

December 18, 2016  
Fourth Sunday of Advent



OUR LADY OF LOURDES  
CATHOLIC CHURCH

2718 Overbrook Drive, Raleigh, NC 27608  
www.ourladyoflourdescc.org

Saturday 5:00pm  
Sunday 9:00am,  
11:30am & 5:00pm

## Christmas Mass Times

Saturday, December 24  
4:00pm, 6:00pm, &  
Midnight with 11:30  
Christmas Carols

Sunday, December 25  
9am and 11:30am  
NO 5pm Mass

Parish office closed  
December 22, 23, 26 &  
28-30

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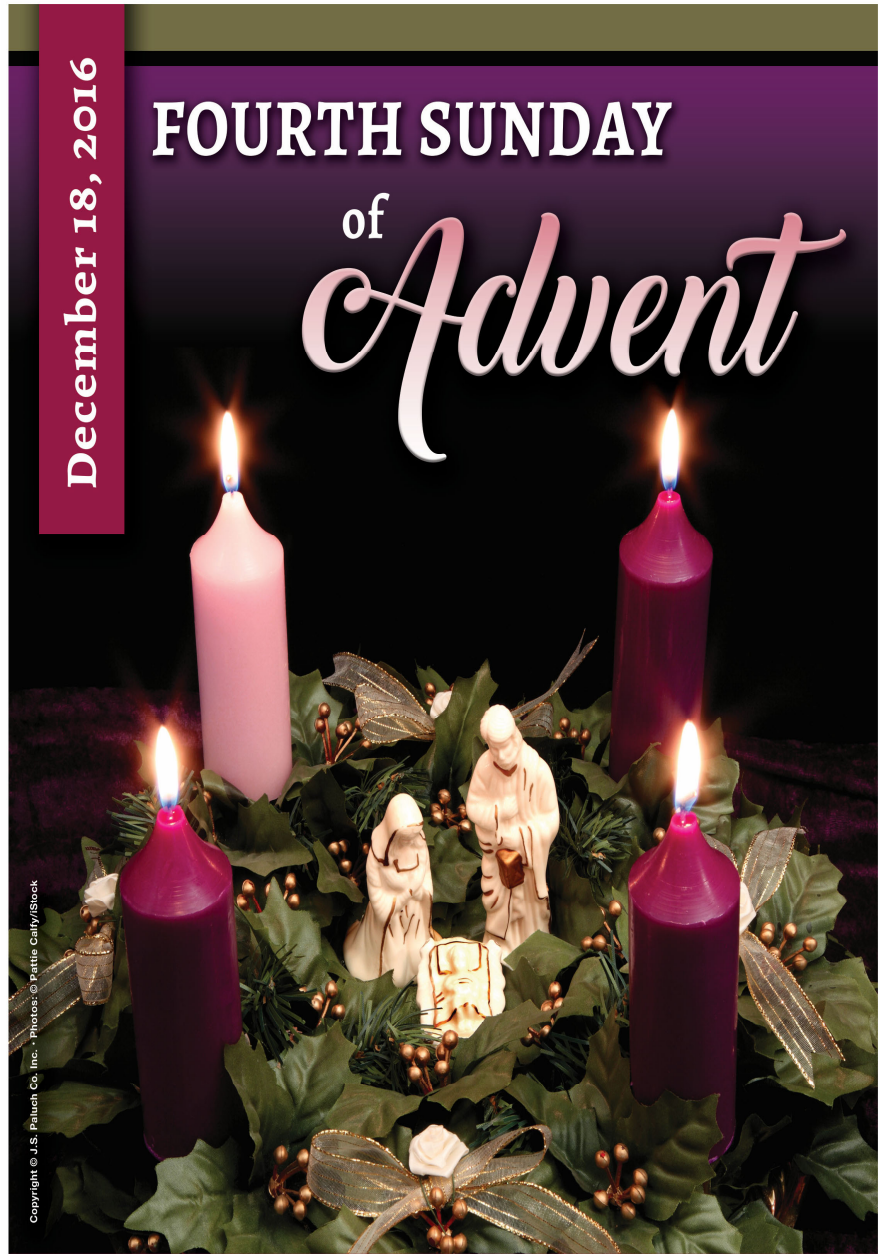
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Behold, the virgin shall conceive and bear a son,  
and they shall name him Emmanuel, which means "God is with us."

