

**OUR LADY
OF LOURDES**
CATHOLIC CHURCH
AND SCHOOL

DECEMBER 11, 2022
**THIRD SUNDAY
IN ADVENT**



RECONCILIATION

Sat. 3:00-4:00pm

Wed. 12:00-12:30pm

MASS TIMES

Sat. 5:00pm

Sun. 9:00am, 11:30am,

1:30pm (Español), 5:00pm

Mon/Tues/Thurs/Fri. 8:30am

Wed. 9:00am Jueves. 6:30pm (Español)

PERPETUAL ADORATION CHAPEL

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PARISH MEMBERSHIP

Active members of our parish are identified by their generosity of time, talent and treasure.

NOTICE

CALENDAR & MASS INTENTIONS

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 10 5:00pm - † Lilliana Fiore-Gordon

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 11 9:00am - † Anne Galvin;
† Catalina Rocha (St. B.C.)
11:30am - † Rose & Vincent Wade
(Español) 1:30pm - Pro Populo
5:00pm - † Elza Zanav

MONDAY, DECEMBER 12 8:30am - † Carlos Alberto Hernandez

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 13 8:30am - † Veronica Wieland

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 14 9:00am - Harry & Kristine Gordon

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 15 8:30am - Josephine Cashelle
(Español) 6:30pm - † George Glover

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 16 8:30am - Alex Demers

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 17 5:00pm - † Sheila Bennett

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 18 9:00am - † Joe & Jean Mackrell;
† John Pape Cayce (St. B.C.)
11:30am - † Pelagio & Genaro
Macapanas
(Español) 1:30pm - Pro Populo
5:00pm - † James Gerard Deignan

This Weekend:

Procession in Honor of Our Lady of Guadalupe

Sunday, December 11th

Begins inside the church at 1pm.
Food and celebration will take place after the Spanish Mass
in the Fallon Center from 2:30pm to 5:30pm.

**Regular
Office Hours**

Monday - Friday
8:30am - 4pm

Website

ourladyoflourdescc.org

OLL Flocknote

ollraleigh.flocknote.com

Adoration Chapel
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, community, evangelization and service.

"Thanks to all who supported the Altar Guild Bake Sale last month"

PARISH AND DIOCESAN NEWS

SANCTUARY CANDLES

A 14-day
CHURCH SANCTUARY
CANDLE
will burn
for Christmas blessings
for Dennis & Linda
Redoblado

A 14-day
CHAPEL SANCTUARY
CANDLE
will burn
for the intentions of
Ann Marco

ALTAR FLOWERS

The flowers on the altar are
in honor of Jesús & Catalina Rocha
from the Rocha family

Pro-Life Corner

"We know what true, authentic love looks like. It looks like the man on the Cross. This deep, pure love that motivated Jesus to offer his life for ours, is the love that will answer the longing in our hearts, if we let it."
— USCCB 2015-16 Respect Life Program

Praying The ROSARY FOR LIFE is needed now more than ever.
Praying for the intercession of our Blessed Mother Mary to end abortion is the best way: "TO JESUS THROUGH MARY".

We pray the rosary in church on Sunday mornings starting at 11:00 am. Please come and pray for LIFE.

Save the Date

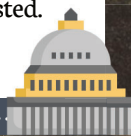
MARCH FOR LIFE BUS TRIP (DC)

Yes, Roe v. Wade has been overturned, but there are still those in DC who are trying to legalize abortion nationwide.

That is why this March for Life will end at the Capitol, rather than the Supreme Court. The Respect Life Committees are reserving buses for the Annual March for Life in Washington, DC on **Friday, January 20, 2023.**

The cost of the bus trip is \$100.00 per person. Make your reservation through email address: blk4jmj@gmail.com.

To guarantee your seat, reservations are required no later than Wednesday, 12/14 and payments are due no later than Wednesday, January 4. Reservations after 12/14 will be put on a waiting list. If you have any questions, please call Kathy Klein at 919-815-1369 or via the email that is listed.



Please Pray for
our Sick &
Suffering

CARLA AGNOLUTTO
FRANK BELL
KATHLEEN CHARLESWORTH
MYLES CHARLESWORTH
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JOHN MONK
LOUISE NANCE
FRIDA PASCUA
RICHARD POLLARD
IRMA CRUZ-QUINONES
MARY REDMOND
DAN & KAREN RITCHIE

ALLISEN SCHULT
NANCY & RICHARD STREETER
LAURA PURYEAR STEWART
NANCY URBEN

OFFERTORY

OFFERTORY NOVEMBER 20 2022	NEEDED	ACTUAL	DIFFERENCE
YTD OFFERTORY (7/1/22-11/20/22)	\$ 640,596	\$ 556,695	- \$ 83,901

	AS OF 1/1/22	AS OF 12/11/22
PARISH DEBT	\$ 952,410	\$ 513,907

The following was collected for
the Catholic Campaign for Human Development: **\$812.00**

The second collection this weekend is for the **Retirement Fund for Religious**. Donations assist religious communities throughout the United States with their retirement needs.

