

DECEMBER 16, 2018
THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

TRANSFIGURATION OF JESUS

Administrator

Fr. Fernando
Melendez

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Deacon

Deacon Mike Vandiver
910-285-4737

Mass Schedule:

Mondays – 9 am
Tuesdays – 5 pm
Communion Service
Wednesdays (mass in
Magnolia at St. Clara)
Thursdays -- 9 am
Fridays -- 9 am
Saturdays at 5 pm (Eng)
Sundays at 8:30 am (Eng)
& 11 am (Spanish)
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

Office Hours:

Monday, Thursday, and
Friday after 9am Mass

Mass Intentions and Mass Cards

Geri Cullen
285-7334

Parish Council Chair:

Julia Bryant
665-1173

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.



Flower Donation:



Sanctuary candle in memory/honor of:

Donating Flowers and Sanctuary Candles to decorate our Altar and Church is a great way to honor our beloved ones!
Please call, text or email Kathy Lord bkretired06@embarqmail.com
Cell & Text: 910-271-4660 Home: 910-285-8008

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** (emasinick@gmail.com).

Community: If you know of anyone who is ill, bereaved, celebrating a significant event or anniversary, or just needing a cheerful message, please contact **Judi Matthews** at 289-1738 so she can send a card from the parish to the person or family. Judi 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 **Rosanna Hirshkind** at 285-8647.

In need of a Priest: **Deacon Mike** can be contacted at 910-271- 4444 should you have an emergency or any life and death situation that requires , a priest Fr. Fernando

Sacraments

Baptism: Parents must attend 2 preparation classes prior to having your child baptized. Please schedule an appointment with Father Fernando or with Deacon Mike 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 Fernando.

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

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

Prayer List: Ed Mikolaitis, Karen Lynn Wilburn, Joseph Avery, Christine Stacey, Marian Alessandrine, Sandy Orlovski For those special intentions of our parish family, and all members of the military especially those in harm's way and for our seminarian, Omeed and Caleb Huemiller
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 email, ng eleenhirshkind@aol.com and we will list them in the bulletin.

Mass Intentions

Thurs, Dec 13: Jessica & Katy Clark requested by Julie Couch.

Sat, Dec 15

Sun, Dec 16: Infant Valentina Anne Ciuccoli requested by Jennifer Ciuccoli

Mon, Dec 17: Maria Grazia Miele Albo requested by Enrica Troy

Tues, Dec 18:

Wed, Dec 19:

Thur, Dec 20:

Fri, Dec 21:

Sat, Dec 22:

Sun, Dec 23: Inez Cossette requested by JoAnn 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. Contact Donna Schulz to schedule Mass Intentions 910-285-0711 or dschulz2167@charter.net

PARISH NEWS AND EVENTS

UPCOMING EVENTS:

Dec 16th: Christmas Concert at 6pm

Dec 16th: Pot Luck Dinner

Dec 17th: Penance Service @ 6:30p

An Invitation

Please come join your fellow parishioners as our choir members lift their voices in our Advent season. It will be at December 16th at 6pm. Please come join us.

Advent Potluck After the concert on Sunday, 12/16, Transfiguration will hold its Advent Potluck in the parish hall. Many of you have signed up and we look forward to seeing you there. However, if you haven't signed up but find yourself available...Please come! We always have plenty of food and welcome you and yours during this time of preparation.

We will have soft drinks, coffee and tea. As in years past, feel free to BYOB! It will be a jolly good time!!

Food Pantry: Please bring canned food, rice and beans to our Transfiguration vestibule. The Knights will take the items to local food pantry where they will be most appreciated. Thank you.



Coats for Kids is being organized by the Knights of Columbus again this year. The coats will be for local children and the children from our mission. There will be boxes located in the vestibule and in the Church Hall.

