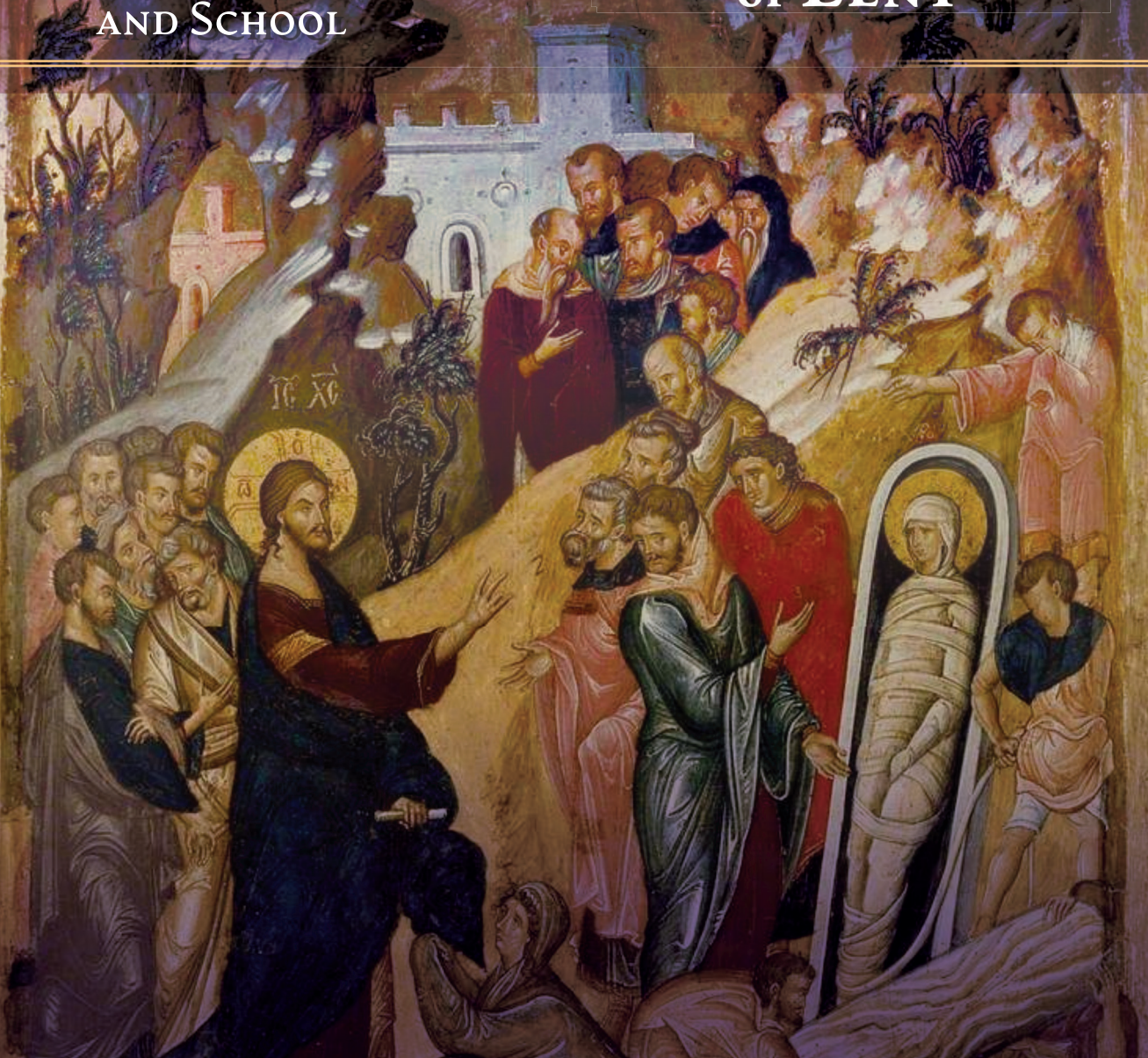


# OUR LADY OF LOURDES

CATHOLIC CHURCH  
AND SCHOOL

MARCH 21, 2021  
THE FIFTH SUNDAY  
OF LENT



**RECONCILIATION**  
Sat. 3:00-4:00pm  
Wed. 12:00-12:30pm

For Baptism, Matrimony and  
Anointing, please call the  
parish office.

