

December 1, 2013
First Sunday of Advent

Transfiguration of Jesus Catholic Church

Pastor

Fr. Alex González

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Deacon

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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, December 1 - Sunday, December 7

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

Monday Is 4:2-6, Psalm 122; Mt 8:5-11

Tuesday Is 11:1-10, Psalm 72, Lk 10.21-24

Wednesday Is 25.6-10a, Psalm 23, Mt 15.29-37

Thursday Is 26.1-6 Psalm 118, Mt 7.21, 24-27

Friday Is 29.17-24 Psalm 27, Mt 9.27-31

Saturday Is 30.19-21, 23-25; Psalm 147, Mt 9.35-10:1, 5a, 6-8

Sunday Is 11.1-10 Psalm 72, Rom 15.4-9, Mt 3.1-12

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).

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 and we will list them in the bulletin.

Mass Intentions

Nov 30 Repose of the soul of Manlio Luconi rqstd by Diane Luconi - Birthday Mass
Dec 1 Repose of the souls of Jessica Clark, Amy Crews, Gina Kosla rqstd by Julie & Mike Couch
Dec 2 {
Dec 3 {
Dec 4
Dec 5
Dec 6
Dec 7
Dec 8 -Repose of the soul of Karen Kosinski requested by Karen Mackey

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"

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 " A Witness to Life:

In April of 1962, St. Gianna Beretta Molla, a young Italian wife and mother, placed the life of her unborn child ahead of her own. Despite her medical condition and the advice to abort her fourth child, she chose to remain pregnant. When doctors had to perform surgery to remove a uterine tumor, she told them, "If you must decide between me and the child, do not hesitate: choose the child - I insist on it." Months after the successful surgery, St. Gianna gave birth to a healthy girl, but died from complications seven days later.

ALL LIFE IS PRECIOUS.

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)



Knights of Columbus Council 12921-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



Flower Donation:



Sanctuary candle donated this week by: In memory/honor of:

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

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"

Save the Date: Sunday Night December 1st at **545pm** will be our 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.

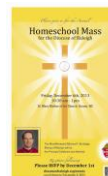
The Choir: The Christmas program this year is entitled "Songs of Saints and Angels" and will begin at 5:45 with Christmas Carols from the Duplin Dulcimers followed by a Cello/Piano duet and the Transfiguration choir.

Another announcement:

We will be changing the music for the Mass setting beginning the first Sunday in Advent. The new setting will be the ICEL Chant Mass.

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 or 919-431-9883.

Daily Prayer for a Seminarian Until His Ordination to the Priesthood O Jesus, Eternal High Priest, I offer You through Your Immaculate Mother Mary,

Your own Precious Blood, in all the Masses throughout the world, as petition for graces for all seminarians, Your future priests, especially for _____. Give them humility, meekness, prudence, and a burning zeal for souls. Fill their hearts with the gifts of the Holy Spirit. Teach them to know and love the Church, that they may always and everywhere speak, act, and think with her, the glorious spouse of Christ. Teach them generosity and detachment from worldly goods; but above all, teach them to know You and to love the One and Only Eternal Priest, good Shepherd of Souls, hear this my prayer for saintly priests. 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 Spanish)	Tuesday, Dec. 17 (in
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 Estanislous, Castle Haynes

CHRISTMAS MASS SCHEDULE IS AS FOLLOWS:

VIGIL, DECEMBER 24
6 PM MASS (ENGLISH)
7:30 PM MASS (SPANISH)
9:00 PM MASS (SPANISH/SANTA CLARA)

CHRISTMAS DAY

10:00 AM MASS (ENGLISH)

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/a07e8j9bvx3ho1qtzm5/a01nlho8oz33t/questions>



Week #5 - Making Sense Out of Suffering

We all experience suffering at some time in our lives. Our tribulations range from small disappointments to serious tragedies. Listen as scripture scholar and lay theologian, Dr. Scott Hahn, makes sense out of suffering by drawing from the wisdom and insight of God's Word. He helps us find the meaning of our suffering by showing us how to unite it to the suffering of Christ on the Cross.

Parishioner Comments One day we are all going to face suffering in one form or another. To have this spiritual knowledge will make that journey endurable.

Jay - Cincinnati, OH

This was very inspirational! Dr. Hahn does a masterful job of highlighting how suffering is a part of our redemptive plan.

Joan - Lima, OH

Want to enrich your spiritual and social life? You are invited



Handicapped Encounter Christ

to join us at the **Handicapped Encounter Christ Winter Retreat**, January 10-11, at the Short Journey Center in Smithfield. We are in need of able-bodied

partners for our physically disabled members. Training is offered and new able-bodied retreatants are partnered with experienced community members. The cost is \$45 for the retreat. Scholarships are available and there is no charge for college students. This is a wonderful ministry and an opportunity to receive much more than you give! To volunteer or for more information, please contact Charlie and Marty Coe, 919-832 7237, ccoe@nc.rr.com

Information to be added to the bulletin must be emailed to 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 or email 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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- 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 or www.facebook.com/TransfigurationCatholicChurch

Fellowship: Nancy Mercure, 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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“About Finance” Part 6/mlh: Income Vs Expense The Critical Element. Simply put without the offertory, donations and special collections, we could not survive parish and would be totally dependent on the Diocese for our existence. We do well for our Community, the Church and its Community and we serve the World Wide interests of the Catholic Church through our contributions. All of our income is collected, placed in one of two safes until counted by volunteers under the observation of a member of the Finance Council and deposited within 24 hours of collection (usually following the Sunday morning Mass). The process is requires a Counting Team” comprised of at least, two-three counters and the Observer. The deposit requires two people. We need Counters!!! Interested? Call Mark Hopkins 910-285-2830 OR Markhopkins121@gmail.com **SPECIAL REQUEST: PLEASE** use the “Priest Retirement” envelope to help us achieve Budget. This is a budgeted item (budgeted at the exact amount billed by the Diocese)

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Fiscal Year 7/1 through 11/24/2013

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