Thank you for your generosity!

MASS ATTENDANCE Weekend of December 4

5pm Saturday: 205

9am Sunday: 391

9am (St. Bernadette Center): 28

11:30am Sunday: 246

1:30pm Sunday: 375

5pm Sunday: 172

TOTAL: 1,417

Room At The Inn



Room At The Inn is a Catholic agency that operates housing and programs for single, pregnant women and single mothers with children suffering from homelessness throughout NC. Please visit our website for more information about our ministry at roominn.org.

We are in need of \$25 gift cards for Christmas.

If you would like to donate a gift card in support of the mothers and children we serve, please mail to:

Room At The Inn
PO Box 13936
Greensboro, NC 27415

Thank you for making "Room At The Inn" this Christmas!

PARISH AND DIOCESAN NEWS



Welcomers Wanted!

We are in need of hospitable souls who are interested in greeting parishioners and visitors, new and old, before and after our weekend Masses.

We will use three people at each of the Saturday - 5 p.m. Mass, Sunday, 9, 11:30 and 5 p.m. Masses.

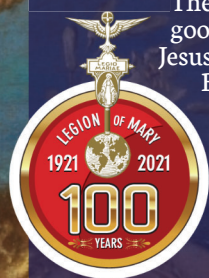
Commitment: hoping for once/month or less.

Time commitment on your weekend: ten minutes before Mass and ten minutes after Mass. Welcome volunteer sashes and name tags provided. New Parish information brochures available for all.

Contact: Dorothea Bitler
bitler82@gmail.com (919-621-6841)

THE LEGION OF MARY

Who is eligible to join the Legion of Mary?



The Legion of Mary is open to all Catholics in good standing with a desire to serve Our Lord Jesus Christ through the intercession of his Blessed Mother Mary. Catholics 18 years of age or older can join adult praesidia whereas Catholics younger than 18 years of age can join junior Legion of Mary praesidia. Catholics who are interested in joining the Legion will start with a three or six month probationary period before taking their Legionary Promise to become Legion members.

For further information, email
ourladyofraleigh@gmail.com or call 919-861-4600.

The Bread of Life Charismatic Prayer Group

meets once a week for 1½ hours on Wednesday evenings at 7:00 on the upper level of the church.

We come together to give thanks to the Lord, to call on His name, to make known what He has done, to sing praises to Him, and to tell of the wonderful things He is doing among us. We begin with songs of praise, read the Word of the day, and have intercessory prayer time. Since we intercede for the needs of the parish, if you can't attend, please place your prayer needs in the prayer intention box near the upper-level entrance door. Come join us. All are welcome.

**For information, contact Ann Franzel,
ron_annz@yahoo.com, 919-790-0023**

Advent Penance Services Schedule

St. Bernadette

Tuesday, Nov 29 at 6:30pm

Our Lady of La Vang

Wednesday, Nov 30 at 7pm

Mother Teresa

Wednesday, Nov 30 at 7pm

St. Bernadette

Thursday, Dec 1 at 11am

St. Andrew & St. Mary Magdalene

Thursday, Dec 1 at 7pm

St. Francis & St. Luke

Friday, Dec 2 at 11am

Our Lady of the Rosary

Friday, Dec 2 at 7pm

St. Raphael

Tuesday, Dec 6 at 11am

St. Francis & St. Luke

Tuesday, Dec 6 at 7pm

St. Michael

Friday, Dec 9 at 11am

St. Eugene

Friday, Dec 9 at 7pm

◆ Our Lady of Lourdes

Tuesday, Dec 13 at 11am

St. Catherine of Siena

Tuesday, Dec 13 at 6:30pm

St. Michael

Wednesday, Dec 14 at 6:30pm

Holy Name of Jesus, NCSU, St. Joseph & St. Mary

Tuesday, Dec 20 at 7pm

St. Catherine of Siena

Wednesday, Dec 21 at 10:30am

St. Raphael

Wednesday, Dec 21 at 7pm



**¿NO ESTOY YO AQUÍ, QUE SOY TU MADRE?
¿NO ESTÁS BAJO MI SOMBRA Y PROTECCIÓN?
¿NO SOY YO LA FUENTE DE TU ALEGRÍA?**

**“Am I not here, who am your Mother?
Are you not under my shadow and protection?
Am I not the fountain of your joy?”**

December 12th is the feast day of Our Lady of Guadalupe, the title given to the apparition that appeared to St. Juan Diego at Tepeyac in the year 1531. Decreed the “Patroness of all the Americas” by Pope Pius XII in 1945, this feast day is a Holy Day of Obligation in Mexico—and that for very good reason.

