

February 2, 2014
Presentation of the Lord

Transfiguration of Jesus Catholic Church

Pastor

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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, February 2- Sunday, February 9

Sunday Mal 3:1-4; Psalm 24, Heb 2.14-18, Lu 2.22-40

Monday Sam 15:13-14, 30; 16:5-13 Psalm 3; Ma 5:1-20

Tuesday Sam 18:9-10, 14b, 24-25a, 30-19:3; Psalm 86; Ma 5.21-43

Wednesday Sam 24.2, 9-17, Psalm 32, Ma 6.1-6

Thursday Kin 2.1-4, 10-12, Psalm 132, Ma 6.7-13

Friday Sir 47.2-11, Psalm 18, Ma 6.14-29

Saturday Kin 3.4-13; Psalm 119, Ma 6.30-34

Sunday Is 58:7-10; Psalm 112, Cor 2.1-5, Ma 5.13-16

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 – Bill Norris, Gingi Enzel, Shirley Northcott, J.L. Price, Dewayne Price, Janet Johnson, Virgal Raymond, Elizabeth Edwards, The Gerard Callahan family, Alex Powell, Corey Bock, The James 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 Feb 1 - Repose of the soul of Guy Cesare requested by Sheila & Mark Bertoldi
Sun Feb 2 - Repose of the soul of John Blum requested by Gary Deininger
Mon Feb 3
Tue Feb 4 -
Wen Feb 5
Thu Feb 6
Fri Feb 7 -
Sat Feb 8 - Repose of the soul of Gary Ferguson requested by Donna & Ed Schulz
Sun Feb 9 - Repose of the soul of Marion Wassil 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"

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

RESPECT LIFE -

For the Church, there is no distinction between defending human life and promoting the dignity of the human person — USCCB



The Knights of Columbus meetings will be Tuesday, February 11th and February 25th.

Pray for Priests:

Sunday 1/26: Msgr. Francis Moeslein
Monday 1/27: Fr. Kenneth Parker
Tuesday 1/28: Fr. Paul Mizener
Wednesday 1/29: Fr. John Kelly
Thursday 1/30: Fr. Briant Cullinane, O.F.M. Conv.
Friday 1/31: Fr. Edward Wolanski, C.P.

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

Breakfast: Sunday breakfast on Sunday, February 2nd after Mass, we hope that you can join us for breakfast treats and church fellowship.

Works of Mercy: In Matthew 26, Christ calls on us to visit those in prison. Not all of us can go to the prison but we can all pray for the men and women in our prisons. Our Parish is starting a new prayer ministry for the men in New Hanover and Pender Prisons. We will provide names of men who want a prayer partner. You are asked to pray for your partner daily and write them occasionally. They will be asked to pray for you and to write you. We have safety protocols that we will follow. If you want to get involved we will explain them to you. If you are interested in becoming the face of Christ for these men contact Mike Vandiver at 910 285 4737 or brdman57@me.com. God bless you.



Flower Donation:

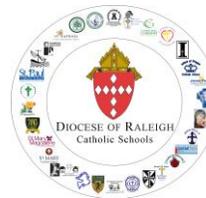


Sanctuary candle donated this week by: In memory/honor of:

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



Bible Study is Back: We will continue our Study of the Book of revelation this Thursday, February 6 @ 6:30 PM. The last book of the New Testament is also probably the most difficult and misunderstood book of the Bible. With these 30 guided lessons and commentary on the biblical text, discover the timeless messages of the mysterious Book of Revelation, and learn to distinguish between the popular false notions of the end times and the truth God intended by this apocalyptic yet canonical text.



School Choice of North Carolina

Interested in your child getting a Catholic school education? Don't hesitate, act now to learn about the North Carolina Opportunity Scholarships that are available for the 2014-2015 school year. To learn more,

please see our website or click here for more info:

www.schoolchoicenc.org/qualifynow

FEAST OF THE PRESENTATION OF THE LORD

This year, the Feast of the Presentation of the Lord, will be celebrated on a Sunday, February 2, 2014. The celebration of this Feast takes precedence over the Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time.

We will bless candles brought by parishioners. Candles are customarily blessed on this Feast day. "On this day Christ's faithful people, with candles in their hands, go to meet the Lord and to acclaim him with Simeon, who recognized Christ as 'a light to reveal God to the nations.'"

In addition, since the optional Memorial of Saint Blaise is celebrated on February 3rd, we will have the Blessing of Throats at all Weekend Masses

Bishop's Annual Appeal

Your Dollars at Work

The Bishop's Annual Appeal (BAA) is our opportunity to support the work of the Catholic Church in Eastern North Carolina. With support going to more than 30 pastoral, educational and human service programs within the Diocese of Raleigh, the goal this year is to raise \$6,374,554.

We as Catholics believe in the sanctity of human life, the dignity of the individual, and the central role of the family in life and society, and so we support these programs, which serve all of God's people, without regard to race, religion, age, handicap or financial status. With God's grace and through the BAA, your gifts of time, talent and treasure have given dignity, hope and support to tens of thousands of people who need it right here in the Diocese of Raleigh. And this good work continues right now.