Matthew 1:23



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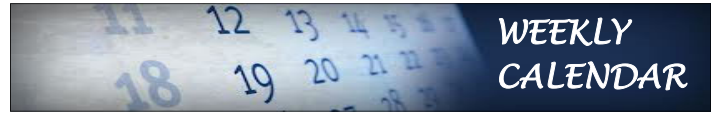
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### Sunday - December 18

8:30 am Pro Life Rosary  
 9:00 am **Mass** Intention  
 10:30 am Hispanic Young Adults  
 11:30 am **Mass** Intention  
 1:00 pm Baptism Prep Class  
 1:00 pm Holy Hour for LIFE  
 5:00 pm **Mass** Intention  
 6:15 pm Youth Group  
 6:30 pm Hispanic Prayer group

Adoration Chapel  
**People of the Parish**  
 201  
**High School Graduates**  
 Church  
 Adoration Chapel  
**Fred Steffel**  
 Fallon  
 Church

### Monday - December 19

8:00 am **Mass** Intention  
 6:00 pm Boy Scouts  
 6:30 pm Hispanic RCIA

**Dorothy Greninger**  
 Cafe  
 202

### Tuesday - December 20

8:00 am **Mass** Intention  
 9:30 am Mothers of Young Children  
 1:30 pm Rosary Makers  
 1:30 pm Carpool Rosary  
 5:00 pm Liturgy of the Hours/Evening Prayer  
 6:00 pm Pro Life Rosary  
 7:00 pm Legion of Mary

**St. Peter Canisius**  
**Tim Cahalan**  
 Lounge  
 201  
 Parking lot  
 Adoration Chapel  
 Adoration Chapel  
 201

### Wednesday - December 21

8:00 am **Mass** Intention  
 12:00pm Reconciliation  
 3:30 pm Jr. Legion of Mary  
 6:00 pm Girl Scouts  
 7:00 pm Alcoholics Anonymous  
 7:00 pm Bread of Life  
 7:00 pm Men's Ministry

**Celine Lefebvre**  
 Church  
 Lounge  
 202  
 201  
 Upstairs Chapel  
 Lounge

### Thursday - December 22

**PARISH OFFICE CLOSED**

8:00 am **Mass** Intention  
 8:45 am Legion of Mary  
 8:45 am Women of Grace Graduates  
 10:00 am Full of Grace  
 5:00 pm Liturgy of the Hours/Evening Prayer  
 6:30 pm Bell Choir  
 7:30 pm Choir Rehearsal

**St. John of Kanty**  
**David Rushton**  
 Lounge  
 202  
 224/201  
 Adoration Chapel  
 SBC Music Room  
 SBC Music Room

### Friday - December 23

**PARISH OFFICE CLOSED**

8:15 am **Mass** Intention  
 7:00 pm Hispanic Faith Formation

**Holy Souls in Purgatory**  
 202/201

### Saturday - December 24

4:00 pm **Mass** Intention  
 6:00 pm **Mass** Intention  
 11:30 pm **Christmas Carols**  
 12:00 am **Mass** Intention

**The Vigil of Christmas**  
**William Hutson**  
**Ed Lynch**  
**Dorothy Jablonski**

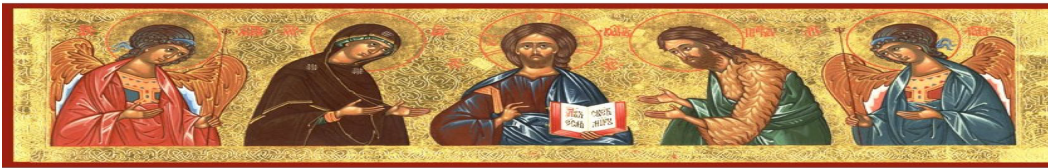
### Sunday - December 25

8:30 am Pro Life Rosary  
 9:00 am **Mass** Intention  
 10:30 am Hispanic Young Adults  
 11:30 am **Mass** Intention  
 1:30 pm French/Swahili Mass  
 6:30 pm Hispanic Prayer group

