



# WELCOME TO SAINT MARY CATHOLIC CHURCH

**FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT**

**NOVEMBER 28, 2021**

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## MASS SCHEDULE

### SUNDAY

9:00 A.M. ENGLISH  
12:00 P.M. ESPAÑOL

### DAILY

Monday, Tuesday,  
Thursday, and Friday  
9:00 A.M.

in the Chapel of Divine Mercy

### HOLY DAYS OF OBLIGATION

to be announced in Parish bulletin.

### SACRAMENT OF PENANCE

Thursday, Friday 9:30AM to 10:00 AM,  
Sunday 11:00AM to 11:30AM,  
and by appointment.

### SACRAMENT OF THE ANOINTING OF THE SICK

Please call the parish office for reception of this Sacrament before surgery, during a hospital stay or in event of serious illness.

### SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

Please contact the parish office to arrange a preparation class and scheduling of this Sacrament.

### SACRAMENT OF MARRIAGE

Arrangements with the pastor must be made before a date may be set. The diocese requires 6 months of marriage preparation before the Sacrament may be celebrated.

### SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION & FIRST COMMUNION

For our youth, Raleigh Diocesan regulations require two full years of Faith Formation prior to the celebration of these Sacraments.

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### OFFICE HOURS:

Our Administrative Assistant Sandra is in the office  
Monday & Wednesday from 8:00 A.M. to 3:00 P.M.



**Offertory Report for November 21, 2021**

Offertory needed for the week .....\$ 3,750.00  
 Offertory received for the week .....\$ 1,906.00  
 9:00 AM English  
 Received for Offertory.....\$ 1,846.00  
 Received for Human Development .....\$ 317.00  
 12:00 PM Español  
 Received for Offertory.....\$ 60.00  
 Received for Human Development .....\$ 10.00  
 Received for Donations ..... \$ 820.00  
 Received for Candles .....\$ 22.00

**Thank you for your gifts and continued support to the parish. May God continue to bless all of you.**

Nov. 22 - Sandy Robbins, Karen Harris, John Clinton  
 Nov. 28 - Sue Kirby, Sandy Robbins, Carl Daniels  
 Dec. 6 - Grace Russo, Sandy Robbins, person needed  
 Dec. 13 - Grace Russo, Sandy Robbins, John Clinton

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**Finance Committee Meeting**  
**Thursday, December 9<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 P.M.**

**Pastoral Advisory Meeting**  
**Thursday, December 2<sup>nd</sup> at 6:00 P.M.**

**Adult Education Classes**  
*will be on Tuesday Evenings at 7:00 P.M.*  
*by Mr. Joseph Walters*

**Dates of Class: Topics:**  
 Dec. 14, -21 The temple origins of the Mass.  
 Dec. 28, 21 Salvation: faith or works?  
 Jan. 11, 22 Creation or Evolution?  
 Jan. 25, 22 The end times part 1.  
 Feb. 8, 22 The end times part 2.  
 Feb. 22, 22 The sacrament of Penance.  
 March 8, 22 Is Christ truly present in the Eucharist?  
 March 22, 22 Predestination.

**Mass Schedule & Intentions**

**Sunday, November 28, 2021**

9:00 A.M. Mass ~ English — † Michael Giuliani  
 req. by Paul Morrow  
 12:00 P.M. Mass ~ Español — People of the Parish

**Monday, November 29, 2021**

9:00 A.M. Mass — Anthony Nelms  
 req. by Georgia Hunt

**Tuesday, November 30, 2021**

9:00 A.M. Mass — † Larry Ponder  
 req. by Margaret Ponder

**Wednesday, December 1, 2021**

**No Daily Mass**

**Thursday, December 2, 2021**

9:00 A.M. Mass — Grace Russo  
 req. by Bob & Sandy Robbins

**Friday, December 3, 2021 First Friday**

9:00 A.M. Mass — † George Jones  
 req. by The Anthony Family  
 9:30 P.M. Exposition — of the Blessed  
 Sacrament and Adoration

10:30 P.M. Benediction

3:00 P.M. Holy Hour — in the Divine Mercy Chapel  
 Recitation of the Divine Mercy Chaplet  
 & Holy Rosary of our Blessed Lady

**Saturday, December 4, 2021 First Saturday**

9:00 A.M. Mass — In Honor of the Immaculate  
 Heart of the Blessed Virgin Mary  
 Followed by the Holy Rosary

