

November 24, 2013  
Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of  
the Universe

# Transfiguration of Jesus Catholic Church

## Pastor

Fr. Alex González

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## Mass Schedule:

Mondays -- 8:30 am  
Tuesdays -- 5:30 pm  
Wednesdays -- no mass  
(mass in Magnolia at St.  
Clara)  
Thursdays -- 8:30 am  
Fridays -- no mass except  
on First Fridays-(at 9 am)  
Saturdays at 5 pm (English)  
and 7 pm (Spanish)  
Sundays at 8:30 am

## Adoration:

Thursday after Mass until  
6:00 p.m.

## Reconciliation:

Thursday after Mass and  
Saturday before Mass or  
by appointment

## Fr. Alex Office

### Hours:

Monday and Thursday:  
9:30-11am or feel free  
also to set an  
appointment by email.

## Mass Intentions and Mass Cards

Geri Cullen  
910-285-7334

## Parish Council Chair:

Huck Booz

## Financial Council Chair:

Mark Hopkins



## Our Mission

To love and know more  
profoundly our Catholic Faith,  
worship the Lord, minister to  
our members and to further  
spread our faith in the  
community.

## Sunday, November 24 - Sunday, December 1

Sunday Sam 5.1-3 Psalm 122, Col 1.12-20, Luk 23.35-43

Monday Dan 1:1-6, 8-20 Psalm DN 3; Luke 21:1-4

Tuesday Dan 2:31-45, Psalm Dn 3, Luke 21.5-11

Wednesday Mac 5.1-6, 13-14, 16-14, 23-28 Psalm Dn 3, Luk 21.12-19

Thursday Dan 6:12-28, Psalm Dn 3, Luke 21.20-28

Friday Dan 7.2-14 Psalm Dn 3, Luke 21.29-33

Saturday Rom 10.9-18; Psalm 19, Mat 4.18-22

Sunday Is 2.1-5 Psalm 122, Rom 13.11-14, Mat 24.37-44

The  
Word  
of God

## Important Information

Parish Registration: Welcome to our parish. New members are asked to call the Parish office to register. Current parishioners who relocate are requested to inform us of your move. To **update your registration information**, please contact Elaine Masinick ([emasininck@gmail.com](mailto:emasininck@gmail.com)).

If you know of anyone who is ill, bereaved, or celebrating a significant anniversary, please contact **Pat Swinson at 285-5996** so she can send a card from the parish to the family. Pat will need the name, address and information on the occasion in order to do so.

**Homebound Ministry:** If you know of someone who is homebound and would like to receive the Holy Eucharist, please contact Deacon at 285-7426.

In need of a Priest: Father Alex can be contacted at 910-285-1876 should you have an emergency or any life and death situation that requires a priest.

## Sacraments

Baptism: Parents must attend a preparation class prior to having your child baptized. Please schedule an appointment with Father Alex to discuss this procedure.

Marriage: The marriage preparation program for the Diocese of Raleigh takes six months. Call the parish office to schedule an appointment with Father Alex.

Sacrament of Penance: Tuesday after Mass, Saturday before Mass or by appointment.

Anointing of the Sick: Please call Father Alex if anyone is in need of this sacrament

**Prayer List** -Jim O'Neill, Shirley Northcott, J.L. Price, Dewayne Price, Janet Johnson, Virgal Raymond, Elizabeth Edwards, The Gerard Callahan family, James Callahan, Corey Bock, The Wetzel family, Glen Powell, Karen Deso and all members of the military especially those in harm's way.

At the beginning of each month, The Prayer List will start a new prayer list. If someone, friend or family is sick, please let us know by emailing [eileenhirshkind@aol.com](mailto:eileenhirshkind@aol.com) and we will list them in the bulletin.

### Mass Intentions

Nov 24 Repose of the soul of Frances Frakes requested by Carol & Bill Suter  
Nov 25 {  
Nov 26 {  
Nov 27 {  
Nov 28 Repose of the soul of Mary Ann Mikolitis requested by Ed Mikolitis  
Nov 29  
Nov 30 Repose of the soul of Manlio Luconi requested by Diane Luconi - Birthday Mass  
Dec 1 Repose of the souls of Jessica Clark, Amy Crews, Gina Kosla requested by Julie & Mike Couch

*John 11:25-26: Jesus said to her, "I am the resurrection and the life. He who believes in me will live, even though he dies; and whoever lives and believes in me will never die"*

Contact Geri Cullen to schedule Mass Intentions 910-285-7334

### FROM FR. ALEX- About CHRIST THE KING

It has been several hundred years since there has been a true monarchy on earth, a monarchy where the king/queen is the sole leader, decision maker, and supreme ruler for the whole country. The closest thing that we have in our modern age to a monarchy is a dictator. In our world today, we have seen the horrors that a dictator can cause a country. Men like Stalin, Lenin, and Saddam Hussein have shown us the terrible things that one human being in their depraved wicked state can do.