**The Nativity of the Lord**  
 Adoration Chapel  
**People of the Parish**  
 201  
**Jerri Estep**  
 Church







**FAITH FORMATION  
ADULT & CHILDREN**

**CHILDREN'S FAITH FORMATION (CFF)**

**December 18**

~ 2017 ~

**January 8, 15, 22 & 29**

**February 5, 19 & 26**

**March 5, 12, 19 & 26**

**April 2, 9, 23 & 30**

**May 7**

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**FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT**



*Through him we have received  
the grace of apostleship,  
to bring about the obedience of faith,  
for the sake of his name, among all the Gentiles,  
among whom are you also,  
who are called to belong to Jesus Christ;  
to all the beloved of God in Rome,  
called to be holy.*

*Grace to you and peace from God our Father  
and the Lord Jesus Christ.*

ROM 1:5-7

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**WOMEN OF GRACE**

**The Foundational Program** offers women a journey of discovering their holiness, purpose and mission.

**Day Session: Thurs., Jan 5 - May 11, 10AM**

Childcare available Thurs. mornings for a nominal fee.

~ or ~

**Evening Session: Mondays, Jan 16 - Mar 20, 7 PM**

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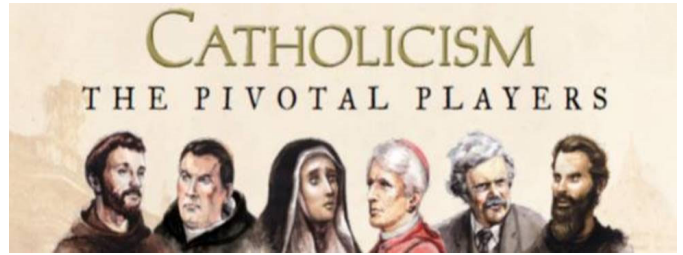
**33 DAYS TO MORNING GLORY**

This 33-day consecration journey will draw you closer to Mary and through her, closer to her Son.

Thursdays, Jan. 12 - Feb. 9, 10 - 11:30 AM

**Contact Ami Robbins (arobb20@gmail.com) to register for the programs listed above.**

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*The Pivotal Players*, the newest DVD series by Bishop Robert Barron, will be offered this winter as part of the Adult Faith Formation Sunday Series.

A multi-part film series that illumines a handful of saints, artists, mystics, and scholars who not only shaped the life of the Church but changed the course of civilization.

Open to all!

10:15 - 11:15 Room 224

St. Bernadette Center

Beginning January 8, 2017

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**DISCOVERING CHRIST AT LOURDES**

~ Save the Dates ~

6:30 pm Wednesday Evenings

Feb 8 - March 29, 2017

Complimentary dinner, DVD presentation and small group discussions, Free and Open to ALL.

Registration will begin in January,

Register early .... Space is limited!

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Do you long for a more conscious awareness of God's presence in your life? **Spiritual Direction** helps to awaken the way God speaks to us in the story of our lives. A **Spiritual Companion** is one who walks with us, encouraging a closer relationship with God in the midst of a busy life.

For more information, contact

joan.rose@raldioc.org or call 919.861.4614.

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**Joan Rose Brown, Minister of Faith Formation,  
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# YOUTH & YOUNG ADULT MINISTRIES

## ADVENT PRAYERS

Pope Francis said: "For our youth and also for the great human family this time of Advent that we begin again returns us to the horizon of hope, a hope that does not disappoint because it is founded on the Word of God. A hope that does not disappoint, simply because the Lord never disappoints! He is faithful!"