**No Vigil Mass**

**Sunday, December 5, 2021**

9:00 A.M. Mass ~ English — † Michael Giuliani  
 req. by Paul Morrow  
 12:00 P.M. Mass ~ Español — People of the Parish

**Scripture for the Week of November 28, 2021**

Sunday: Jer 33:14-16/1Thes 3:12—4:2/Lk 21:25-28, 34-36  
 Monday: Is 2:1-5/Mt 8:5-11  
 Tuesday: Rom 10:9-18/Mt 4:18-22  
 Wednesday: Is 25:6-10a/Mt 15:29-37  
 Thursday: Is 26:1-6/Mt 7:21, 24-27  
 Friday: Is 29:17-24/Mt 9:27-31  
 Saturday: Is 30:19-21, 23-26/Mt 9:35—10:1, 5a, 6-8  
 Sunday: Bar 5:1-9/Phil 1:4-6, 8-11/Lk 3:1-6



**CHRISTMAS CHEER**



Once again we will be sponsoring families for Christmas. Tags are placed on the Christmas tree at the front of the church, go up and pick one or two. Please place the tag on the outside of your wrapped gift and place it back under the tree on or before **Sunday, December 16<sup>th</sup>**.

If you choose a tag that states "Wal-Mart Gift Card" or "Food Gift Card", please do NOT wrap the gift card but do indicate the dollar amount on the gift card. The cards will be wrapped prior to distributing them to the families. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact  
Sandy Robbins (910) 384-5079, Sue Kirby (910) 280-9312  
Sandra Ticino at (910) 610-5818

**Children of St. Mary  
Are Invited To  
A Christmas Movie Party  
Saturday, December 4<sup>th</sup>  
10:00 AM**

At the Cinema in Laurinburg  
There will be  
Popcorn and Drink  
&  
Santa Claus and Christmas  
Goodies  
Come Join the Fun!



**CHRISTMAS FLOWER DONATIONS**

If you wish to make a Christmas Flower donation, please write the names of the living or deceased on the back of the envelope that you would like to remember. There will be a list of names given for Flower donations in the bulletin. Envelopes can be found at the entrance to the Church.

**DONACIONES DE FLORES DE NAVIDAD**

Si desea hacer una donación de Flores de Navidad, por favor, escriba los nombres de los vivos o difuntos que quiera recordar en la parte posterior del sobre. Habrá una lista de nombres de los que donaron flores en el boletín. Los sobres se pueden encontrar en la entrada de la Iglesia.

**Submissions to the Parish Bulletin:**

Those with an item to be considered for publication in the parish bulletin need to submit it to the parish office, (email on front page), including your name and contact information, no later than Tuesday noon.



**Envíos al Boletín Parroquial:**

Aquellos con un artículo para ser considerado para publicación en el boletín parroquial deben enviarlo a la oficina parroquial (correo electrónico en la página principal), incluyendo su nombre e información de contacto, a más tardar el martes al mediodía.



**WELCOME** We extend a warm welcome to visitors. Also, to Catholics returning, for whatever reason, from a hiatus in their faith practice, we say "welcome home". If you find yourself beginning to set down roots in our parish community, we invite you to become a registered member of St. Mary's. You can pick up a registration form in the back table of the church. Once completed, either mail it to the parish office or simply place it in the offertory collection basket.

**Bienvenidos** Extendemos una cálida bienvenida a los visitantes. Además, a los católicos que regresan, por cualquier motivo, de una pausa en su práctica de fe, les decimos "bienvenidos a casa". Si comienza a echar raíces en nuestra comunidad parroquial, lo invitamos a convertirse en un miembro registrado de St. Mary's. Puede recoger un formulario de registro en la mesa trasera de la iglesia. Una vez completado, envíelo por correo a la oficina parroquial o simplemente colóquelo en la canasta de recolección del ofertorio.



