# OUR LADY OF LOURDES

CATHOLIC CHURCH AND SCHOOL

OUR LADY DECEMBER 24, 2023

THE FOURTH
SUNDAY OF ADVENT
& CHRISTMAS EVE

The Seast of the Lativity of the Lord

December 24 - Mass at 4pm, 7pm, 9pm (Español), Midnight

December 25 - Mass at 10am

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#### PARISH MEMBERSHIP

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

#### GALENDAR & MASS INTENTIONS

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 23 5:00pm - Salvatore Galati

FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVIENT SUNDAY, DECEMBER 24

> 9:00am - † Donna Canavan 11:30am - Pro Populo

> > CHRISTMAS EVE

4:00pm - † Ann Carbone Marco

7:00pm - Buis Family (Español) 9:00pm - Pro Populo

**CHRISTMAS DAY** Monday, December 25

> 12:00AM MIDNIGHT - † Holy Souls in Purgatory 10:00am - † Greg Hobbs

8:30am - Ryan & Marco Carcio Tuesday, December 26 & † Nathan Kimble

9:00am - † Juan Redoblado Wednesday, December 27 & † Mary Ann Chism

8:30am - † Greg Hobbs THURSDAY, DECEMBER 28 (Español) 6:30pm - Justine Mitchell

8:30am - † Susan Koehlar Friday, December 29

& † Ray Joseph Riordan Jr.

9:00am - Celebrated by Bishop Shlesinger SATURDAY, DECEMBER 30

5:00pm - Pro Populo

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 31 9:00am - † Florence Hopkins

11:30am - † Bobby Warren

& Gayle Warren (Español) 1:30pm - Holy Souls in Purgatory

5:00pm - Stephanie LeClere

Monday, January 1 Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God

10:00am - † Greg Hobbs 7:00pm - Pro Populo

Regular Office Hours

Website

**OLL Flocknote** 

ourladyoflourdescc.org ollraleigh.flocknote.com

Monday - Friday 8:30am - 4pm

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.

#### MINISTERIO HISPANO

#### HISPANIC MINISTRY

Oficina Parroquial: 919-861-4600

La Misión de la Parroquia de Nuestra Señora de Lourdes es invitar y dirigir a todas las personas a conocer y amar a Jesucristo a vivir su fe Católica a travéz de la palabra, los sacramentos, la comunidad, la evangelización y el servicio.

#### Enlace Misas en Vivo por Youtube: (Youtube Live stream)

Para unirse en cualquier momento con las misas celebradas en Nuestra Señora de Lourdes en directo por nuestro canal de Youtube: <a href="https://www.youtube.com/c/OurLadyofLourdesCCRaleigh">https://www.youtube.com/c/OurLadyofLourdesCCRaleigh</a>

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#### HORARIO MISAS EN ESPAÑOL

Jueves 6:30 pm Domingos 1:30 pm

#### HORARIO MISAS EN INGLES

Lunes, Martes, Jueves y Viernes 8:30 am

Miércoles 9:00 am Sábados 9:00 am y 5:00 pm Domingos 9:00 am, 11:30 am y 5:00 pm

#### **CONFESIONES**

Jueves (Español): Después de la misa de las 6:30 pm.

#### BAUTISMOS PARA NIÑOS MENORES DE 7 AÑOS

#### Requisitos:

- Papás tienen que estar registrados en nuestra parroquia.
- Presentar copia del acta de nacimiento del niño(a)
- Llenar la forma pre-bautismal.
- Papás y padrinos asistir a la platica prebautismal y a la misa.
- Los padrinos no pueden estar viviendo en unión libre.

Para más información , comunicarse con: Edilmar López al: 919-349-5036

## VISITANDO Y LLEVANDO LA COMUNIÓN A LOS ENFERMOS

Pastoral Care

Si usted tiene algún familiar o conocido de la comunidad que se encuentre enfermo y desea que se le visite, bien sea en la casa donde éste reside u hospital, o se le lleve la Santa Comunión, puede comunicarse con <u>Darinel Morales</u> al 919-428-8691.