**MASS TIMES**  
Sat. 5:00pm  
Mon. 8:00am  
Sun. 9:00am, 11:30am,  
1:30pm (Español), 5:00pm  
Tues-Fri. 8:30am  
Jueves. 6:30pm

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## NOTICE

**The Stations of the Cross**  
will take place every Friday during Lent  
in the Church at 7pm.

Sign up to receive email and text alerts from  
the parish office, Fr. Pat and OLL News:  
**[ollraleigh.flocknote.com](http://ollraleigh.flocknote.com)**

## CALENDAR & MASS INTENTIONS

### SUNDAY, MARCH 21

9am - Anh Cao;  
† Marjorie Reid (FC)  
11:30am - † Jean Carbone  
(Español) 1:30pm - † Jean Carbone  
5pm - † Susan Arnow

### MONDAY, MARCH 22

8:00am - † Annie Mae Tiffée

### TUESDAY, MARCH 23

8:30am - † Virginia Marie Welsh

### WEDNESDAY, MARCH 24

8:30am - † Jean Carbone

### THURSDAY, MARCH 25

8:30am - † Edward Jachim  
(Español) 6:30pm - Nelly Campos Gonzales

### FRIDAY, MARCH 26

8:30am - † William Beck &  
† Charles Troglia  
(7:00pm *Stations of the Cross*)

### SATURDAY, MARCH 27

5pm - Carbone Family

### SUNDAY, MARCH 28

9am - Matt Thelen;  
† Mary Lou Morgan Kreamelmeyer (FC)  
11:30am - † Jean Carbone  
(Español) 1:30pm - Pro Populo  
5pm - † Jean Carbone

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[ourladyoflourdescc.org](http://ourladyoflourdescc.org)

Adoration Chapel  
[oll.weadorehim.com](http://oll.weadorehim.com)

**THE MISSION OF OUR LADY OF LOURDES PARISH**  
is to invite and lead all people to know and love Jesus Christ, and to  
live their Catholic faith through word, sacrament, service and evangelization.

# PARISH AND DIOCESAN NEWS

## SANCTUARY CANDLES

|                                                                                               |                                                                                                 |
|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| A 14-day<br>CHURCH SANCTUARY<br>CANDLE<br>will burn<br>in loving memory of<br>Michele Carbone | A 14-day<br>CHAPEL SANCTUARY<br>CANDLE<br>will burn<br>for the intentions of<br>Deacon Tom Mack |
|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|

## Pro-Life Corner 40 Days for Life

Lent began on Wednesday, 2/17 and so did the "40 Days for Life" national prayer campaign. This organization has been successful closing down abortion facilities and saving thousands of babies through peaceful prayer vigils around the country.

**Our Lady of Lourdes Parish has adopted Saturday, March 27 for parishioners to participate.** Please consider praying in front of the abortion facility for an hour or two at:

"A Women's Choice"  
3305 Drake Circle, Raleigh,  
between 7am-7pm.

To sign up, please contact Kathy by email:  
[blk4jmj@gmail.com](mailto:blk4jmj@gmail.com) or cell:  
919-815-1369

## MASS ATTENDANCE Weekend of March 14

5pm Saturday: 180  
9am Sunday: 222  
9am Sunday (Fallon Center): 19  
11:30am Sunday: 174  
1:30pm Sunday: 263  
5pm Sunday: 138

**TOTAL: 996**

## OFFERTORY

| OFFERTORY<br>MARCH 7<br>2021     | NEEDED       | ACTUAL        | DIFFERENCE |
|----------------------------------|--------------|---------------|------------|
| YTD OFFERTORY<br>(7/1/20-3/7/21) | \$1,010,885  | \$1,031,379   | \$20,494   |
|                                  | As of 1/1/21 | As of 3/21/21 |            |
| PARISH DEBT                      | \$1,587,358  | \$1,446,786   |            |

During this lenten season of almsgiving,  
please consider a gift to  
Catholic Parish Outreach.

One way you can do this is by using your Share  
Sunday envelopes.

CPO provides emergency food assistance and, when possible, small children's clothing and baby items such as formula and diapers.

CPO also provides a food stamp outreach program, and a resource list of other assistance throughout the community.



The Bishop's Annual Appeal is an important way of supporting the work of the Catholic Church throughout Eastern North Carolina. One way is by providing our future Priests with their seminary education.

Our parish is at 85% of its goal, and we would like to ask for your support.

You may fill out a pledge card available in the back of the church, or donate online at:

[www.GiveToBAA.org](http://www.GiveToBAA.org)

Thank you!

