# Our Lady of Lourdes

CATHOLIC CHURCH AND SCHOOL

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# JANUARY 7, 2024 THE FEAST OF THE EPIPHANY

"The Adoration of the Magi" by Peter Paul Rubens



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

#### CALENDAR & MASS INTENTIONS

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

Monday, January 8

8:30am - † Greg Hobbs

Tuesday, January 9

8:30am - † Holy Souls in Purgatory

& Heather Smith

Wednesday, January 10

9:00am - † Julia DeWitt & Matthew DelValle

8:30am - † Douglas Hobbs Thursday, January 11

(Español) 6:30pm - Pro Populo

Friday, January 12

8:30am - Pat Frain

& † Ray Joseph Riordan, Jr.

SATURDAY, JANUARY 13

5:00pm - Daniel Terrill Russler

SUNDAY, JANUARY 14

9:00am - † Florence Hopkins 11:30am - † Susan Koehler

(Español) 1:30pm - Pro Populo 5:00pm - † Hilda Warren

Regular

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**OLL Flocknote** 

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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

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

#### Sanctuary Candles

A 14-day
CHURCH SANCTUARY
CANDLE
will burn
for the priests of the
Diocese of Raleigh

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CHAPEL SANCTUARY
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#### 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.



## Altar Guild Meeting January 11 11:30AM in the Fallon Center

All women of the parish are invited to join the members of the OLL Altar Guild for their first meeting of 2024.

Join the dedicated women who are dedicated to caring for our beautiful sanctuary. The new year is a perfect time to get more involved in parish life. The Altar Guild provides many rewarding opportunities to serve our parish, so whether you are looking for hands on service opportunities or are simply interested in meeting other Catholic Women, please attend the next meeting and learn more about the Altar Guild.

Bring a brown bag lunch - delicious homemade desserts and drinks will be provided.

For additional info, contact Lisa Dunham: ldunham4@icloud.com

### MASS ATTENDANCE Weekend of December 31

5pm Saturday: 268 9am Sunday: 382 11:30am Sunday: 295 1:30pm Sunday: 325 5pm Sunday: 203

**TOTAL: 1,473** 

## Please... invite someone to join you at an OLL social event.

Fellowship matters! We are creating a number of opportunities to have fun with your fellow parishioners. Many volunteers and parish staff are making sure there is something for everyone to enjoy.

Weekends and weekdays.

Mornings, afternoons and evenings.

Something for everyone. Singles. Couples. Parents. Families. Seniors. Young adults. We publish a schedule each week in the bulletin and OLL Invitations emails.

Come and bring someone with you!

The Respect Life Committee have reserved 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 or use the QR Code.

To guarantee your seat, reservations are required asap and payments are due no later than Monday, January 8.

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 above.



Please Pray for our Sick, Suffering & Deployed FRANK BELL
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MYLES CHARLESWORTH
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DANA CASH
ELEANORA CEFALU
ANDREW DILILLO
PETE FLOYD

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Barbara Grant
Louise Guyton
Joe Korst
Captain Zachary Kousens
Annette Lefebvre
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Frank Janasiewicz

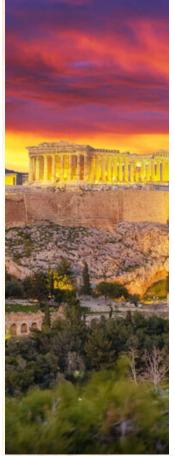
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EILEEN MACKO
JULIA MEYERS
DON MONROE
KATIE NOWAK
RICHARD POLLARD
IRMA CRUZ-QUINONES
MARY REDMOND

DAN & KAREN RITCHIE
JOELLE ROEHRL
FR. BOB & CAROL SCHRIBER
ALLISEN SCHULT
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## 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

## Understanding the Human Person

A Weekend Retreat Course for adults—St. Joseph Parish, Raleigh, NC February 23 & 24, 2024



Would you like to understand the truth about sexuality, love, marriage, parenting and family – and be able to express it to others?

In this course, you will hear from a variety of speakers and have the opportunity to ask questions and engage in classroom activities with other students.

The world's perception that Christianity, and in particular the Catholic Faith, is opposed to human love and sexuality will be challenged from the perspectives of reason and faith, Sacred Scripture, Tradition and natural law.