#### **GRUPO DE JOVENES ADULTOS 18 a 30 años**

Hispanic Young Adult Group

El Grupo de Jóvenes Adultos se reúnen todos los domingos de 10:00 am a 12:00 pm en el Salón 202 del Fallon Center

El Grupo Jóvenes de Adultos se reúne para tratar temas diversos que les ayudan en su crecimiento Espiritual, Emocional y desarrollo de liderazgo. Además de organizar diversas actividades que motive a los jóvenes a participar de la vida y misión de la iglesia.

Para más información, comunicarse con: José Velásquez al: 843-492-8103

#### **BODAS/MATRIMONIOS**

Wedding

Está pensando en casarse por la Iglesia?

El primer paso, es hacer una cita con el Padre Patrick Keane (el habla español). 919-861-4600

Para más información, sobre el proceso para contraer matrimonio, por favor comunicarse con: Roderico Roblero: 919-986-5294

#### ADORACIÓN PERPETUA ANTE JESÚS SACRAMENTADO

Nuestra Parroquia de Nuestra Señora de Lourdes tiene una Capilla para la Adoración Perpetua las 24 Horas.

Todos estamos invitados a pasar unos momentos orando en silencio ante la presencia de nuestro Señor Jesús Sacramentado.

#### **GRUPO DE ORACION**

Hispanic Prayer Group

Todos los Viernes a las 7:15 p.m. en el Salón Fallon Center.

El Grupo de Oración tiene como objetivo fortalecer la fe de sus miembros y acercarlos mas a Dios a través de Oración, predicas y alabanzas.

Para más información comunicarse con:

Celeny Arreaga al: 919-641-9792

#### **GRUPO DE MUJERES**

Hispanic Women Group

El Grupo de Mujeres se reúne todos los sábados de 6:30 pm a 8:30 pm en el salón 201 del Fallon Center.

El Grupo de Mujeres tiene como objetivo ayudar a las Mujeres a descubrir y fortalecer su identidad, así mismo incrementar y empoderar su autoestima y por supuesto mejorar su relación con Dios y su relación matrimonial y su rol como madre.

Para más información, comunicarse con: Hilda Baltazar al: 919-601-8032

#### Clases de Catecismo Para Adultos

Faith Formation Claeses for Adults

Este programa es para personas mayores de 17 años que no estén bautizadas y para personas que solamente les hace falta la Primera Comunión y la Confirmación.

Este programa de formación de adultos es también para personas que deseen convertirse al catolicismo y para aquellos bautizados que deseen aprender un poco mas de su fe católica.

#### Requisitos:

- -Llenar la forma de registro.
- -Para los que no están bautizados, presentar el acta de nacimiento.
- -Para los que le hace falta la primera comunión y confirmación, presentar el certificado de bautismo.

Para más información, comunicarse con: Filomeno Méndez al: 919-559-8314

Office of the Bishop

7200 Stonehenge Drive Raleigh, NC 27613

984-900-3103

#### Christmas 2023

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

During Christmas we rejoice in how God's love and mercy for us was manifested as a baby born among us. It's a season where we gather with family and friends in celebration of Jesus' humble yet profound arrival to bring hope, peace, and salvation to all.

Our Savior born on this day is not concerned with the riches and power of this world. He wants us to understand how His joy and peace will be everlasting, no matter what the challenges are that we face. While our homes will be filled with family and friends; lights, decorations and gifts, let us not forget to find quiet times to reflect on what this occasion asks of us.

This Christmas, as we give thanks to God for sending his Son to live among us, to become man and give his life for us on the cross, let us open ourselves like a cradle in a manger and extend His love by joyfully embracing others with kindness and forgiveness.

Through the intercession of Mary our Mother and Saint Joseph, may their Son and our Lord Jesus help us to live as God's holy family at Christmas, throughout the New Year and all the days of our lives.