**Marriage Encounter:** Put Spring into your marriage! The Worldwide Marriage Encounter Experience is a chance to look deeply into your relationship with each other and with God. In just one short weekend you can learn a technique for communication that will keep your marriage on the right track to be healthy. Sign up today to attend one of the upcoming virtual Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekends on **Jan 28-30, 2022 in North Myrtle Beach, SC**  
**Jun 24-26, 2022 in Beaufort, SC.**

Early sign up is recommended. For more information visit our website at: <https://NCMarriageDiscovery.org> or contact us at 704-315-2144 or [applications@NCMarriageDiscovery.org](mailto:applications@NCMarriageDiscovery.org)

**Pregnant & Considering Abortion?**

Please call: *Mary Carmichael*—910-280-6953  
or *Joyce Fuchs*—910-373-3132

**Resources Available:**

- Pee Dee Pregnancy Resource Center, Rockingham, NC 910-997-3040
- Agape Pregnancy Support Services, Fayetteville, NC 910-485-0055
- Life Care Pregnancy Center, Carthage, NC 910-947-6199



**Remember the Sick in your Prayers**

Christina Carmichael	Kent Jute	Ryan Murphy
Betty Culbreth	Chona C. McIntyre	Shannon Murphy
Wilbert Culbreth	Nancy Messina	Deborah O'Donnell
Mary Lou Dunsford	Brenda Mills	Bob Robbins
Chris Hunt	David Mills	Michael Smith
John Imbaratto	Paul Morrow	Donna Ward

**Volunteers for the Month of December 2021**

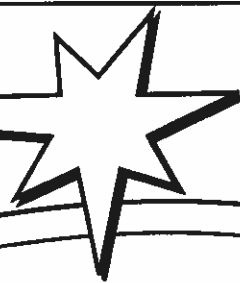
**Lectors**

**Sunday:** Mac McCarthy & Matt Pracht

**Altar Servers** Sacristan Carl Daniels, Jacob Catanzarite, Khanh-an (Aiden) Ho, Gia-An (Jacob) Ho

**Altar Linens:** Karen Harris

**Bingo:** Caller: Sandra Ticino /Person needed  
Table: Mac McCarthy /Person needed  
Kitchen: Grace Russo /Person needed



## Thoughtful Moments

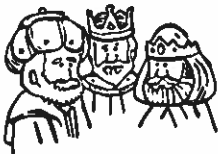
### Immaculate Conception

On December 8th, we celebrate the conception of Mary in St. Anne's womb without Original Sin. This is the patronal feast of the United States. In addition to attending Mass (it's a Holy Day of Obligation), pray a joyful Rosary to celebrate.

### The Magi's Gifts

To help combat consumerism at Christmas, some families limit the number of gifts to three in honor of the gifts of the Magi.

Consider giving children one gift that is their



heart's desire, a piece of clothing that is not just sensible, and one gift that will help them grow (a book or sports accessory, for example).

*"Have you not known? Have you not heard? The LORD is the everlasting God, the Creator of the ends of the earth. He does not faint or grow weary, his understanding is unsearchable. He gives power to the faint, and to him who has no might he increases strength" (Isaiah 40:28-29).*



## Is Heaven worth the wait?

To many children, a day off from school or a family vacation is like heaven in itself. Sacrificing and doing penance to work toward Heaven after death is too abstract a concept to motivate them toward holiness. Yet, the season of Advent is designed to turn our eyes to Heaven so we can be ready when Jesus comes to bring us there. So how can we help youngsters understand how great Heaven really is?

All good things start there. *"Every good endowment and every perfect gift is from above"* (James 1:17). If all good things on Earth come from Heaven, imagine how great it is at the source.

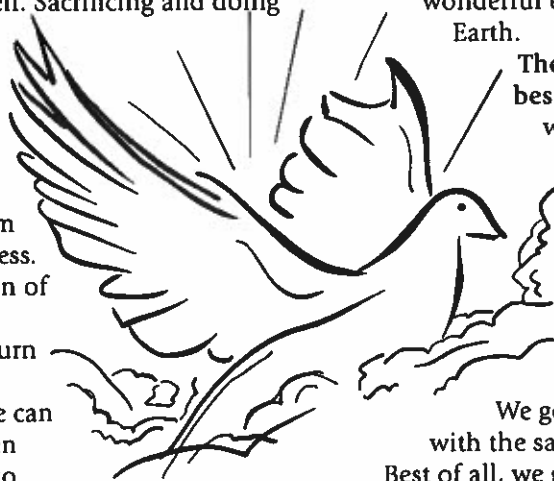
Our life in Heaven will be more wonderful than the most wonderful experience on Earth.

The company is best there. When we get there, we will have joyful reunions with beloved grandparents, aunts, uncles, and friends who have died before us.

We get to mingle with the saints and angels.

Best of all, we get to be with Jesus and His Father forever.

The one who loves us best is there. As much as earthly parents love their children, it's nothing compared to the love God has for each of us. He is the perfect parent - our true Father - and He is waiting for us in Heaven.



