

December 22, 2013
Fourth Sunday of Advent

Transfiguration of Jesus Catholic Church

Pastor

Fr. Alex González

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Deacon

Rev. Robert Price

910-285-7426

Mass Schedule:

Mondays – no mass
Tuesdays -- 5:30 pm
Wednesdays -- no mass
(mass in Magnolia at St. Clara)
Thursdays -- 8:30 am
Fridays -- 9 am
Saturdays at 5 pm (English)
and 7 pm (Spanish)
Sundays at 8:30 am
See Bulletin for possible changes

Adoration:

Thursday after Mass until
6:00 p.m.

Reconciliation:

Thursday after Mass and
Saturday before Mass or
by appointment

Fr. Alex Office Hours:

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 22 - Sunday, December 29

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

Monday Mal 3:1-4, 23-24 Psalm 25; Lk 1:57-66

Tuesday Is 6:1-5 Psalm 89, Acts 13.16-17,22-25, Mt 1:1-25

Wednesday Is 52.7-10, Psalm 98, Hb 1.1-6; Jo 1:1-18

Thursday Act 6.8-10; 7:54-59, Psalm 31, Mt 10.17-22

Friday Jo 1.1-4 Psalm 97, Jo 20.1a, 2-8

Saturday Jo 1.5-2:2; Psalm 124, Mt 2.13-18

Sunday Si 3.2-6, 12-14; Psalm 128, Col 3.12-21, Mt 2.13-15, 19-23

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 2 preparation classes prior to having your child baptized. Please schedule an appointment with Father Alex or with Deacon Price 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: Thursday 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 – Gingi Enzel, 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 Wetzell 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 21 - Repose of the soul of Mary Swain rqstd by Annie Barnhill
Sun Dec 22- Repose of the soul of Esther Meckling rqstd by JoAnn & Huck Booz
Dec 23 {
Dec 24 {
Dec 25 Living & deceased members of Ebert Family rqstd by Julie & Mike Couch
Dec 26
Dec 27
Sat Dec 28 - Special Intentions Bill Norris rqstd by Sheila & Mark Bertoldi
Sun Dec 29 - Repose of the soul of Joseph Wassil rqstd 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"

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



The Knights of Columbus is seeking a Field Agent for a career opportunity representing their insurance program. They offer a 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

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

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)

Solemnity of Mary, The Holy Mother of God (Holy Day of Obligation)

New Year's Eve

Tuesday December 31

6:00 PM Mass in Transfiguration (Bilingual)

8:00 PM Mass in Santa Clara (Spanish)



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

New Year's Day

Wednesday, January 1st

10:00 AM Mass in Transfiguration (English)

NO DAILY MASS Remember there will no be Mass nor Eucharistic Adoration on Thursday, December 26. There is not Mass either on Friday, December 27

From Fr. Alex: MERRY CHRISTMAS!

As I look back over the last couple of years, it has been exciting to see the growth in so many areas of the church and personal life; it is also wonderful to see the spirit of love, cooperation and unity flourishing among the people. This is an awesome testimony to the power of God. The Bible makes it clear that people will know we are Christians by the love we have for one another: John 13:35 - By this all people will know that you are my disciples, if you love one another." LOVE is what Christmas is all about-- the love of our God who knows no conditions or limits to sharing what is good with us. Imagine the love surging in the heart of Mary and Joseph as they contemplated what God was giving them! A child who would be the salvation of the human family! Love is the perfect thing to remember at Christmas! It was God's love that sent Jesus to this earth and later to the cross. May God's love be the heart of all our Christmas celebrations this year. And may His enduring grace be at the center of our lives as we live our lives for Him and to His glory. Each of us needs to remember the great gift we have already received in faith. Let us share the gift of love with others this Christmas.

I want to wish you and your family a most Christ-filled Christmas season. It is my wish that you be blessed as you again recalls the wondrous love given through Jesus' birth to you. It is my prayer that the Lord provides us opportunities to share that News so others will have the same peace and joy that give meaning and purpose to our lives.

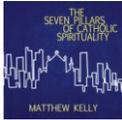
God bless all of you this Christmas, and may His peace fill us all with the strength needed to face the opportunities and challenges in our daily lives.

I look forward with great anticipation to 2014 as we continue our growth as a Catholic Community. Please, do not ever forget to pray for me and for each other.

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 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

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

Week #8 - The Seven Pillars of Catholic Spirituality



Have you ever felt disillusioned about your faith and filled with doubt? Matthew Kelly will take you on the adventure of a lifetime designed to help revitalize your spiritual life. Bold, practical, and inspiring, he will help you rediscover the true meaning of life as expressed in the seven pillars of authentic Catholic spirituality.

Parishioner Comments

This has brought me back to my church!!! I have my faith, but needed to get back to basics. This CD helped me tremendously!
Charlotte - Marine City, MI

I'm the RCIA coordinator at my parish. I was so inspired by this CD that I plan to purchase and distribute it to my candidates and catechumens.

Kristina - Geneva, IL

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

Search for Christian Maturity is a peer-led retreat for 10th-12th graders that encourages participants to seek and find Christ in them and in one another. Through a series of witness talks and activities prepared and given by a team of high school youth, you'll have the opportunity to look at your faith and life in a new way. Some participants have a strong faith while others are questioning God's existence. Wherever you stand in your faith journey, we encourage

you to join us for an experience that will be long remembered! Visit searchretreat.wordpress.com for dates of upcoming Search retreats and registration information or call Doug and Stephanie Smith at 252-321-2132 with questions.

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

Natural Family Planning- toward better health and happiness

Bienvenidos!

Got winter doldrums? Spice up your love life, reignite your marriage, take a class in Natural Family Planning. Learn how reading your signs of fertility can improve your communication as a couple, decrease your expenses and enhance your health. To discover how to safely, ethically, morally and joyfully plan your family join our class series on the Sympto-Thermal Method beginning on Sunday, January 19th at 2:00pm in Zebulon. A class series consists of 3 classes scheduled one month apart. To register go to www.ccli.org and search for our class or call us with questions at (919)534-6260 Greg and Tara Brelinsky.

We are seeking bilingual couples who use *Natural Family Planning* (NFP) and who understand the Hispanic culture. If this describes you, we ask that you prayerfully consider being trained as NFP instructors for our Hispanic community. Please call the Office of Marriage and Family Life at 919-821-9753 to answer this great need.

Project Rachel Support Group Abortion is one of the most common procedures in the US, experienced by millions of women, many of whom are Catholic. Abortion creates a wound in post-abortive women (and men), resulting in spiritual and emotional problems. The Project Rachel ministry assists women and men who have been wounded by abortion to find truth and healing. There is a support group beginning in the Triangle area in February. If you have experienced an abortion and would like more information about the support group, contact Project Rachel at (919) 852-1021 or email projectrachel@nc.rr.com. For more information go to <http://projectrachelinc.org/> (website). Calls and appointments are kept strictly confidential.

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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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

December 22, 2013

Fiscal Year 7/1 through 12/15/2013 Priest Retirement Fund \$1182

Stewardship	Budget Required	Actual weekly	Actual Last year
Weekly Offertory	\$ 2,750	\$ 3,477	\$ 3,615
YTD Offertory	\$ 66,900	\$ 62, 833	\$ 60,642