In the Love of Jesus,

† Luis Rafael Zarama, J.C.L. Bishop of Raleigh

## The Sacrament of Christ's Incarnation

Virgin conceived, bore a son, and yet remained a virgin. This is no common occurrence, but a sign; no reason here, but God's power, for he is the cause, and not nature. It is a special event, not shared by others; it is divine, not human. Christ's was not necessity, but an expression of omnipotence, a sacrament of piety for the redemption of men. He who made man without generation from pure clay made man again and was born from a pure body. The hand that assumed clay to make our flesh deigned to assume a body for your salvation. That the Creator is in his creature and God is in the flesh brings dignity to man without dishonor to him who made him.

Why then, man, are you so worthless in your own eyes and yet so precious to God? Why render yourself such dishonor when you are honored by him? Why do you ask how you were created and do not seek to know why you were made?

Was not this entire visible universe made for your dwelling? It was for you that the light dispelled the overshadowing gloom; for your sake was the night regulated and the day measured, and for you were the heavens embellished with varying brilliance of the sun, the moon and the stars. The earth was adorned with flowers, groves and fruit; and the constant marvelous variety of lovely living things was created in the air, the fields, and the seas for you, lest sad solitude destroy the joy of God's new creation.

And the Creator still works to devise things that can add to your glory. He has made you in his image that you might in your person make the invisible Creator present on earth; he has made you his legate, so that the vast empire of the world might have the Lord's representative. Then in his mercy God assumed what he made in you; he wanted now to be truly manifest in man, just as he had wished to be revealed in man as in an image. Now he would be in reality what he had submitted to be in symbol.

And so Christ is born, that by his birth he might restore our nature. He became a child,

was fed, and grew that he might inaugurate the one perfect age to remain for ever as he created it. He supports man that man might no longer fall. And the creature he had formed of earth he now makes heavenly; and what he had endowed with a human soul he now vivifies to become a heavenly spirit. In this way he fully raised man to God, and left in him neither sin, nor death, nor travail, nor pain, nor anything earthly, with the grace of our Lord Christ Jesus, who lives and reigns with the Father in the unity of the Holy Spirit, now and for ever, for all the ages of eternity. Amen.



#### **EVENTS & PARISH MATTERS**

#### SANCTUARY CANDLES

A 14-day
CHURCH SANCTUARY
CANDLE
will burn
in loving memory of
Julio Augusto
Bernal Miranda
from Lucila Valentin

A 14-day
CHAPEL SANCTUARY
CANDLE
will burn
in thanksgiving for
Michelle & Rich Kindberg
from Anne Suber

All are welcome to attend 9:00am Mass on

Samin, Dumber 50, 2023

celebrated by Bishop Ned Shlesinger

This Mass will take place in our church and is open to the public.

#### Pro-Life Corner

He is always with us. Jesus promised this when he gave the disciples the same mission he gives to each of us: Go. ... Walk with each other. Do not be afraid to embrace God's gift of life. Whatever storms or trials we face, we are not alone. He is with us.



USCCB Secretariat of Pro-Life Activities 2017-18 Respect Life Reflection

#### Project Rachel Post Abortion Healing Retreat January 5-7, 2024

If you desire healing from a past abortion, you are invited to experience the love of Jesus Christ at a Project Rachel weekend retreat in the Raleigh area. The weekend retreat is strictly **confidential**, for both women and men and includes discussions, spiritual exercises, the sacrament of reconciliation, a Memorial Service, and a Mass of the Resurrection. Participation offers a beautiful opportunity to experience God's love, forgiveness, and compassion. For more information or to register for the retreat:

project.rachel@raldioc.org - (919) 852-1021. http://rachelnc.org

Cost is \$200 for lodging, meals, and all retreat materials. Discount of \$50 for early registration. If there is a financial burden, assistance is available.



## HOLY FACE DEVOTION

You are invited to join your fellow parishioners in the Fallon Center Lounge each Tuesday evening promptly at 6:15 to pray for 30 minutes the Devotion to the Holy Face of Jesus.

#### MARCH FOR LIFE BUS TRIP (DC)

The Respect Life Committees are reserving buses for the Annual March for Life in Washington, DC on Friday, January 19, 2024.