Please Pray for  
our Sick &  
Suffering

LINDA BEERY  
ELLEN BELEY  
FRANK BELL  
RICK BOURBINA  
KATHLEEN CHARLESWORTH  
DANA CASH  
JOHN CHISM  
SHELLE DETURK  
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TOM MITCHELL  
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DAN & KAREN RITCHIE  
ALLISEN SCHULT  
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EDIE SZYPERSKI  
MARTY TCHETTER

# PARISH AND DIOCESAN NEWS

## Extraordinary Ministers Needed for the 11:30am and 5pm Sunday Masses.

If you are already an EM and can assist with one of these Masses, please let us know.

If you are not an Extraordinary Minister  
but are interested in becoming one,  
please contact the parish office:  
**919-861-4600**

## Sunshine, Fresh Air and Great Rewards!

The Lourdes Bounty Community Garden Team,  
a ministry of the parish, invites you to join the  
team for this year's garden.

This is the **sixth garden year** for this ministry and we've  
donated over 3100 pounds of food to Plant a Row for the  
Hungry and other people in need.

Due to long-time member relocations, we are in need of  
additional gardeners. All levels of experience - and  
inexperience - are welcome! Please consider joining this  
ministry to share a little time for watering, or planting or  
pulling weeds or harvesting crops. For those with  
gardening experience, we always need help with planning  
the crops and refreshing our beds.

We gather on **Saturday mornings** and a short time  
on **Tuesday afternoons**, as needed.

Prayerfully consider this special way to serve Our Lord  
while enjoying the company of this very special garden  
team! Non-parishioners are welcome. It is a community  
garden hosted by our parish ministry.

If you have questions, or would like to sign up, please  
contact:

Dorothea Bitler, [bitler82@gmail.com](mailto:bitler82@gmail.com)  
or Laurie Huger, [blhuger@gmail.com](mailto:blhuger@gmail.com)

Please consider a flower memorial for a beloved  
family member, friend or for a special family  
occasion.

The Altar Guild depends on memorials to help us  
provide flowers to enhance our altar, especially now,  
since COVID 19 had put our bake sales on hold.

You may sign up in the "Flower Memorial" book  
located in the gathering space or call  
Theresa White at 919-605-9228.

The Altar Guild ladies thank you for your  
continued support.



## OLL Feed-a-Family Food Drive Catholic Parish Outreach

**Saturday, Mar. 20<sup>th</sup> & Sunday, Mar. 21<sup>st</sup>**  
Food will be collected at all masses, truck  
leaves at 6pm on Sunday March 21st

## Prayer Blanket Ministry

Every year during the feast of Our Lady of Lourdes,  
the prayer blankets that have been made by our  
volunteers during the previous year are blessed for  
the sick and those in need of prayer.

However, because of the pandemic, Fr. Pat has  
blessed them privately.

If you would like a prayer blanket for  
yourself or someone you love, they will  
be available in the parish office.



## Knights of Columbus RAFFLE 2021!

Our Lady of Lourdes K of C Council 12025 has enabled online  
purchases of raffle tickets offered by the North Carolina Knights of  
Columbus. **Each ticket is \$5** and may be purchased in **blocks of 5**  
tickets for a total of \$26 (which includes a \$1 processing fee.)

<https://kofc12025.square.site/>

Cash prizes on the **May 15, 2021** drawing of the raffle range from  
**\$5000 grand prize** to  
**\$200 for 7<sup>th</sup> place!**

Proceeds from the raffle ticket sales help with promoting and  
conducting educational, charitable, religious and social welfare works  
of the North Carolina Knights of Columbus.

Most importantly, 50% of all ticket sale proceeds are returned to  
Council 12025 here at OLL for direction application to our parish  
needs.

There is a **LOST and FOUND** container in the  
gathering space on the floor near the TV. If you have  
left an item in the church, please check this  
container. Unclaimed items are taken to Good Will  
or Salvation Army centers.

## THE FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT

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On the Gospel of this day ; St. John, 11 :1-45 .

**T**he Gospel reading of this day opens up in front of us a scene of unprecedented sorrow. The Lord Jesus receives the message from the sisters of Lazarus who, when confronted with the gravity of his condition, tried the only thing possible, they turned to the Lord of who it was said: 'Everything He does is good, he makes the deaf hear and the dumb speak' (Mk 7:37). It is the cry of each one of us who would like their loved ones to live forever without ever leaving us.

The Lord Jesus, inexplicably, waited a further two days before heading for Lazarus' home. Even then, He only left with His disciples when he divinely knew of His friend's death. This particular detail from the Gospel tells us that the Word of God was made Man for the love of all of us. Also that His look of love is always upon us waiting for that meeting of immense joy that will happen in eternity.