### Week 4, Love

**St. Teresa of Calcutta may have said it best when she stated, "It is Christmas every time you let God love others through you. Yes, it is Christmas every time you smile at someone and offer them your hand." Doing that is being holy, too; that, too, is being an intentional disciple and being a steward of God's Love.**



# Follow the Star!

SINGERS, VIOLINS, CHIMES, CYMBALS, DRUMS



*Our Lady of Lourdes Choir will offer a Christmas Music Festival in preparation to celebrate Christmas Eve Mass.*

**Saturday, December 24**

**11:30 p.m.**

**Our Lady of Lourdes Church**

All are welcome in this place!

### **Sacrament of Reconciliation**

Saturday, 3:00-4:00pm or by appointment  
Wednesdays at Noon

### **Sacrament of Baptism**

Call parish office 919.861.4600

### **Sacrament of Matrimony**

Meet with Pastor 6 months in advance

### **The 2017 Increased Offertory Appeal**

We remind you to return your Increased Offertory Pledge card either in the basket or to the Parish Office. Please note: there is an error in the reference to the church website for those wishing to give online. Our web address is [www.ourladyoflourdescc.org](http://www.ourladyoflourdescc.org). Thank you!

Finance 12/4/16	Budget	Actual	Actual Last Yr.
YTD Offertory 7/1/16 - 12/4/16	\$655,750	\$593,848	\$608,938
YTD Priests Retirement 7/1/16 - 12/4/16	\$36,704	\$31,808	\$30,496

Donations to Fund the OLL Nursery Staffing  
We have been able to staff the 9:00 Sunday nursery through Nov., thanks to a very thoughtful OLL grandparent team. Now, parents did not have to be Nursery helpers & may attend Mass while their little ones are content. Would you consider making a donation to underwrite this expense? Donations in ANY amount would help to underwrite this expense, and they are tax-deductible. If you'd like to help, forward your gift in any amount to the Parish Office, with Nursery on the Memo line, Attn: Dorothea Bitler, OLL, 2718 Overbrook Drive, Raleigh, NC 27608. Info: Nursery Chair, Cathy Gephart, [cathy@gepharthill.com](mailto:cathy@gepharthill.com), or Dorothea Bitler, [dorothea.bitler@raldioc.org](mailto:dorothea.bitler@raldioc.org).

### **Secrets of the Cathedral**

Is an exhibit telling the story of the world's greatest cathedrals, opens at the City of Raleigh Museum from Jan. 6 -31. What makes a church a Cathedral? It shows how cathedrals have a continuing influence on architecture, art, music & culture. It is free & open to the public. It was created by OLL parishioner Al Brothers. Located at 220 Fayetteville St, open Tues - Sat. 9-4 p.m., Sun 1-4 p.m.

### **Cookies needed for our troops!**

We need YOU to bake cookies for the USO. Drop them off at the Parish office or call Maria House @ 783.7469. *This ad runs only when space permits, but cookies are always welcome.*

### **Padre Pio**

Join us in celebrating Mass for St. Padre Pio every 1st Sat. of the month. Next mass is on Sat., Jan. 7 at 9am. Confession & Spiritual direction by appt. Adoration hour is recommended at your convenience. Contact Rosemary Pizzolato at [Italytoarizonarose@yahoo.com](mailto:Italytoarizonarose@yahoo.com).

### **Pro Life Corner** MIRACLE OF LIFE

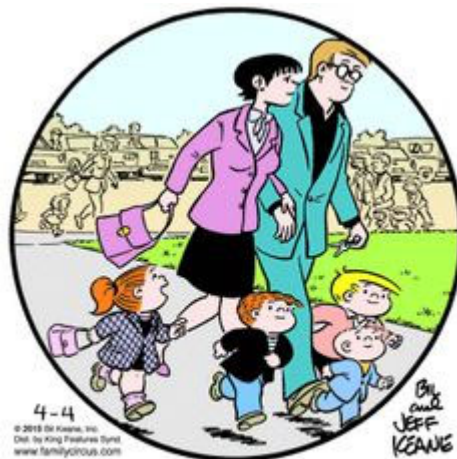
Gabriela now weighs between 5 & 9 pounds. The average size of a baby is 7 pounds. It's really crowded in here, & it's very hard to move. The umbilical cord doesn't have any nerve endings (this means that neither Mom nor Gabriela will feel any pain when it is cut!), & it is about 1/2 inch thick. The good news for Mom is it's easier to breathe because the baby is moving down. The bad news is Mom may be running to the bathroom every two minutes. "God [had] from my mother's womb set me apart & called me through his grace..." Galatians 1:15