#### **Topics include:**

St. John Paul II's Theology of the Body
The Roots of the Sexual Revolution
Fertility Appreciation
Male-female complementarity
Child development and the importance of Family
Gender identity and gender confusion

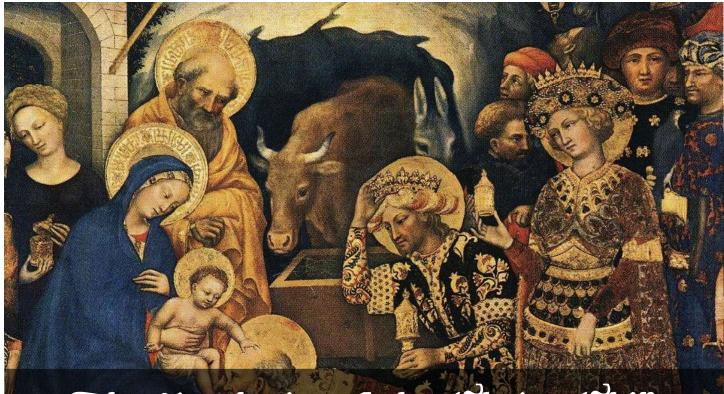
Course fee is \$175 and includes approximately 12 hours of instruction, books, Friday dinner and Saturday lunch. Space is limited.

\$25 early bird discount if registration is received by February 1.

**To register, visit:** <a href="www.familyhonor.org/chastity-programs-near-me">www.familyhonor.org/chastity-programs-near-me</a>
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Providing a Catholic Framework on the Truth and Meaning of Sexuality, Love, and Family



# The Prophecies of the Christ Child

January 6 is the feast of the Magi, or Wise Men—the day that Gentiles first came into direct contact with God. Those first Gentiles were the Three Kings who brought Jesus gifts of gold, frankincense and myrrh, and the symbolism in their gifts attests that they had an understanding of just Who this Child Jesus was: *gold* to show that He was a king; *frankincense* to honor Him as God; and *myrrh* to greet Him as mortal man.

But how did the Magi of the East know of His coming? Fulton Sheen explains in his masterpiece, *Life of Christ*, "Probably from the many prophecies circulated through the world by the Jews as well as through the prophecy made to the Gentiles by Daniel, centuries before His birth."

And it was not only the Jews and the Three Wise men who expected His coming. Sheen points to the pagan testimonies of ancient Romans who believed that "from Judea would come a great Master and Ruler of the world." Sheen also accounts that China had the same expectation. From the *Annals of the Celestial Empire* he quotes: "In the 24th year of Tchao-Wang of the dynasty of the Tcheou, on the 8th day of the 4th moon, a light appeared in the Southwest which illumined the king's palace. The monarch, struck by its splendor, interrogated the sages. They showed him books in which this prodigy signified the appearance of the Great Saint of the West whose religion was to be introduced into their country."

He goes on: "The Greeks expected Him, for Aeschylus in his *Prometheus* six centuries before His coming, wrote, 'Look not for any end, moreover, to this curse until God appears, to accept upon His Head the pangs of thy own sins vicarious.'"

Sheen notes that Cicero regarded the sayings of the ancient oracles and Sibyls about a "King whom we must recognize to be saved." Virgil refers to the same ancient tradition when he mentions in *The Fourth Ecloque* "a chaste woman, smiling on her infant boy, with whom the iron age would pass away." And the ancient Roman Suetonius who, 2000 years ago, speaks of the Romans being so fearful about "a king who would rule the world" that they ordered all children born that year to be killed—an order that was not fulfilled, except by Herod.

Not only were the Jews expecting the birth of a Great King, a Wise Man and a Savior, but Plato and Socrates also spoke of the Logos and the Universal Wise Man "yet to come." Confucius spoke of the "Saint"; the Sibyls, of a "Universal King"; the Greek dramatist, Aeschylus, of "a savior and redeemer to unloose man from the 'primal eldest curse."

Sheen rightly concludes, "What separates Christ from all men is that first He was expected; even the Gentiles had a longing for a deliverer, or redeemer. This fact alone distinguishes Him from all other religious leaders." He alone came pre-announced—and Three Wise Men, for it was by wisdom that they recognized the star as the fulfillment of all the prophecies, followed it to the One whom they sought, and thus became the first of the Gentile Nations to adore Him.

Holy Family Perpetual Adoration Chapel invites you to come and visit the Christ Child on this day—and on all days—as the Magi did.

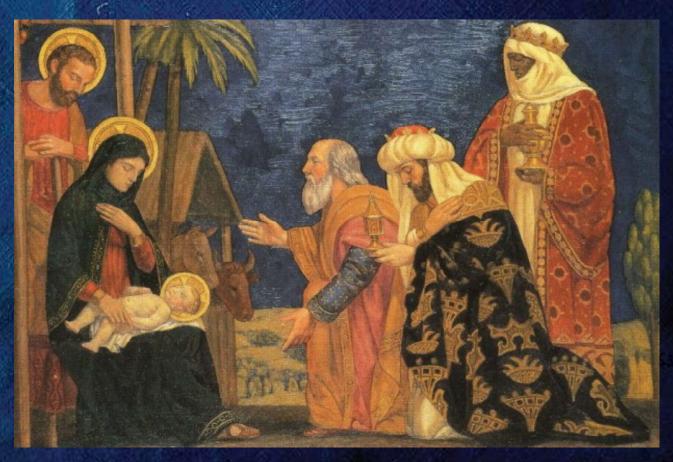
Located in the parish office building at Our Lady of Lourdes.