One of the ministries supported by BAA is Catholic Charities. Last year more than 60,500 persons in our area received help from Catholic Charities. Catholic Charities can leverage the monies from BAA to make an even bigger impact on the lives of those who need help. Just over one-fifth of BAA's funds go to Catholic Charities, providing one-third of its budget.

What our Aid assists: Disaster Response

Two days after the devastating tornado that struck Bertie County in April 2011, Catholic Charities visited families impacted by this disaster. One of the families had tragically lost their home and their matriarch, who died in her daughter's arms. She left two daughters and two granddaughters. Over the next nine months, the family case manager and regional director assisted this family with: completing federal paperwork to buy a new home, locating donations to replace household items, paying bills that could not be paid due to injuries creating a temporary inability to work, and healing through the grief, trauma, and loss of home and loved ones.

PILGRIMAGE: A Wonderful Opportunity: Diocesan Pilgrimage to the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception in Washington, D. C. with Most Reverend Michael F. Burbidge on Saturday, April 5, 2014. Our Parish is looking for one or two parishioners willing to chair this effort for our parish. If this opportunity interests you then please contact Fr. Alex or Huck Booz.

Valentine Evening: A Catholic Perspective on Healthy and Holy Sexuality in Marriage: Mr. Bob Donius of St.

Bonaventure University will help us to celebrate: February 13: St. Mary, Goldsboro; February 14: St. Mark, Wilmington; February 15: St. Francis, Raleigh. For information on registration and details for each location, please visit the Diocesan Event Calendar: www.dioceseofraleigh.com Sponsored in part by the Office of Marriage and Family Life

POPULAR DEVOTIONAL PRACTICES: BASIC QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

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1. What are the origins of popular devotions?

Unlike the sacraments themselves, popular devotions cannot be traced directly back to the ministry of Jesus and the practice of the Apostles. Most developed gradually over the years and even centuries as people sought ways of living out their faith. The origins of the more ancient devotions are often rather obscure. Some devotions, such as the rosary and scapulars, have come down to us as adaptations of the practices of religious orders. A few, such as devotion to the Sacred Heart and the Miraculous Medal, are considered to have their origin in a private revelation, that is, some vision or message given to one of the faithful.

2. What is the relationship between popular devotions and the liturgy?

Since the liturgy is the center of the life of the Church, popular devotions should never be portrayed as equal to the liturgy, nor can they adequately substitute for the liturgy.¹⁰ What is crucial is that popular devotions be in harmony with the liturgy, drawing inspiration from it and ultimately leading back to it. "These devotions should be so drawn up that they harmonize with the liturgical seasons, accord with the sacred liturgy, are in some fashion derived from it, and lead the people to it, since, in fact, the liturgy by its very nature far surpasses any of them."¹¹ While the liturgy always remains the



primary reference point, "the liturgy and popular piety are two forms of worship which are in mutual and fruitful relationship with each other."¹² Personal and family prayer and devotions should flow from and lead to a fuller participation in the liturgy.

As Pope Paul VI recognized, maintaining the proper balance may not always be easy and may require patient and persistent effort.¹³ He indicated that there are two extreme attitudes to be avoided. On the one hand, he rejected the position of those "who scorn, *a priori*, devotions of piety which, in their correct forms, have been recommended by the Magisterium, who leave them aside and in this way create a vacuum which they do not fill. They forget that the Council has said that devotions of piety should harmonize with the liturgy, not be suppressed."¹⁴ On the other hand, he likewise did not accept the position of those who, without wholesome liturgical and pastoral criteria, mix practices of piety and liturgical acts in hybrid celebrations. It sometimes happens that novenas or similar practices are inserted into the very celebration of the Eucharistic Sacrifice. This creates the danger that the Lord's Memorial Rite, instead of being the culmination of the meeting of the Christian community, becomes the occasion, as it were, for devotional practices.¹⁵

Here Pope Paul VI admonished us that "exercises of piety should be harmonized with the liturgy, not merged into it."

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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- 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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- 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

Now that we have rolled out the 2014 BAA campaign announcements, some questions have been asked regarding where to send donations. You may fill out the pledge card and either drop it in the offertory or mail in the self addressed envelope to Raleigh. You may also pledge on line at www.baadioceseofraleigh.org. I checked out this website and it is easy to follow. There is a drop down screen to select our parish. You may also donate by phone to Terri Cirillo at 919-821-9772. If you need help with the pledge card please ask, Either myself, Delores Huemiller, JoAnn Booz or Mike Vandiver. Yes, you can also spread payments over six months. The big change this year is that as pledges are entered into the Diocese system we can see it real time on their new web hosting site. This change allows us to report the info to all in a more timely manner. If there are any additional questions please e mail them to me at booztex@charter.net or call at 910-285-5250.

Thank you for your prayers and generosity. With the help of God, our combined efforts can have a tremendous impact on the 30 plus ministries that need our help.

Huck Booz

Stewardship	Budget Required	Actual weekly
Weekly Offertory	\$ 2,750	\$ 2,644.50