## **The Offertory – *Why Do We Give?***

**The Increased Offertory Appeal** Pledge cards have been mailed to your homes and are available in the church. Please take a moment to think how you can help our parish in the coming year. **No gift is too small.** Consider AUTOMATED DRAFT giving. Directions are on the back of the pledge card. Your commitment allows us to plan for today and prepare for tomorrow.

*Halleluiah!*



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By artist  
**JEFF  
KEANE**  
**"I like it when everyone in church  
sings about that Ollie Louya guy."**

*From Family Circus by Bill Keane*

How can we ask our families to give more? Simply - because Lourdes needs our support.

Please prayerfully consider what you can do. God has blessed us in so many ways!

*"The promotion of the practice of stewardship is important for the mission of the Church and for the spiritual well-being of each individual Christian. Everyone benefits from the sacrificial gift one makes of time, talent and treasure."*



# NEW YEARS

*A night to remember*

DECEMBER 31, 2016

9pm-12am

Price \$40 Couple

FALLON CENTER

**Vigil Mass 8pm**

**Heavy hors d'oeuvres/ Wine, beer included**

*Live Music, 50/50 Raffle, Prizes*

**RSVP 861-4600**

Proceeds to benefit OLL Youth Group



# GRIEF SUPPORT GROUP

Help and encouragement after the death of a spouse, child, family member, or friend

GriefShare is a special weekly seminar and support group designed to help you rebuild your life after losing a loved one. Our group is led by caring people who have experienced grief and want to help you through the difficult days ahead.

We know it hurts, and we want to help.

Contact Us Today

**Mondays 10:00pm – Noon**  
**January 9 - April 3**  
**Fallon Center Lounge**  
**RSVP 919-861-4600**  
**[ourladyoflourdescc.org](http://ourladyoflourdescc.org)**

GRIEF  SHARE<sup>®</sup>

# AROUND THE DIOCESE

## Looking for the Longest Married Couple in 2017

Worldwide Marriage Encounter is searching for the longest married couple. One national winner & winners from each of the 50 states are recognized each year. This project is held to honor the commitment of married couples & to give hope and inspiration to younger couples that they too can have long lasting marriages. Nominations must be received by **Jan. 10**. To nominate a couple visit <http://wwme.org> or contact us directly at 321-804-2310.

### Single/Single Again Masses

**Jan. 22, Feb. 12, March 19, April 23, May 21 & June 11 at 5:30** at 5:30 at Cardinal Gibbons High School  
Info: Celia Keator [atckeator@nc.rr.com](mailto:atckeator@nc.rr.com).

## Project Rachel Support Group

Abortion is one of the most common procedures in the US, experienced by **millions** of women, many of whom are Catholic. Abortion creates a wound in post-abortive women & men resulting in spiritual & emotional problems. The Project Rachel ministry assists women & men who have been wounded by abortion to find truth & healing. There is a support group beginning in the Triangle area in **February**. If you have experienced an abortion & would like more info about the support group, contact Project Rachel at 919-852-1021 or email [projectrachel@nc.rr.com](mailto:projectrachel@nc.rr.com). Or visit <http://projectrachelnc.org>. Strictly confidential.

## Dealing with Cancer?

There's a place you can find support, understanding & faith. Seeing God in Your Cancer Journey is a nine week series that explores how God is working in your life even as you're dealing with cancer. For more info, contact Kathleen Owen at 847.8205, ext. 241. To register, visit [www.stfrancisraleigh.org](http://www.stfrancisraleigh.org).