## Why Do Catholics Do That?

Advent is a season of waiting and preparation for the Savior who comes on Christmas. It is a reminder that there is a greater purpose to our lives. So, the Church encourages us to make our hearts

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ready during Advent.

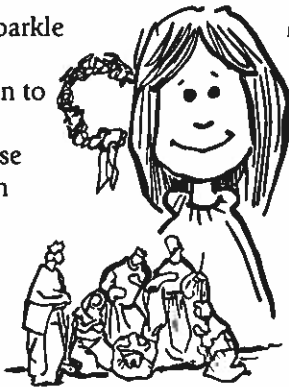
We know that Jesus will come at our death and he will come at the end of time. The season of Advent encourages us to make the necessary preparations so we can joyfully greet Jesus whenever we meet Him next.



## Make your family Christmas sparkle with Jesus

What mother or father doesn't cherish the sparkle of excitement in a child's eye at Christmas? As Catholic parents, though, we want our children to have real joy, not just the anticipation of receiving gifts or getting out of school. Try these tips to help children turn their eyes to Jesus on this special day:

**Focus on Jesus:** On Christmas Eve, read the story of Jesus' birth from Luke 1:5 – 2:39 or Matthew 1:18 – 2:23. Sing your favorite religious Christmas carols. After attending



Mass on Christmas Day (a Holy Day of Obligation), light a candle and sing, "Happy Birthday" to remember the meaning of the day.

**Make it come alive.** The true joy of the holiday comes from knowing that God really came. Gather around your family nativity scene and act out the story of Jesus' birth by moving the figures. Imagine what a legion (army) of angels looks like and how the shepherds felt when they saw that God was born. Help children experience the wonder of the miraculous birth.

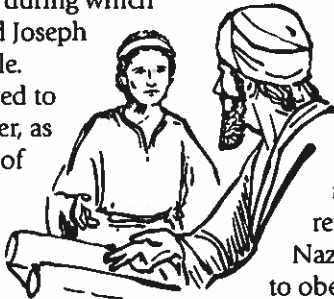
### Scripture LESSON

### Luke 2:41-52, Jesus led the way

On December 26th, we celebrate the Feast of the Holy Family during which we recall when Mary and Joseph found Jesus in the Temple.

The Holy Family traveled to Jerusalem for the Passover, as was the custom for Jews of that time. When they started the return trip in their large group, each parent thought Jesus was with the other one and traveled for a day before realizing that He had stayed behind. Upon finding Him missing, they hurried back to Jerusalem.

They found Jesus in the Temple talking with the priests who were



amazed by the boy's wisdom and understanding. But to Mary's stunned query about why He remained behind without permission, Jesus' mystifying reply was, "Did you not know I must be in my Father's house?" The boy returned with his parents to Nazareth where He continued to obey them.

**What can a parent do?** Explain to children that Jesus himself had a mission He was eager to begin but was obedient to his parents. He wants us all to respect our parents and those in authority over us.

### Parent TALK

In early Fall one year, I got laid off and subsequently started my own business. That meant money was super tight. I wasn't sure how we would buy



Christmas gifts for the children, so we turned to St. Nicholas for help.

We learned that St. Nicholas was born in the third century in Asia Minor. His

wealthy parents died while he was a child and he subsequently used his fortune to help the needy. When he became a bishop, he was a vigorous defender of the truth and was persecuted for his faith.

Immediately, we started a family novena to St. Nicholas. During the first week of December, I received a check for unused vacation pay from a former employer – more than enough to buy some gifts and make a nice Christmas dinner. There is no doubt in our minds that St. Nicholas brought our Christmas gifts that year.

### Feasts & Celebrations

December 6 – St. Nicholas of Myra (4th century). St. Nicholas had a very generous heart and always gave to the poor. He is credited with saving three girls from being sold to pay their father's debt. St. Nicholas is also the patron saint of children.

December 12 – Our Lady of Guadalupe (1531). The Blessed Mother appeared as a Native American maiden to St. Juan Diego. She had St. Juan carry roses to the bishop as proof. When the roses were emptied from his tilma it retained the

image of the Blessed Mother.

December 13 – St. Lucy (304). Amidst pagan Sicily, St. Lucy vowed to remain chaste for Jesus. A disappointed suitor turned her in for being a Christian and she was executed for her faith.

December 27 – St. John the Apostle (1st Century). An apostle and friend of Jesus, St. John was known for his fiery temper. Scholars believe he is the "beloved disciple" who sat by Jesus at the Last Supper in John's Gospel.



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