The comparison of Christ to a king is astounding to me when I begin to think of the implications it has on my daily life.

If Christ is truly the King of my life that means he is the supreme ruler of me and all that I do. In a kingdom, the subjects do nothing without the approval of the king first. Then the most amazing thing came to me, the king is the keeper of the law, and the only one who has the power to pardon those who break it. As a subject in Christ's kingdom, I broke his law, I deliberately went against the rules that my king has set up.

In a kingdom, the king has the authority to command total worship and respect from his subjects. Christ as King commands that all things done in His kingdom be honoring to Him. When put like that, it just kind of makes sense. Everything we do in the Kingdom of Christ should be done so, that it will bring total honor and glory to the ruler of all. Any intention of self glory in His kingdom is the wrong intention. Anything done to bring attention to us is a wrong action in His kingdom.

I encourage you to think about the meaning of "Christ is King" throughout the day and weekend. Remember, that as subjects in His kingdom, we are completely under His rule, care, and protection. Remember, that the King is on His throne, high and lifted up. Let us give Him the praise and glory rightfully owed to Him. Take a moment and thank Christ the King for His constant care and protection.

MASS CHANGES THIS WEEK: NO MASS ON Tuesday, November 26  
Mass on Thanksgiving Day will be at 10:00 AM (No Adoration will follow)


### Happy Thanksgiving

I wish you and your families a joyous, healthy and blessed Thanksgiving. May we all humbly acknowledge for what it is we are most grateful, and let us extend the spirit of this show of appreciation to all days of the year. My Mass of Thanksgiving Day will be offered for you. Please join me in the following prayer.

Father all-powerful,  
your gifts of love are countless  
and your goodness infinite;  
as we come before you on Thanksgiving Day  
with gratitude for your kindness,  
open our hearts to have concern  
for every man, woman and child,  
so that we may share your gifts in loving service. Amen



**Flower Donation: In Honor of Katherine Hirshkind's Birthday**



**Sanctuary candle donated this week by: Lillian Jimenez**  
**In memory/honor of: Julia Martinez**

Donating Flowers and Sanctuary Candles to decorate our Altar and Church is a great way to honor our beloved ones!

*Envelopes are available in the vestibule to schedule flower and candle donations*

**Blessing of the Child in the Womb** Father Alex will be blessing the children in the womb at all the Mass on December 14 and 15, 2013. We celebrate this event on the Third Sunday of Advent, sometimes called Gaudete Sunday (Gaudete means "Rejoice") which reminds the church of the joy that Christ's birth will bring to us. The ceremony, developed by the US Council of Catholic Bishops, is meant to encourage parish prayers for -- and recognition of -- the precious gift of the child in the womb, and to foster respect for human life within society.

### **RESPECT LIFE "**

" No accidents, these lives of ours, created by a loving God with magnificent precision. The care and intricacy with which each human life is created--or as Isaiah and the psalmist tell it, knotted together in our mothers' wombs---are God's loving work. These basic spiritual truths---these basic human truths---bring the tragedy of abortion into sharp relief. To snuff out any life desired, created, loved and given a purpose by God is an unspeakable tragedy." ---Archbishop J. Peter Sartain, Archbishop of Seattle, "We are to be "people of life, people for life,"" The Catholic Northwest Progress, January 24, 2013

**Fetal Development of "Matthew"** Tradition teaches us Christ was conceived on the Feast of the Annunciation. We will watch the parallel development of "Matthew" in the womb beginning on March 25 (Feast of the Annunciation) until December 25. This series of bulletin messages has been prepared by the diocesan Pro Life Office.

**Fetal Development of "Matthew" Bulletin (week 35)** Matthew's immune system is really beefing up. Matthew will be ready to fight infections and illnesses right after birth. The amniotic fluid has reached its peak so he has lots of padding. Matthew's skull is pliable and soft, ready for delivery. *I'm going to decide when I will be born.* Mom feels she has to go to the restroom frequently -- the pressure is on. *"He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation...all things were created through him and for him."* (Colossians 1:15-16)



This weekend, the Solemnity of our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe, the *Year of Faith* will conclude. Bishop Burbidge invites all Catholics throughout the Diocese of Raleigh, in union with Pope Francis and the universal Church, to observe this conclusion of the Year of Faith by making a Solemn Profession of Faith at Mass.



