

December 15, 2013
Third 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 15 - Sunday, December 22

Sunday Is 35.1-6a, 10 Psalm 146, Ja 5.7-10, Mt 11.2-11

Monday Nu 24:2-7, 15-17a Psalm 25; Matt 21:23-27

Tuesday Ge 49:2, 8-10, Psalm 72, Mt 1.1-17

Wednesday Je 23.5-8, Psalm 72, Mt 1.18-25

Thursday Ju 13.2-7, 24-25a, Psalm 71, Lk 1.5-25

Friday Is 7.10-14 Psalm 24, Lk 1.26-38

Saturday So 2.8-14; Ze 3.14-18a Psalm 33, Lk 1.39-45

Sunday Is 7.10-14; Psalm 24, Ro 1.1-7, Mt 1.18-24

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 –Katherine Hirshkind, Gingi Enzel, Jim O'Neill, Shirley Northcott, J.L. Price, Dwayne 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

Sat Dec 14 - Repose of the soul of Mary Swain requested by Annie Barnhill
Sun Dec 15- Repose of the souls of Jessica & Katie Clark requested by Julie & Mike Couch
Dec 16{
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Dec 18
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Dec 20
Sat Dec 21 - Repose of the soul of Mary Swain requested by Annie Barnhill
Sun Dec 22 - Repose of the soul of Esther Meckling rqstd by JoAnn & Huck Booz

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 ~~Diego~~ 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 "Love your children. In them you can see Baby Jesus. Pray for them a lot and every day put them under Holy Mary's protection."
--St. Gianna Beretta Molla

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" Celebrate! Matthew is born! Don't be surprised at how Matthew looks after birth. His head may be misshapen and the skin may be discolored with patchy looking rashes. Matthew, like all babies, is made in the image and likeness of God. Even though childbirth can be frightening, it helps to keep positive support people around you. "Glory to God in the highest and on earth peace to those on whom his favor rests." (Luke 2:14)

The Knights of Columbus is seeking a Field Agent for a career opportunity representing their insurance program. The complete benefits package with this full-time position. In order to qualify, one must be eligible for membership in the Knights of Columbus. For more information, please contact, Christopher Mahoney, General Agent, at (919)845-5595 or via email at Christopher.Mahoney@kofc.org

CONGRATULATIONS TO MIKE VANDIVER

We are happy to inform you that our dear Michael Vandiever candidate for the permanent diaconate was instituted in the Ministry of Acolyte by the Bishop on December 8, 2013, at St. Mary of the Angels Catholic Church, Mount Olive. You will see Mike purifying the sacred vessels after Communion, exposing and reposing the Blessed Sacrament for exposition, and an Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion. Congratulations to Mike and we are very honored to have you in our Church.


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

Christmas Floral Remembrance Reminder Thank you to all who have already donated to our Christmas flowers collection for 2013. Your gifts in memory or honor of your loved ones will help us to decorate our Sanctuary for the celebration of Christmas Masses. We will be accepting poissettas and donations until December 22nd

Decorating We will be decorating the church on Sunday Dec. 22 following Mass. Anyone wishing to help decorate our Lord's House for this Holy and Blessed Holiday please stay after Mass.

Envelopes for 2014 have arrived. If you do not plan on using envelopes and have been assigned them in the past, please let JoAnn Booz know that you do not want them. If you would like envelopes and have not been assigned a number, please let JoAnn know that as well. jhbooz@charter.net

You are invited...
Choir member Lillian Jimenez is singing with the Wilmington Choral Society and their holiday concert is Sunday December 15th at 3pm. It will be held at the

Scottish Rite Temple
1415 South 17th Street
Wilmington NC

Tickets are \$10 dollars. We are asking that people bring a food item to support Mother Hubbard's Cupboard.

Sean and Lara Capparuccia and their students will be presenting their annual Christmas concert on Tuesday, Dec. 17th at 6pm at Richlands United Methodist Church. All are welcome.

PRAYER FOR PRIESTS -

- Sunday 12/15: Fr. Francis Maloney
- Monday 12/16: Fr. Robert Kus
- Tuesday 12/17: Fr. Paul Parkerson
- Wednesday 12/18: Fr. Steven Carlson
- Thursday 12/19: Fr. William Walsh, O.S.F.S.
- Friday 12/20: Fr. Alberto Dominco
- Saturday 12/21: Fr. Patrick Keane

Prayer for Priests by Saint Therese de Lisieux O Jesus, eternal Priest, our priest, Fr. (name the priest) within the shelter of Your heart, where none many 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

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

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)

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)

In order to continue to provide informative and thoughtful ideas about our faith we will be providing an overview in the bulletin about the CD of the week. Please feel free to share your thoughts on your favorite CD so that we have copies to share with others



Presented by Lighthouse Catholic Youth: There's a little bit about Mary in Scripture. We can glean a bit more from the Tradition of the Church. But where can we go to get the complete picture, to find out about the whole Mary? In an engaging style, Chris Padgett does just that as he walks us

through what the Bible has to say about the Mother of God. What has she meant to the Church throughout the centuries, what have the saints told us about her, and most importantly, what we can learn from her ourselves? This CD also includes selections from The Rosary Project, a unique celebration of prayer and song from Chris Padgett.