Upon Jesus' arrival in Bethany there was a new apparently inexplicable development in the story. First Mary, then her sister Marta and behind them all the Jews who were united with them, converge on Jesus with the certainty that if there was a response to their sorrow it would come from Him. They were not irreligious people who were looking to Jesus for a solution. They profoundly accepted Israel's faith in the final Resurrection and so even this event was not ultimately inexplicable. In fact Martha said to the Lord, 'I know that he will rise again at the resurrection on the last day'. (Jn 11:24) However, knowing that in relation to the Lord, nothing that was authentically human in them or their cry of sorrow would be lost. Prior to that, their only consolation came from the eschatological faith of the time.

In this last sign, worked by the Lord before His triumphant entrance into Jerusalem, everything seems to flow to that 'new reality' inaugurated by Emmanuel, God with us. Sharing our existence, Jesus had loved us with a supreme passion, with that virginal love that doesn't seek to possess the heart of the other, but to love it in truth with delicate insistence right up to sacrificing Himself for us. In this infinite delicacy and attention to everyone, He was able to be moved by those who were linked to Him by ties of the most profound friendship who understood that it could not be anything but God's presence amongst them. 'I am the resurrection and the life; whoever believes in me, even if he dies, will live, and everyone who lives and believes in me will never die. Do you believe this? She said to him, Yes, Lord. I have come to believe that you are the Messiah, the Son of God, the one who is coming into the world. (Jn 11:25-27)

Christ then performed the great miracle of Lazarus' resurrection. He announced, through the work of the Father, that He, Himself, God made man, is the Resurrection and the Life. He is also the Lord of biological life. His voice can reach those who, like Lazarus, have exceeded the threshold of four days from their death and arrived at the point where bodily corruption commences. Faced with this sign, the words with which He foretold His Resurrection become clearer: 'I lay down my life, that I may take it again.' (Jn 10:17) He really can 'take up [His life] again' as He is the Word of Life. If Lazarus' resurrection didn't stop the Lord's beloved friend from embracing 'our sister death' - to use St Francis' expression - when God finally called him again from this life, then how much greater is the Life that the Lord has earned for Lazarus and everyone of us in the Pascal Mystery that we are preparing to celebrate a few days from now.

It was Martha and Mary's faith, even when confronted with Lazarus' death that gave rise to the extraordinary miracle worked by Christ. This is not only a consoling story narrated in the letters of the Gospel, but it is also accessible to us today in the Church from the day of our Baptism until when we are incorporated to Him by means of the Spirit that He has given to us. 'If the Spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead dwells in you, he who raised Christ Jesus from the dead will give life to your mortal bodies also through his Spirit who dwells in you.' (Rom 8:11)

Most Holy Mary, the mother of the Risen One, give us the grace to look towards and live the light of this extraordinary reality - the promise of Resurrection in Christ. Amen.

# Faith Formation



St. Turibio de Mogrovejo, March 23

**TO SEEKERS AND INQUIRERS**, non-baptized adults who desire to be fully initiated into the Roman Catholic Church, and baptized adult Christians who desire full communion in the Roman Catholic Church; *welcome, child of God!*

Are you searching for something greater? Are you ready to take the next step forward on your faith journey? If this describes you or somebody you care about, the RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults) is that next step.

If you have any questions,  
please contact Deacon Byron at  
919-861-4614 or  
[bchampagne@ourladyoflourdescc.org](mailto:bchampagne@ourladyoflourdescc.org).

Please accept this invitation to attend our sessions, held on every Tuesday at 6:30pm in the St. Bernadette Center.

## PARISH AND DIOCESAN NEWS

### Children of God



The Children of God Ministry has been a parish mainstay, supporting a group of Sisters, under the leadership of the Dominican Sisters of St. Francisco Coll, whose mission is to improve and increase opportunities for the education of girls, focusing on areas most in need throughout the world.

Our Mission is in

Guatemala, and we have contributed to the housing, food and education of up to 200 girls per year for over twenty years. We have had the privilege of seeing young girls grow up to be teachers, social workers, healthcare workers, attorneys, mothers and more. Some of our girls have opened first schools in their home communities. Some of them have been teachers at the school we help to support in Chichicastenango where they once lived and received an education.

In the past year, during the world pandemic, the Sisters have used our support to continue to care for the girls. Some remained at the boarding house, but most are experiencing remote learning at home, which is challenging with spotty internet and limited resources. They do what they can. The Sisters stay in touch with the girls' families, assisting with food and basic needs. Many people in Guatemala are without income. The marketplaces, where some of the poorest families set up booths to earn tourism dollars are all shut down, as no one has been travelling during COVID 19.