As many defected from the Catholic Church after the Protestant Reformation split Christendom, the powers of heaven turned towards another part of the globe to see to the restoration of the ranks. The apparition of Our Lady to Juan Diego was not merely a miracle and a sign, but a great banner beneath which men and women gathered in droves numbering in the millions as converts to Catholicism, casting aside the pagan gods and laws of the Aztecs in favor of the sweet yoke of Jesus Christ.

This great apparition seeks to encourage conversion to this day. The image of Our Lady left upon the humble fabric of the tilma, which should have deteriorated in 20 years or less, has instead survived over 400 years, defies all attempts at discerning the nature and means of its creation, and possesses eyes which respond to light as living eyes do—all phenomena that have been confirmed through scientific study but cannot in any way be explained by them.

Juan Diego’s tilma is enshrined within the Minor Basilica of Our Lady of Guadalupe in Mexico City: the most visited Catholic pilgrimage site in the world, and the world’s third most visited sacred site in existence.

PEACE

HAS A NAME

2022 Catholic Advent Devotional for Women

November 27-December 24

Tuesdays, 8:00 p.m.
(Virtually)

We invite you to bring your heart before the Prince of Peace throughout the Advent season. Each chapter of this devotional walks through a different element of peace and the would-be thieves of our peace culminating in meditation on why God is Peace, and that He alone can give it to us. We have a chance to hear and learn from testimonials written by Kendra Tierney, Karen Schultz, Leana Bowler, and Sr. Maria Kim Bui.

For more information contact: Christine VanLeeuwen
c.vanleeuwen.lc@gmail.com

Limited devotions available at the church

Link to register: <http://ourladyoflourdescc.org/peacehasaname>





THE ST. ANDREW CHRISTMAS NOVENA

It is piously believed that whoever recites the St. Andrew Christmas novena prayer FIFTEEN times each day from the feast of St. Andrew (November 30th) until Christmas Eve will obtain the favor requested.

HAIL AND BLESSED be the hour and moment in which the Son of **GO D** was born of the most pure Virgin Mary, at midnight, in Bethlehem, in the piercing cold. In that hour vouchsafe, I beseech Thee, O my **GO D**, to hear my prayer and grant my desires through the merits of Our Savior **JES U S CHRIST**, and of His blessed Mother.
Amen.



THE "O ANTIPHONS"

The seven "O Antiphons" (also called the "Greater Antiphons" or "Major Antiphons") are prayers that come from the Breviary's Vespers during the Octave before Christmas Eve, a time called the "Golden Nights." Each Antiphon begins with "O" and addresses Jesus with a unique title which comes from the prophecies of Isaiah and Micah, and whose initials, when read backwards, form an acrostic for the Latin "Ero Cras" which means "Tomorrow I come." Those titles for Christ are:

**Sapientia; Adonai; Radix Jesse; Clavis David;
Oriens; Rex Gentium and Emmanuel**

(**Wisdom, Lord of Israel, Root of Jesse, Key of David,
Radiant Dawn, King of All Nations, and Emmanuel**)

DECEMBER 17

O Sapientia, Wisdom that comest out of the mouth of the Most High, that reachest from one end to another, and orderest all things mightily and sweetly, come to teach us the way of prudence!

DECEMBER 18

O Adonai, Lord and Ruler of the house of Israel, Who didst appear unto Moses in the burning bush, and gavest him the law in Sinai, come to redeem us with an outstretched arm!

DECEMBER 21

O Oriens, Dayspring, Brightness of the everlasting light, Sun of justice, come to give light to them that sit in darkness and in the shadow of death!

DECEMBER 19

O Radix, Root of Jesse, which standest for an ensign of the people, at Whom the kings shall shut their mouths, Whom the Gentiles shall seek, come to deliver us, do not tarry.

DECEMBER 22

O Rex, King of the Gentiles, yea, and desire thereof! O Corner-stone, that makest of two one, come to save man, whom Thou hast made out of the dust of the earth!

DECEMBER 20

O Clavis, Key of David, and Sceptre of the house of Israel, that openeth and no man shutteth, and shutteth and no man openeth, come to liberate the prisoner and them that sit in darkness, and in the shadow of death.

DECEMBER 23

O Emmanuel, our King and our Law-giver, Longing of the Gentiles, yea, and salvation thereof, come to save us, O Lord our God!

THE MAGNIFICAT

My soul doth magnify the Lord, and my spirit rejoices in God my Savior. For He hath regarded the humility of His handmaiden. For behold, from henceforth all generations shall call me blessed. For He that is mighty hath done great things to me, and holy is His Name. And His Mercy is from generation unto generations upon them that fear Him. He hath shewed might in His arm, He hath scattered the proud in the conceit of their heart. He hath put down the mighty from their seat, and hath exalted the humble. He hath filled the hungry with good things, and the rich He hath sent empty away. He hath received Israel, His servant, being mindful of His mercy. As He spoke to our Fathers, Abraham and His seed forever.

