# OUR LADY OF LOURDES

CATHOLIC CHURCH AND SCHOOL

# **DECEMBER 31, 2023** THE FEAST OF THE HOLY FAMILY



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

## CALENDAR & MASS INTENTIONS

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 30

9:00am - Celebrated by Bishop Shlesinger

5:00pm - Pro Populo

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 31

9:00am - † Florence Hopkins

11:30am - † Ann Marco

(Español) 1:30pm - Holy Souls in Purgatory 5:00pm - Stephanie LeClerc

Monday, January 1 Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God

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

Tuesday, January 2

8:30am - † Maureen McGowan & † Nathan Kimbell

Wednesday, January 3

9:00am - Mass of Thanksgiving

& † Christine Martin

THURSDAY, JANUARY 4

8:30am - † Julia DeWitt (Español) 6:30pm - Pro Populo

Friday, January 5

FIRST FRIDAY

8:30am - † Augustina Diaz

& Liam Star Ku (4th birthday)

Saturday, January 6

First Saturday

5:00pm - Eileen McSoley & Henry McSoley

SUNDAY, JANUARY 7

9:00am - † Pat Steele

11:30am - Mary Olivia Gerald (Birthday)

(Español) 1:30pm - Pro Populo

5:00pm - Tom & Pat Tomasetti

Regular

Website

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ourladyoflourdescc.org ollraleigh.flocknote.com

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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

## **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

#### Pro-Life Corner

Whether it lasts for a brief moment or for a hundred years, each of our lives is a good and perfect gift. At every stage and in every circumstance, we are held in existence by God's love. ... God invites us to embrace the lives we have been given, for as long as they are given.

Every life is worth living.



#### 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.

#### **OFFERTORY**

	OFFERTORY DECEMBER 17 2023	Needed	ACTUAL	Difference
	YTD Offertory (7/1/23-12/17/23)	\$ 761,560	\$ 718,381	- \$ 43,179

OLL School Expansion Fund: Building the Legacy

\$ 203,021

# Reymundo Velazquez,

winner of the nativity set raffle held on December 17<sup>th</sup>

Thank you to everyone who participated by buying tickets. A total of **\$2,610** was raised for the School Expansion Fund!

#### The Power of Personal Invitations

In the heart of every thriving parish lies a sense of community, belonging, and togetherness. Parishioners are engaged in the life of the parish.

While announcements in bulletins and digital communications have their place, there is an undeniable magic in extending or receiving a personal invitation.

Make someone feel good. Invite them to join you at an upcoming OLL event or ministry.



Please Pray for our Sick, Suffering & Deployed Frank Bell Kathleen Charlesworth Myles Charlesworth Janet Chiavetta Dana Cash Eleanora Cefalu Andrew Dilillo Maria House
Barbara Grant
Louise Guyton
Joe Korst
Captain Zachary Kousens
Annette Lefebvre
Liz Lorscheider

FRANK JANASIEWICZ
DEACON TOM MACK
EILEEN MACKO
JULIA MEYERS
DON MONROE
KATIE NOWAK
RICHARD POLLARD

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#### 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.

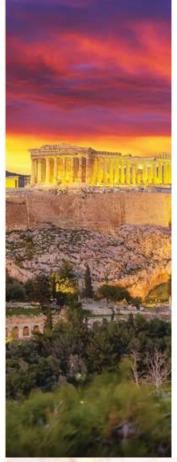
In the Love of Jesus,

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

# Pilgrimages with Fr. Pat Keane

https://www.206tours.com/cms/frkeane/





## 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

# 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.



# The Holy Family: Jesus, Mary & Joseph

he devotion to the Holy Family was born in Bethlehem, together with the Baby Jesus. The shepherds went to adore the Child and, at the same time, they gave honor to His family. Later, in a similar way, the three wise men came from the East to adore and give honor to the newborn King with gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh that would be safeguarded by His family. We can go further to affirm that in a certain sense Christ, Himself, was the first devotee of His family. He showed His devotion to His mother and foster father by submitting Himself, with infinite humility, to the duty of filial obedience towards them. This is what St Bernard of Clairvaux said in this regard, 'God, to whom angels submit themselves and who principalities and powers obey, was subject to Mary; and not only to Mary but Joseph also for Mary's sake [....]. God obeyed a human creature; this is humility without precedent. A human creature commands God; it is sublime beyond measure.' (First Homily on the 'Missus Est').

Today's celebration demonstrates Christ's humility and obedience with respect to the fourth commandment, whilst also highlighting the loving care that His parents exercised in His keeping. The servant of God, Pope John Paul II, in 1989, entitled his Apostolic Exhortation, 'Redemptoris Custos' (Guardian of the Redeemer) which was dedicated to the person and the mission of Saint Joseph in the life of Christ and of the Church. After exactly a century, he resumed the teaching of Pope Leo XIII, for who Saint Joseph '... shines among all mankind by the most august dignity, since by divine will, he was the guardian of the Son of God and reputed as His father among men' (Encyclical Quamquam Pluries [1889] n. 3). Pope Leo XIII continued, '... Joseph became the guardian, the administrator, and the legal defender of the divine house whose chief he was.[...] It is, then, natural and worthy that as the Blessed Joseph ministered to all the needs of the family at Nazareth and girt it about with his protection, he should now cover with the cloak of his heavenly patronage and defend the Church of Jesus Christ.' Not many years before, blessed Pope Pius IX had proclaimed Saint Joseph, 'Patron of the Catholic Church' (1870)

Almost intuitively, one can recognize that the mysterious, exemplary, guardianship enacted by Joseph was conducted firstly, in a yet more intimate way, by Mary. Consequently, the liturgical feast of the Holy Family speaks to us of the fond and loving care that we must render to the Body of Christ. We can understand this in a mystical sense, as guardians of the Church, and also in the Eucharistic sense. Mary and Joseph took great care of Jesus' physical body. Following their example, we can and must take great care of His Mystical Body, the Church, and the Eucharist which He has entrusted to us. If Mary was, in some way, 'the first tabernacle in history' (John Paul II Ecclesia de Eucharistia, n. 55) then we the Tabernacle in which Our Lord chose to reside in person, in His Real Presence, was also entrusted to us. We can learn from Mary and Joseph! What would they ever have overlooked in the care of Jesus' physical body? Is there something, therefore, that we can withhold for the right and adoring care of His Eucharistic Body? No amount of attention, no sane act of love and adoring respect will ever be too much! On the contrary, our adoration and respect will always be inferior to the great gift that comes to us in the Holy Eucharist.

Looking at the Holy Family, we see the love, the protection, and the diligent care that they gave to the Redeemer. We can not fail to feel uneasiness, perhaps a shameful thought, for the times in which we have not rendered the appropriate care and attention to the Blessed Eucharist. We can only ask for forgiveness and do penance for all the sacrilegious acts and the lack of respect that are committed in front of the Blessed Eucharist. We can only ask the Lord, through the intersession of the Holy Family of Nazareth, for a greater love for their Son Incarnate, who has decided to remain here on earth with us every day until the end of time.



# The Solemnity of the Motherhood of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Within Christmastide, the Church begins each new year by honoring the Blessed Virgin Mary with her highest title: Mary, the Mother of God.

Christians have held the ancient belief in Mary's divine maternity from the beginning, as a study of the ancient Church Fathers will attest. The logical syllogism is apparent: she is Jesus' mother, and since Jesus is God, then she is, therefore, the Mother of God.

This is not to say that Our Lady is in any way elevated above Our Lord in the divine order. The Church clarifies that she is not His mother in the sense that she is older than God or the source of her Son's divinity, for she is neither. Simply, she is the Mother of God in the sense that she carried in her womb the Divine Person of Jesus Christ—God "in the flesh" (2 John 7, cf. John 1:14). Jesus is both God and Man in nature, united into one Divine Person; and since she gave birth to His whole Person—which is indivisibly united, so that it is impossible to give birth to only his human nature—then Mary is, indeed, the mother of God.

# MOTHER AND EVER-VIRGIN: EXCERPTS FROM THE CATECHISM OF THE CATHOLIC CHURCH

(PART 1, SECTION 2, CHAPTER 2, ARTICLE 3)

The Church confesses Mary's real and perpetual virginity even in the act of giving birth to the Son of God made man. <sup>154</sup> In fact, Christ's birth "did not diminish his mother's virginal integrity but sanctified it." <sup>155</sup> And so the liturgy of the Church celebrates Mary as *Aeiparthenos*, the "Ever-virgin." <sup>156</sup>

Against this doctrine the objection is sometimes raised that the Bible mentions brothers and sisters of Jesus.<sup>157</sup> The Church has always understood these passages as not referring to other children of the Virgin Mary. In fact James and Joseph, "brothers of Jesus," are the sons of another Mary, a disciple of Christ, whom St. Matthew significantly calls "the other Mary." <sup>158</sup> They are close relations of Jesus, according to an Old Testament expression. <sup>159</sup>

Jesus is Mary's only son, but her spiritual motherhood extends to all men whom indeed he came to save: "The Son whom she brought forth is He whom God palced as the first-born among many brethren, that is, the faithful in whose generation and formation she co-operates with a mother's love." 160

# Veni, Creator Spiritus

ne of the most widely used hymns in the Church, Veni, Creator Spiritus, is attributed to Rabanus Maurus (776-856). It is used at Vespers, Pentecost, Dedication of a Church, Confirmation, and Holy Orders and whenever the Holy Spirit is solemnly invoked. A partial indulgence is granted to the faithful who recite it.

This hymn is included here because a <u>plenary</u> indulgence is granted if it is recited or sung on January 1<sup>st</sup>.

VENI, CREATOR SPIRITUS, mentes tuorum visita, imple superna gratia, quae tu creasti, pectora.

Qui diceris Paraclitus, donum Dei altissimi, fons vivus, ignis, caritas, et spiritalis unctio.

Tu septiformis munere, dextrae Dei tu digitus, tu rite promissum Patris, sermone ditans guttura.

Accende lumen sensibus, infunde amorem cordibus, infirma nostri corporis virtute firmans perpeti.

Hostem repellas longius pacemque dones protinus; ductore sic te praevio vitemus omne noxium.

Per te sciamus da Patrem noscamus atque Filium, te utriusque Spiritum credamus omni tempore. COME, HOLY GHOST, CREATOR, COME from thy bright heav'nly throne; come, take possession of our souls, and make them all thine own.

Thou who art called the Paraclete,
best gift of God above,
the living spring, the living fire,
sweet unction and true love.

Thou who art sevenfold in thy grace, finger of God's right hand; his promise, teaching little ones to speak and understand.

O guide our minds with thy blest light,
with love our hearts inflame;
and with thy strength, which ne'er decays,
confirm our mortal frame.
Far from us drive our deadly foe;
true peace unto us bring;
and through all perils lead us safe
beneath thy sacred wing.

Through thee may we the Father know, through thee th'eternal Son, and thee the Spirit of them both, thrice-blessed three in One.