## What Became of the Magi?

The Historia Trium Regum—or History of the Three Kings—by John of Hildesheim elaborates on Saint Matthew's gospel account. From this 14th century source comes the story of how they first saw the star which led them to Bethlehem on March 25, the day, and at the moment, that Jesus was conceived in Mary's womb. It took the Magi nine months and twelve days to reach Bethlehem, guided by the star. The star first led them to converge together to meet for the first time before they reached Jerusalem, where it disappeared—only to reappear when they left that city. It then led them together to the cave of Bethlehem.

Mary let each of them hold Jesus in his arms, and gave them pieces of His swaddling clothes as relics to bring back to their countries. The Magi returned to the East, and were later brought together again in Persia where they were baptized by Saint Thomas the Apostle, in the year 40. It was believed that all three were martyred for the Faith and are thus regarded as Saints: St. Gaspar, St. Melchior and St. Balthasar.

Their remains were first brought to Constantinople, and then to Milan, and in the twelfth century these relics were placed in the Cathedral of Cologne, in Germany, with reports of miracles of healings and conversions. They are still venerated in the Shrine of the Magi at the Cathedral of Cologne today, and Cologne's city coat of arms depicts the three crowns of the Kings whom its Cathedral enshrines.



#### THE FEAST OF THE EPIPHANY

On the Gospel of this day, Matthew 2:1-12

he Magi are the central personages in today's feast of Epiphany. They were pagans who did not know the true God of the Jews. Yet that true God revealed to them that the King he had promised to the Jews had come. The expected Prince was born. They came to Jerusalem, the capital of Judah, expecting, of course, to find the city and the whole country rejoicing. Instead they found suspicion and hatred in the reigning king—a hatred which in a few days turned to murder. Among the religious leaders they found knowledge of their past history, but utter indifference as regards the present and the future.

These leaders knew the Messiah would be born in Bethlehem; they must have realized that the Magi were very sure of the truth revealed to them—they would not have come such a long journey on a "fool's errand." In spite of that, the thought of going to Bethlehem with the Magi never entered their minds. These were the leaders too who, some years later, refused to listen to Christ and in spite of his miracles refused to admit his claim that he was not only the promised Messiah, but the true Son of God. These were men who rejected him because he had mercy on sinners, and spoke of a future life. What they wanted from their Messiah was political power and earthly freedom and prosperity.

Like Herod, they ended with murder—the crucifixion of the "King of the Jews." The pagan king was not much worse than the indifferent leaders of God's Chosen People.

Let us resolve to make the Magi our models, to follow them to Bethlehem and offer Christ all that we have and are.



—Adapted from The Sunday Readings by Fr. Kevin O'Sullivan, O.F.M.

#### THE FEAST OF THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD

January 8 (2024)



n this day, the Church celebrates the Feast of the Baptism of Our Lord. This brings to an end the season of Christmas. The Church recalls Our Lord's second manifestation or epiphany which occurred on the occasion of His baptism in the Jordan. Jesus descended into the River to sanctify its waters and to give them the power to beget sons of God. The event takes on the importance of a second creation in which the entire Trinity intervenes.

In the Eastern Church this feast is called Theophany because at the baptism of Christ in the River Jordan God appeared in three persons. The baptism of John was a sort of sacramental preparatory for the Baptism of Christ. It moved men to sentiments of repentance and induced them to confess their sins. Christ did

not need the baptism of John. Although He appeared in the "substance of our flesh" and was recognized "outwardly like unto ourselves", He was absolutely sinless and impeccable. He conferred upon the water the power of the true Baptism which would remove all the sins of the world: "Behold the Lamb of God, behold Him Who takes away the sin of the world".

Many of the incidents which accompanied Christ's baptism are symbolical of what happened at our Baptism. At Christ's baptism the Holy Spirit descended upon Him; at our Baptism the Trinity took its abode in our soul. At His baptism Christ was proclaimed the "Beloved Son" of the Father; at our Baptism we become the adopted sons of God. At Christ's baptism the heavens were opened; at our Baptism heaven was opened to us. At His baptism Jesus prayed; after our Baptism we must pray to avoid actual sin.