## Encourage

Is a Roman Catholic apostolate for parents, friends & family members of loved ones with same-sex attraction. Encourage helps members to focus on their own spiritual development & offers a supportive, confidential environment to share feelings, experiences, info & guidance for maintaining healthy relationships with our loved ones. If you love your faith & someone with SSA, you are not alone & help is available! Be welcomed by a group of Catholics who understand your struggles & will walk & pray with you on this journey. The Encourage Apostolate meets on the last Thurs. of **each month** at 7:00pm at St. Joseph Church in the 620 House, facing Donald Ross Dr. Info: Theresa at 608.3510.

## PENANCE SERVICES

Date	Time	Parish
19-Dec Mon	7:00PM	St. Raphael the Archangel
20-Dec Tue	11:00AM	St. Raphael the Archangel
20-Dec Tue	7:00PM	St. Joseph
21-Dec Wed	11:00AM	St. Bernadette Fuquay

## Free Classes for Prospective Preschool Students

Attend a free parent & child class, then tour St. Raphael Preschool! Classes are open to children ages 18 mos - 4 yrs. old. RSVP at least one day prior to Sarah, 865-5725 or [srapp@saintraphael.org](mailto:srapp@saintraphael.org). **Jan.10**: Creative Movement Class

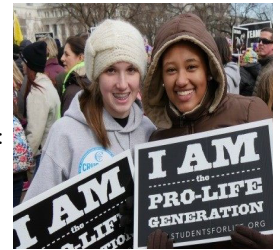
**Diocesan Respect Life Mass Saturday, January 21 at NOON** at Halifax Mall, with 1,000 youth in a heated tent. After Mass we will join the NC Rally & March for Life, also in Halifax Mall, to offer witness to the sanctity of human life & for the protection of the unborn. Mark your calendars today!

## Seventh Annual Love My Life Youth Rally

**Jan. 21** at 10am at Halifax Mall under a heated tent. Catholic teens come together in celebration, to connect with others from across the Diocese to learn about living & promoting the pro-life culture. Speaker is Paul Kim, music by Ben Walther. The Respect Life mass will follow at noon, & the youth will enjoy a free lunch, sponsored by the Knights of Columbus, & then to March for Life in downtown Raleigh. Visit: <http://dioceseofraleigh.org/lml>.

## March for LIFE Bus Trip

The Raleigh Deanery Respect Life Committee is reserving buses for the annual march in Washington, DC on **Jan. 27**. Cost is \$50.00 pp. Reservations: [blk4jmj@gmail.com](mailto:blk4jmj@gmail.com), due Dec.28 (post dated checks accepted). Kathy Klein at 919.815.1369 or [blk4jmj@gmail.com](mailto:blk4jmj@gmail.com).



## Ignited By Truth Catholic Conference, Feb. 24-25

Raleigh Convention Center. Speakers: Fr. Michael Gaitley, Leah Darrow, Abby Johnson. Fri. 7-9:30pm; Sat.8:30am-6:30pm. Programs for Adults, Young Adults, High School, & Middle School students. Early registration discounts: Adults \$35, Students (age 10+) \$25 – includes Fri., Sat., & lunch! Fri. only: Adults \$15, Students (age 10+) free. Visit: [www.IgnitedByTruth.org](http://www.IgnitedByTruth.org). Contact Ron Burt at [Ron.Burt.Raleigh@gmail.com](mailto:Ron.Burt.Raleigh@gmail.com) or 244-8023

## Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend

**Feb 3-5 in Myrtle Beach, SC**

or call 704-315-2144.

[Applications@NCMarriageDiscovery.org](mailto:Applications@NCMarriageDiscovery.org)

## Stress in your Marriage?

Retrouvaille is a program for married couples that feel bored, disillusioned, frustrated, or angry in their marriage. Some experience coldness. Others experience conflict in their relationship. Most don't know how to change the situation. This program has helped many couples experiencing such difficulties. For info. or to apply on **Feb. 17**. Call 800-470-2230 or email: [retrouvaille@msn.com](mailto:retrouvaille@msn.com) or visit [www.retrouvaille.org](http://www.retrouvaille.org).