With every wire transfer of funds to the Sisters we receive a letter of the deepest gratitude. Without the support of Our Lady of Lourdes so many of these young girls would not get the education and care that can elevate them and generations to follow from the depths of poverty. Thank you for your continued support.

We look forward to a time when we can once again visit our Children of God family in Chichicastenango, Guatemala.



## THE FEAST OF THE ANNUNCIATION

*The Solemnity or Feast of the Annunciation of the Lord is celebrated on March 25. Here, in his typically lyrical language, Leo the Great ponders the unfathomable mystery of God becoming man in the womb of a Virgin. Through the Father's love and Mary's faith, the divine Word became flesh and dwelt among us, assuming a full human nature.*

**L**OWLINESS IS ASSUMED BY MAJESTY, weakness by power, mortality by eternity. To pay the debt of our sinful state, a nature that was incapable of suffering was joined to one that could suffer. Thus, in keeping with the healing that we needed, one and the same mediator between God and men, the man Jesus Christ, was able to die in one nature, and unable to die in the other.

### TRUE GOD, TRUE MAN

He who is true God was therefore born in the complete and perfect nature of a true man, whole in his own nature, whole in ours. By our nature we mean what the Creator had fashioned in us from the beginning, and took to himself in order to restore it. For in the Savior there was no trace of what the deceiver introduced and man, being misled, allowed to enter. It does not follow that because he submitted to sharing in our human weakness he therefore shared in our sins.

### DIVINE CONDESCENSION OF COMPASSION

He took the nature of a servant without stain of sin, enlarging our humanity without diminishing his divinity. He emptied himself; though invisible he made himself visible, though Creator and Lord of all things he chose to be one of us mortal men. Yet this was the condescension of compassion, not the loss of omnipotence. So he who in the nature of God had created man, became in the nature of a servant, man himself. Thus the Son of God enters this lowly world. He comes down from the throne of heaven, yet does not separate himself from the Father's glory. He is born in a new condition, by a new birth.

### INVISIBLE BECOMES VISIBLE

He was born in a new condition, for, invisible in his own nature, he became visible in ours. Beyond our grasp, he chose to come within our grasp. Existing before time began, he began to exist at a moment in time. Lord of the universe, he hid his infinite glory and took the nature of a servant. Incapable of suffering as God, he did not refuse to be a man, capable of suffering. Immortal, he chose to be subject to the laws of death.

He who is true God is also true man. There is no falsehood in this unity as long as the lowliness of man and the pre-eminence of God coexist in mutual relationship.

### TWO NATURES, ONE PERSON

As God does not change by his condescension, so man is not swallowed up by being exalted. Each nature exercises its own activity, in communion with the other. The Word does what is proper to the Word, the flesh fulfills what is proper to the flesh.

One nature is resplendent with miracles, the other falls victim to injuries. As the Word does not lose equality with the Father's glory, so the flesh does not leave behind the nature of our race. One and the same person – this must be said over and over again – is truly the Son of God and truly the son of man. He is God in virtue of the fact that in the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He is man in virtue of the fact that the Word was made flesh, and dwelt among us.

# OLLYouth Times

The Place to find out what's happening in OLLYouth

## How Long Have You Been Asleep?

Hey Everyone!

Today we celebrate Jesus rising Lazarus from the dead. It's crazy to me to think about the possibility of someone besides Jesus ressurecting. As I was reading this passage, I found it interesting how Jesus told Martha and Mary (the sisters of Lazarus) that their brother was asleep, not dead.

A lot of times in our faith, we can "fall asleep" in a metaphorical way. We'll sometimes catch ourselves daydreaming in mass, or be neglectful of prayer. Sometimes, our faith come in and out like the tide where we are awake some days and asleep on others. Being consistantly Catholic is a lifelong marathon, but it shouldn't wear you down. If you find yourself falling asleep in your faith, try to "shake it up" or be more positive when going to mass or prayer. Try a new prayer routine, bring mass readings with you so that you can follow along with the priest, or pray in the morning instead of right before you go to bed. And most importantly, ask Jesus to help you rise to the role of a lifelong Catholic. He brought Lazarus back from the dead, so he can bring you to prayer.

Have a great week!

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(919)861-4607

### Upcoming Events

🔥 March 21: OLLYouth Meeting in the Fallon Center at 6pm

🔥 April 4th: OLLYouth Meeting at 6pm

🔥 April 17th: With Love From Jesus Service day

Them: "Yeah I don't pray the Rosary. I'd rather go straight to God"  
Me:

