, but the final coming of the Lord as well.

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