Parishioner Comments

Simple and powerful... Just like Our Blessed Mother!

Elliot - North Aurora, IL

This CD helped me to reflect, ponder and meditate on the two powerful names of Jesus and Mary!

Amaryllis - Olathe, KS

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

Women's Weekend Retreat (Jan. 31 – Feb. 2, 2014, Avila Retreat Center, Durham, NC. "My Soul Proclaims the Greatness of the Lord." Inviting all women to an enriching, inspiring, and rejuvenating weekend retreat. Join the Our Lady of Lourdes Women of Grace Ministry team along with national Catholic retreat leader, Melissa Foley, for reflection on Mary's Magnificat. We will explore God's

mercy and greatness and also Mary's model of gratitude. Melissa, a convert to the Catholic Church will share her powerful conversion story, lead group discussions, morning prayer, and many other enriching activities. The retreat will also include Mass, Confession, spiritual direction, and time for personal reflection. \$180 for two nights, including meals. For more information and/or a registration form email womenofgraceoll@gmail.com or call Candace Sperati at 919-306-4935 or Debra Dornan at 919-557-8263

The Spirit of the Liturgy ("It's the little things..."): Actions to add or omit in the new liturgical year The beginning of a new church year is a good time to examine our liturgy and "clean house" a little. As the Advent hymn "People Look East" suggests, "make your house fair as you are able / trim the hearth and set the table." One of the goals of Vatican II was to return the liturgy of the Mass to its "noble simplicity," to trim away ritual accretions which had attached themselves like barnacles, and to restore other actions which had disappeared. The liturgy is something we receive, not something we create. We all must strive to act according to the Church's teaching, not according to our own desires and habits. Admittedly, some of these points will seem minor, but sometimes it's the little things we do now, formed into habit, which become incorrect ritual standards of the future. As Jesus said, "he who is faithful in little things is faithful in great ones." (Luke 16:10)

REMEMBER: Bowing during the Creed. During our Profession of Faith we are instructed to bow at the words "by the Holy Spirit he was incarnate of the Virgin Mary, and became man." More than a ritual gesture, this simple bow at the waist is a powerful statement of awe and respect that God became flesh for our salvation. If you don't currently do this, make it a new liturgical habit. And make it a deep enough bow that others may see it and follow suit!

OMIT: Leaving before the Recessional Hymn ends. For those who lead liturgical music as their ministry, watching people file out while singing the last verse of the final hymn is like watching sports fans leave before the final buzzer! Don't worry about time – we're committed to ending as soon as we feasibly can when the priest has processed out. Please be courteous to your singers and let them finish. As always, your participation in the liturgy is of utmost importance. It is equally important that our participation be formed according to the teaching of the church, not just our personal desires.

(TAKEN FROM: Alex Hill, Director of Music and Liturgy)

March For Life There will be a March for Life in Raleigh on January 18, 2014 to raise awareness and support for the Respect Life

movement and to reiterate that all of life is sacred. Before the March begins, Bishop Burbidge will celebrate mass at 10:30 a.m. at Sacred Heart Cathedral and there will be a rally at Nash Square in downtown Raleigh beginning at 1:00 pm. The rally will feature the Most Reverend Michael F. Burbidge, Bishop of the Roman Catholic Diocese of Raleigh, Barbara Holt, President of NC Right to Life, Steven Mosher: President of the population Research Institute, and William Moore: 2014 NC Scholarship for Life recipient and Attendee at the NRL Academy. Immediately following the Rally will be the March through downtown Raleigh, ending with refreshments at Sacred Heart Cathedral. **The Right to Life Ministry of Immaculate Conception in Wilmington will be providing a bus to the event for those interested in attending at NO COST to you.** Seats are being made available to us and so reservations are on a first come—first serve basis. The bus will depart ICC at 7:30 am and return at approximately 5:00 pm. There will be an additional pick-up spot at the Costco near North College Road. Please consider your

availability to attend this inspiring event and respond to Loretta MacManus at 910-799-0392.

SAVE THE DATE: Diocesan Pilgrimage to Washington, DC, April 4, 2014 Join other Parishioners on a pilgrimage to Washington, DC to the National Shrine. People from across the country will come together in prayer and to celebrate mass. There will be numerous events like a Tour of Faith, tours of the Shrine, devotion time, and a Holy Hour. More Details to come

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)
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- 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)
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Dear Parishioners

First of all, thank you for all your support this past year. The priest retirement fund assessment is due in January and again this year we are doing a second collection the last few weeks in December. Last year your contributions helped so much in providing for our retired priest.

Our assessment this year is just under 5000 dollars so we're so thankful for all the contributions provided.

There will be special envelopes given out at each mass for the second collection which will be right after communion.

May you have a blessed Holiday and a safe and healthy 2014!!

Kind Regards,

Finance Committee

Stewardship	Budget Required	Actual weekly	Actual Last year
Weekly Offertory	\$ 2,750	\$ 1,970	\$ 4,619
YTD Offertory	\$ 64,150	\$ 59,356	\$ 57,027