**Knights of Columbus Council 12921-** The Knights of Columbus will be selling "Keep Christ in Christmas" cards after each Mass. Please buy and send Christmas cards. We need to put the Christmas season emphasis on Christ and a good way to do that is by sending these cards to family and friends. The Knights social gathering will be on November 26<sup>th</sup>.

This year in the Raleigh Diocese, the Knights of Columbus is sponsoring the 1st annual **Catholic Men's Conference of Raleigh. Man of Light: Transfigured through Christ**, will be a spiritually renewing morning, with Fr. James Sichko. Fr. Sichko of the Diocese of Lexington Kentucky is a dynamic speaker and will be speaking about what separates us from the light of Christ, and how we can become closer. Following Fr. Sichko's messages, we will celebrate the Mass, with the Most Reverend Michael F. Burbidge, Bishop of Raleigh. "For additional information, see our website at <http://www.cltcmc.org/raleigh> or email [CatholicMenRaleigh@gmail.com](mailto:CatholicMenRaleigh@gmail.com)"

**Save the Date:** December 1<sup>st</sup> at 6pm will be our annual Christmas Concert and Dinner at the Parish Hall. Tickets will be on sale after Mass. The dinner will be prepared and served by our Knights of Columbus. Tickets are 15 dollars for adults and 5 dollars for children. The concert and the choir will be before dinner. This is always a great event so we hope all can attend.

**December Sunday Breakfast** will not be taking place.

#### DAILY MASS DATE AND TIME CHANGE

Beginning with the Season of Advent 2013-2014, daily Mass on Mondays will be cancelled. Instead a daily Mass will be offered **EVERY FRIDAY at 9:00 am**. Be aware, however that no daily Mass will be offered on Fridays December 13 and December 27. Also, notice that a special Mass will be offered on Monday, December 9 at 8:30 am. The Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception has been moved to Monday this year and though is not a holy day of obligation this time it is highly encouraged that you make a time to come and celebrate with us this great feast of Our Lady who also happens to be the Patroness of the United States.



Annual Homeschool Mass will be celebrated by Bishop Burbidge on Friday, December 6, 2013 at 10:30 am. at St. Mary's parish in Garner. To register for Mass: <http://tiny.cc/HS-MASS> or for more information contact Missy Savage at [msavage27@nc.rr.com](mailto:msavage27@nc.rr.com) or

919-431-9883.

**PRAYER FOR PRIESTS** - Fr. Alex requests that we pray more for our diocesan priests. Following is a list for this week of priests from the Cure d'Ars Prayer Calendar. It is suggested that we pray for each one particularly the day indicated. A prayer composed by St. Therese follows, however, you may choose another or just a simple "Hail Mary".

Sunday 11/24: Fr. Columba Nnorom  
Monday 11/25: Fr. Martin Tran Van Han  
Tuesday 11/26: Fr. Trent Watts  
Wednesday 11/27: Fr. Rick Rohrer  
Thursday 11/28: Fr. Richard Turner  
Friday 11/29: Msgr. David Brockman  
Saturday 11/30: Fr. Gregory Spencer

Prayer for Priests by Saint Therese de Lisieux O Jesus, eternal Priest, keep your priest, Fr. (name the priest) within the shelter of Your Sacred Heart, where none may touch him. \_Keep unstained his anointed hands, which daily touch Your Sacred Body. Keep unsullied his lips, daily purpled with your Precious Blood. \_Keep pure and unearthly his heart, sealed with the sublime mark of the priesthood. Let your holy love surround him and shield him from the world's contagion. \_Bless his labors with abundant fruit and may the souls to whom he ministers be his joy and consolation here and in heaven his beautiful and everlasting crown. Amen.

#### Advent Penance Services in the Newton Grove Deanery (All 7:00 pm if no other time noted)

Immaculate Conception, Clinton	Monday, Dec. 2
St. Mary School, Goldsboro	Tuesday, Dec. 3 (10 a.m.)
St. Clara, Magnolia	Tuesday, Dec. 3
St. Anne, Clayton	Wednesday, Dec. 4
Maria Reina, Mount Olive	Thursday, Dec. 5
Our Lady of Guad., Newton Grove	Friday, Dec 6
Holy Spirit, Kinston	Tuesday, Dec. 10
St. Mary, Goldsboro	Monday, Dec. 16
St. Mary of the Angels	Tuesday, Dec. 17 (in Spanish)
St. Mary of the Angels	Wednesday, Dec. 18 (in English)

#### Penance Services around:

Tuesday, December 3:	Saint Joseph, Burgaw & Saint Jude, Hampstead
Wednesday, December 4, 11am:	Saint Mark's, Wilmington
Thursday, December 5, 10:30am:	Saint Mary's, Wilmington
Saturday, December 7, 10:00am	Immaculate Conception, Wilmington
Tuesday, December 10, 7pm	Saint Eustachius, Castle Haynes

#### **Bishop Burbidge Invites Faithful to Consult on Vatican Synod On Family-**

In October 2014, Pope Francis will convene a Synod of Bishops to review and discuss Pastoral Challenges to the Family in the Context of Evangelization. In preparation for the Synod, the Holy See has asked Bishops throughout the world to respond to a series of questions, following their broad consultation with others in their dioceses. The Most Reverend Michael F. Burbidge is asking priests, deacons, religious and lay faithful of the Diocese to be part of this important initiative.

