



DATE	MASS INTENTIONS	SPECIAL EVENTS	DAILY READINGS
SUNDAY 12/13/2015 THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT	10:00 Mass- 2:00 PM- Healing Mass. 	RCIA after 10:00 Mass NO Faith Formation- <i>Christmas Pageant Practice at Church.</i>	Zep 3:14-18a (Ps) Is 12:2-6 Phil 4:4-7 Lk 3:10-18
Monday 12/14/2015	NO MASS		Nm 24:2-7, 15-17a Ps 25:4-5b, 6, 7bc, 8-9 Mt 21:23-27 Lk 14:25-33
Tuesday 12/15/2015	4:00 PM- MASS	9:30 AM- Bible Study Contemplative Prayer after Mass.	Zep 3:1-2, 9-13 Ps 34:2-3, 6-7, 17-19, 23 Mt 21:28-32
Wednesday 12/16/2015	8:00 AM- Mass ✠ Kenneth Mitchell by Joan Rubenacker.	1:00 PM- Book of Psalms in Parish Hall. 7:00 PM- Holy Spirit Prayer Group.	Is 45:6b-8, 18, 21b-25 Ps 85:9ab, 10-14 Lk 7:18b-23
Thursday 12/17/2015	8:00 AM- Mass ✠ Ida Hiatt by Lee Hiatt ✠ Judy Chapman by Dennis Chapman	7:00 PM- Pastoral Meeting	Gn 49:2, 8-10 Ps 72:1-4b, 7-8, 17 Mt 1:1-17
Friday 12/18/15	8:00 AM- Mass ✠ Esperanza & Juan Gonzalez by Isabel Valuja		Jer 23:5-8 Ps 72:1-2, 12-13, 18-19 Mt 1:18-25
Saturday 12/19/2015	8:00 AM- Mass- ✠ Sandra Smathers Grasty by Smathers Family 4:00 PM- Mass - ✠ Henry & Angie Rodriguez	3:15-3:45 PM- Reconciliation	Jgs 13:2-7, 24-25a Ps 71:3-4a, 5-6b, 16-17 Lk 1:5-25
SUNDAY 12/20/2015 FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT	10:00 AM- Mass 3:00 PM- CHRISTMAS PAGEANT. 	RCIA after Mass. NO Faith Formation today.	Mi 5:1-4a Ps 80:2-3, 15-16, 18-19 Heb 10:5-10 Lk 1:39-45

DECEMBER 13, 2015

“Whoever has two cloaks should share with the person who has none. And whoever has food should do likewise.” (Luke 3:11)

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.*



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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

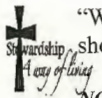
***WINTER:** Nov. 1ST to the last Sunday before Memorial Day

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 31ST

Saturday Vigil: 4:00 PM Sunday: 8:00 AM & 10:00 AM





Pay It Forward With Hope,
Give Back With Gratitude

DIOCESAN SUPPORT APPEAL

<u>ASSESSED GOAL</u>	<u>AMT. PAID</u>	<u>PLEDGED BAL.</u>	<u>OVER/(UNDER)</u>
17,665.69	17,117.58	445.00	(103.11)

Only a couple of 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

This weekend there is a second collection for the "Retirement Fund for Religious". This annual appeal will benefit some 33,000 senior Catholic sisters, brothers and religious order priests—women and men that have consecrated their lives to serving God and the Church. We thank you for your generosity.



CHRISTMAS PAGEANT

The Christmas Pageant— Sing along, will be held on **Sunday December 20th at 3PM.** This is a community event, so invite a friend and make this a Parish success.

Christmas Pageant



10TH ANNUAL MARCH FOR LIFE CHARLOTTE! JAN. 15, 2016

The day will begin with a Mass for the Unborn at 9:00 AM at St. Vincent de Paul Catholic Church at 6828 Old Reid Rd., Charlotte. At 11:00 AM we will start to gather at the parking lot across the street from the Catholic Diocese at 1123 S. Church St., Charlotte. There may be some parking available at the parking lot but please expect to find parking on your own uptown if necessary. At 12:00 PM we will march to Trade and Tryon where Fr. Casey Coleman, Parochial Vicar of St. Vincent de Paul Catholic Church, Charlotte, NC will preach. Then march to the court house at 401 W. Trade St. where we will pray a Rosary and Chaplet of Divine Mercy. Please join others to march and pray for an end to abortion and save babies lives. See schedule details at www.marchforlifecharlotte.org.

DIVINE MERCY



The 8th of December Pope Francis inaugurated a Holy Year of Mercy. We need to become more merciful and be instruments of God's mercy to others. **Divine Mercy Prayer cards are available in the vestibule.**



PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS:

Katie & Len Adams, R.Allan, Rosanne Asbell, Fr. Linus DeSantis, OFM Conv., Thomas Dexter, Elliot Dowdell, Norma Esbenschade, Margie Gundelach, Jasay Ketchum, Josh Ketchum, Nancy Konecny, Billie Lefebvre, Paul Lormand, Jerry LaPointe, Matt Loetz, G.Lydia, Lisa M., R. Mas, Kathleen Mercogliano, Robert Missana, Joseph Orvos, Suzanne Palmiere, Pat & George Pastore, Hanah Cary Rose, Carroll Smathers, Vince Stringfellow, 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.**



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

Today, the Third Sunday in Advent, is also called Gaudete Sunday. That name is taken from the Latin word *Gaudete* which is the first word of the introit of today's Mass. *Gaudete* means "Rejoice." The first line of the introit in its entirety is *Gaudete in Domino semper*, meaning "Rejoice in the Lord always."



Joy and rejoicing are part of all of our readings on this day. As Christmas draws near, the Church emphasizes the joy which should be in our hearts over all that the birth of Jesus Christ means for us. Like Lent, Advent is a penitential season for us as Catholics. However, having passed the midpoint of Advent, we see some changes to encourage us in our spiritual preparation.

Yes, this should have been a time when we have been spiritually preparing for the coming of Christ. It is not too late; it is never too late in the eyes of the Lord for us to make a determined effort to change, to repent, and to find ways to properly serve the Lord as disciples. On this day of Joy let us renew our efforts to be good stewards of all of our gifts. Stewardship, of course, is founded in trust. On Gaudete Sunday in 2013 Pope Francis said, "Those who trust in God experience the peacefulness in their hearts and nothing and no one can take that away. Our joy is Christ."

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