The cost of the bus trip is \$100.00 per person.

Make your reservation through email address:

blk4jmj@gmail.com or
john.allen661@gmail.com

To guarantee your seat, reservations are required no later than Wednesday, 12/13 and payments are due no later than Wednesday, January 3.

If you have any questions, please call Kathy Klein at **919-815-1369** or John Allen at **919-306-1011** or via one of the emails listed.

Please Pray for our Sick, Suffering & Deployed FRANK BELL
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MYLES CHARLESWORTH
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ELEANORA CEFALU
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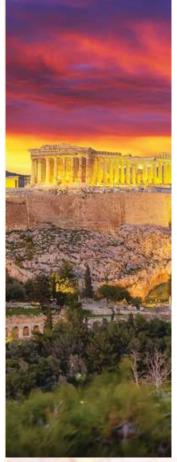
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## Pilgrimages with Fr. Pat Keane

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### Greece and Malta - \$5,644 May 17 - 28, 2024

Thessaloniki · Phillippi · Kavala · Meteora · Kalambaka · Delphi · Corinth · Athens

The important role that Greece has played in history is widely known; philosophy, the arts, medicine, democracy. But there is also a great page in the history of early Christianity and the ministry of the Apostle Paul! This amazing man, moved by the Holy Spirit preached the good news to Jews and Gentiles. Traveling along the major trade routes of the Roman empire and visiting large thriving communities of Asia Minor and Greece, his mission was accomplished; Christianity became the biggest religion in the world. Take part in an inspiring journey to the actual places where the Apostle Paul lived and preached God's word. Travel down timeless roads; take time to pray and rejoice at ancient biblical sites; visit thousand-year-old churches and temples; and encounter a unique spiritual experience embellished by guides, lectures and printed material that will help you to better understand the Apostle Paul and his work.

#### TRIPS INCLUDE...

† Round-trip airfare from desired airport

†Airport taxes & fuel surcharges

†Hotel accommodations in double occupancy

†Whisper headsets

†Breakfast & dinner daily

+Wine with dinners

†Transfers as per itinerary

†Daily Mass

†Confession and spiritual guidance

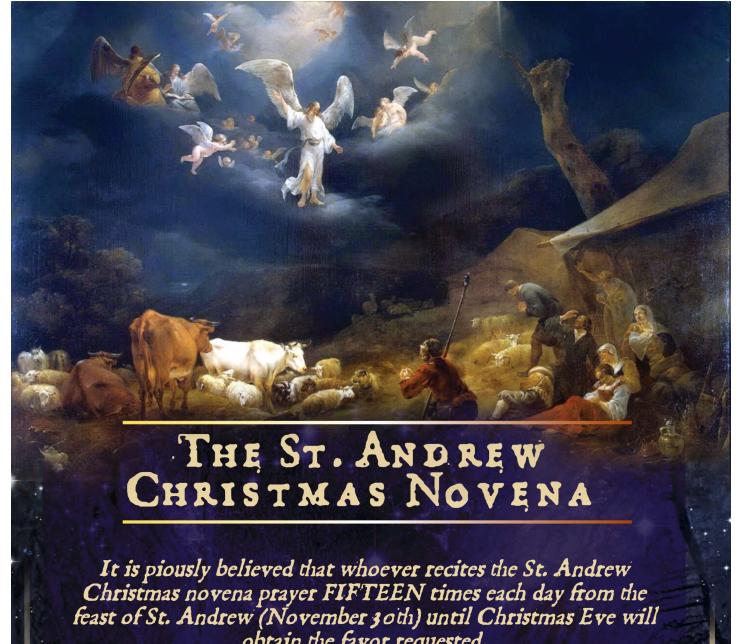
†Sightseeing and admissions fees as per itinerary

†Assistance of local guide throughout

†Luggage handling

†Transportation

...and more; see individual trip listings



obtain the favor requested.

HAIL AND BLESSED be the hour and moment in which the Son of God 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 God, to hear my prayer and grant my desires through the merits of Our Savior Jesus CHRIST, and of His blessed Mother. Amen.