The questions from the Holy See are intended to collect "experiences and proposals in proclaiming and living the Gospel of the Family in a credible manner." In 2015, the Vatican will convene a follow-up assembly that will seek to develop "guidelines in the pastoral care of the person and the family."

Among the challenges explored in the survey are: same-sex unions, cohabitation, pastoral programs for divorced and remarried people, pastoral programs for engaged and married couples, and the nullification of marriage process.

It should be noted that the survey is not a public opinion poll, but intended to be a prayerful reflection and response to challenges facing family life. At the beginning of the survey instrument, faithful will find a link to the background catechesis which they are asked to read.

The online instrument will be utilized to collate all responses submitted. Individuals who are unable to answer all of the questions are asked to provide responses to as many questions as possible, especially those which are indicated in bold.

The faithful are asked to complete the survey no later than December 5, 2013. To take the questionnaire from the Holy See, please visit:

<http://survey.constantcontact.com/survey/a07e8j9bxv3ho1qztm5/a01nlho8oz33t/questions>

Information to be added to the bulletin must be emailed to [eileenhirshkind@aol.com](mailto:eileenhirshkind@aol.com) by Tuesday 10pm to appear in the upcoming bulletin. If you would like to receive an email copy, please visit [www.catholicweb.com](http://www.catholicweb.com) or email [eileenhirshkind@aol.com](mailto:eileenhirshkind@aol.com)



Being a Knight of Columbus is all about giving back to your community and building bonds of brotherhood. If you would like to be a part of our efforts to support our parish and our local community contact Gary Deininger, Grand Knight 665-1071

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**Worship: Rosanna Hirshkind (285-8647)**

- Adoration: Pat Gasparini (285-4727), Donna Schulz (285-0711)
- Altar Guild: Tish Vandiver (285-4737), Barbara Crecco (665-1231)
- Altar Servers: Peter Huemiller (385-6281)
- Extraordinary Ministers, Lectors, Ushers: Rosanna Hirshkind (285-8647)
- Magnificat: Kathy Lord (285-8008)
- Music: Lara Capparuccia (910-324-5540)

**Faith Formation (Adult & Children): Fran Braks (665-1092)**

**Pastoral Care: Deacon Price (285-7426)**

- Bereavement & Hospitality: Kathy Lord (285-8008), Julie Couch (665-1068)
- Greetings: Pat Swinson (285-5996)
- Homebound Eucharistic Ministry: Deacon Robert Price (285-7426)
- Prayer Shawl: Delores Huemiller (385-7891)
- Prayer Tree: Geri Cullen (285-7334), Lita Hopkins (285-2830), Cheryl Partyka (285-6661)

**Hispanic: Luis Galan (271-4200) or [luisgalan\\_r@hotmail.com](mailto:luisgalan_r@hotmail.com) or [www.facebook.com/TransfigurationCatholicChurch](http://www.facebook.com/TransfigurationCatholicChurch)**

**Fellowship: Nancy Mercure, [nanamerc@centurylink.net](mailto:nanamerc@centurylink.net)(285-4172)**

- First Sunday Breakfast: ,Melissa James (271-8221), Lillian Jimenez (665-1022), Judy Matthews (289-1738)
- Feast of the Transfiguration
- Heritage Month Feast
- Christmas Concert & Dinner:

**Works of Mercy: Mike Vandiver (285-4737)**

- Community: Feed Our Hungry Children, Julia Callahan (285-0503)
- Knights of Columbus: Gary Deininger, Grand Knight 665-1071
- Prison Ministry in Pender County: Deacon Robert Price (285-7426)
- Kitchen of Blessings: Peter Huemiller (385-6281)

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Next week : Income vs. Expense

**November 24, 2013**

*Fiscal Year 7/1 through 11/17/2013*  
everyone for their contribution.

\*\*\* Second collection for the Typhoon Relief was \$901 and we thank

Stewardship	Budget Required	Actual weekly	Actual Last year
Weekly Offertory	\$ 2,750	\$ 3,041	\$ 2,044
YTD Offertory	\$ 55,900	\$ 51,900	\$ 46,155