— LUKE 1:46-55



With no recorded words of his in Scriptures, St. Joseph is known as 'The Silent Saint,' and though he is invoked and remembered as a member of the Holy Family, he is often forgotten in practice. This is especially true during Advent and the Christmas season, when Our Lord and His Blessed Mother Mary become the focus of our liturgical attention.

Given his unobtrusive and humble nature, perhaps he prefers it this way. But we do know several things about St. Joseph, which we glean from the accounts of the Gospels, and they are sufficient to make it clear that he is an ideal model of a Christian man. He is a quiet, vigilant force in the background of the Nativity and afterwards, who embodies the manful virtues of protecting and providing for his family. Simultaneously, he is spiritually receptive to the movement of the Holy Spirit, even those which he does not understand initially, and thereby fulfills his role in the orchestration of God's plan for Salvation for the world by the virtue of obedience.

It should not be forgotten that it was because of Joseph that the circumstances arose for the Savior to be born in Bethlehem—a word meaning “house of bread, a Eucharistic foreshadowing—and thus fulfilling Scriptural prophecies that the Messiah would come from that place. Due to a strong and silent connection to God, Joseph had developed the spiritual sensitivity to recognize messages from Him through the angels that spoke to him in his dreams, and was therefore able to shepherd his family away from the dangers posed to the infant Christ.

From Matthew 1:19-21, we can glean several aspects of St. Joseph's character. He is a son of David, and so we know that he is of noble birth. His initial response after the Annunciation is that of a righteous, kind and gracious man. He is very sensitive to the movement of the Holy Spirit, as we see in his capacity to immediately recognize the angels as heavenly messengers, and he is both faithful and obedient to the will of God, inclined to do as the angels tell him on every occasion that they give him instructions without so much as a question.

St. Joseph is the patron saint of the Universal Church, families, fathers, workers, pregnant mothers, and happy deaths.

St. Joseph, protector of the Holy Family, help us to prepare our hearts for the coming of your foster Son, our Lord Jesus Christ. Amen.

THE THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT



Today is known as Gaudete Sunday. The term Gaudete refers to the first word of the Entrance Antiphon, "Rejoice." The celebrants have an option to wear rose-colored vestments to emphasize our joy that Christmas is near, and we also light the rose-colored candle on our Advent wreath.

The Church brings John the Baptist, the man who prepared the people for Christ's public mission, before our minds today, as an example that we should follow, even if only from afar. John prepared himself for the test of welcoming and introducing Christ to others, by a life of self-mortification and penance. He told the people that the first essential for getting Christ, and profiting by his coming, was that they should turn away from sin and give up any evil ways, which hitherto they had followed. He himself practiced what he preached and his preaching, therefore, bore fruit among many of his hearers. John is calling on us too today, to prepare ourselves for Christ's coming this Christmas, by turning away from sin, and by the mortification of ourselves in many ways.

Evidently, in the mind of holy Church, neither the prophecy concerning Bethlehem Ephrata nor its fulfillment in the day of Caesar Augustus is to be considered merely a glorious divine disposition and achievement. No, the prophecy of Micheus is still being verified every day, but predominantly during the annual Advent season; for the selfsame incarnate eternal Son of God who journeyed to Bethlehem to be born there physically, now to the end of time comes to human souls as to spiritual Bethlehems, there to be born anew, again and again.

But be sure to picture these merciful spiritual journeyings of Christ to the Bethlehem of souls as all too often sadly realistic spiritual repetitions of His first long journey over the rugged road from Nazareth to Bethlehem. Meditate long on the wanton and malicious opposition He encounters on His way to them from souls that leave their senses and heart and mind to be ruled by earthly vanities, and their whole selves to be willing victims of the sensual and selfish illusions and witcheries of the seven capital vices.

Can you still fail to see why Isaias and the Baptist compare the hardships of the way of the world's Messiah-King to souls with a rough, crooked, and almost impassable road up steep hills and down precipitous valleys and through dangerous mountain passes? Do you wonder that these prophets of His coming insist so strongly that merely sentimental longings and routine prayers, however multiplied, cannot prepare us worthily for the entrance He must expect and the welcome He craves?

Pray very honestly, therefore, that you may begin to see the practical reasons for the Church's crying out in the desert world, and even into your own interior soul and heart:

"Prepare ye the way of the Lord: Make straight in the wilderness His paths; Every valley shall be exalted; Every mountain and hill shall be made low; And the crooked shall be made straight; And the rough ways plain" (Is. 40:3, 4). Then shall you see the salvation of God!

—Excerpted from *Our Way to the Father* by Rev. Leo M. Krenz, S.J.