### THE FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

On the Gospel of this day; St. Luke, 1:26-38.



t the moment our Lady said: "be it done to me Laccording to thy word," the most stupendous event that ever happened, or ever could happen on earth, took place on this planet of ours. The Son of God took on human nature in the womb of the Blessed Virgin. We are familiar with this story from childhood. We often say the Angelus in which this tremendous act of God's love is described. Although familiarity, in this case, does not breed contempt, it does help to blunt the real impact on our minds of such an extraordinary occurrence. If God had created a very special child, and made him into an outstanding saint, so that he could intercede

with God for us, this would be a great act of love for us on God's part. Or, if he had sent an angel from heaven in human form, to teach us all about God and to help us to lead holy lives, this would deserve our deepest gratitude. But neither a saintly man nor a holy angel could do for us all that God wanted. No man or angel could make us adopted sons of God and heirs of heaven. It was necessary, in God's plan for us, that his divine Son should become man, should share our humanity so that we could share his divinity.

Could infinite love have gone any further? Our creation, the fact that we exist as human beings on earth, is a great gift to us on the part of God. Of what value could eighty, a hundred, even seven hundred years of a continuously happy life on this earth be for us if we learned that we had to depart life forever one day? In a world tormented by sin and its evil effects our normal span of life would be less satisfying. However, when God created us, he so planned that our stay here would be but a stage, a stepping stone in fact, toward our everlasting home. We are well aware indeed of the lengths to which God's love has gone in order to make us his children and heirs to his kingdom. Are we, however, grateful to him for the love he has shown us? Are we honestly and sincerely trying to make ourselves worthy of the great future he has in store for us?

Today is a suitable occasion to look right into our hearts, to see how we stand with God. During the week we shall be keeping the feast of Christmas. The Baby in the manger will remind us of what God has done and is still doing for us. What are we doing in return? Have we shown our gratitude by living as true followers of Christ? If most of us must answer: "no," this is the time to change our course and return to the right road once more. God is asking this of us today. Shall our answer be: "behold here I am Lord, your humble and grateful servant, let it be done to me according to your word"?

# The Coventry Carol

in honor of the Holy Innocents slaughtered by King Herod on account of the Birth of Jesus Christ, our Lord

amed for the 16th century Nativity Story play in Coventry, England, this Carol is a traditional part of Christmastide. It commemorates the infant Holy Innocents, whom the Church remembers on December 28 each year.

Lully lullay, thou little tiny child Byebye, lully, lullay. Thou little tiny child Byebye, lully, lullay.

O sisters too, how many we do For to preserve this day; This poor youngling For whom we do sing "Byebye, lully, lullay"? Herod the king, in his raging Chargéd he hath this day His men of might in his own sight, All young children to slay.

That woe is me, poor child, for thee And ever mourn and may, For thy parting neither say nor sing "Bye bye, lully, lullay."

#### **MATTHEW 2: 16-18**

Then Herod perceiving that he was deluded by the wise men, was exceeding angry; and sending men killed all the children that were in Bethlehem, and in all the borders thereof, from two years old and under, according to the time which he had diligently inquired of the wise men. Then was fulfilled that which was spoken by Jeremias the prophet, saying: A voice in Rama was heard, lamentation and great mourning; Rachel bewailing her children, and would not be comforted, because they are not.

#### PRAYER TO THE HOLY INNOCENTS

O Holy Innocents, in the name of Jesus, for whom your blood was shed, pray for exploited and abused children. O Holy Innocents who, for the sake of the Christ Child your sacrifice was offered, intercede for the captive and suffering children. O Holy Innocents, whose blood was sanctified by the precious Blood of the Savior, preserve the purity and innocence of children and be their help and comfort. Heavenly Father, I ask that you look with great mercy upon the peril of innocent children, born and unborn, being violated in the world and deliver them from every evil. I beg your mercy through the sacrifice of the Holy Innocents and through the sacrificial love of your beloved Son, our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. Amen. (One Our Father, three Hail Marys, one Glory Be.)