Knights of Columbus Raffle

The Knights of Columbus have a yearlong 50/50 raffle that is open to all in the parish as well as friends and relatives. The cost is \$20 for the year. The money raised is used by the local council to fund activities for children, such as the Basketball Free Throw Contest, as well as parish related activities such as the Mother's Day breakfast. All wishing to participate can send or give Bob Sivori \$20 cash or check. Drawings take place at the Council's Business Meeting each month

Mass Intentions: Thank you to Geri Cullen for her tireless work organizing Mass Intentions for our Church. Donna Schulz has stepped into her spot in managing the Mass Intentions, her email address dschulz2167@charter.net or 910-285-0711.

Experiencing the Sacrament of Penance in the Season of Advent: The governing document for how Catholic Christians are to celebrate the Liturgical Year is titled, appropriately, General Norms for the Liturgical Year and the Calendar (1969). The document describes the season of Advent as "a period for devout and joyful expectation" (GNLYC 39). It is not a period of penitence, nor a mirror of the season of Lent. What, then, is the Sacrament of Penance's place in such a season? The Sacrament is made available, not to get "everything right with God" in case God chooses this year to return in glory, but so that we might be as ready and as open as is humanly possible to receive the greatest of all God's gifts to us – Jesus Christ and the revelation that our humanity, with all its glory and with all its pain, is neither a mistake nor an error in God's great design of salvation history. An experience of the Sacrament of Penance in Advent opens us to fully receive the fantastic joy that it is in our humanity that God most wondrously and powerfully comes to us; a realization that is meant to transform human existence. May each celebration of the Sacrament of Penance in this holy season open us more and more to this glorious truth.

There will be a Penance Service on Monday Dec. 17 at 6:30PM here at Transfiguration of Jesus Church. And a Penance service on 12/19 @ 7pm St. Joseph in Burgaw. There will be several priests available to hear confessions. The Sacrament of Reconciliation is a wonderful preparation for our Christmas Celebration.

You may have noted the 'Reserved' sign in the last pew. We are so blessed to have growing families in our church community. We wish to help these families by reducing some of the stress many of us remember: the gathering of children and their required paraphernalia plus getting to church on time. On Sundays, we have set aside the last row on your right as you enter church for these young families.

Bulletin: If you are interested in adding something to the bulletin, please email Eileen, eileenhirshkind@aol.com. If you would like to have something add to the announcements during Mass, please email Rosanna Hirshkind at momrd5@gmail.com. Please note the information will only be accepted via written or email form. Also, it must be approved. We ask that you provide the information by Wednesday noon due to publishing constrictions. Thank you.



In recent days, we have seen the heartbreaking photographs and video reports of those who have been impacted so severely by the wind, rain, and flooding caused by Hurricane Florence. I ask that you pray for those who have lost their lives, those who have been injured, and for those who have lost homes and possessions. I also ask for prayers for the brave first responders who have been so helpful in the rescue and relief. This is a time for our Catholic community to come together and to assist our neighbors in North Carolina who are in most need.

For additional information on Catholic Charities disaster services, volunteer opportunities, and direct donation opportunities, please visit www.catholiccharitiesraleigh.org May Our Lord Jesus keep you in His loving care, especially at this time.

**In Christ,
+Luis Rafael Zarama
Bishop of Raleigh**

If you would like to help **Catholic Charities** assist families impacted by Hurricane Florence across central and eastern North Carolina, there are several ways you can do so at this time:

Financial Donations: Disasters are rapidly changing events and financial donations allow us to adapt with the situation and best meet the needs of the survivors. Donate online or text RECOVER1 to 51555.

Volunteer: If you are interested in volunteering, please visit www.CatholicCharitiesRaleigh.org/volunteerflorence to learn about volunteer opportunities across the Diocese of Raleigh.

In-Kind Donations: If you would like to donate in-kind goods, an online page has been set up where you can purchase items, and they will be shipped in bulk to our offices. This helps streamline coordination of the supplies we anticipate receiving. You can find the list of needed items here. If you are interested in coordinating a donation drive, please contact Gabby Amos at Catholic Charities at Gabby.Amos@raldioc.org.

Pray: Survivors are going through what may be the most traumatic experience in their lives. Staff and volunteers are working around the clock to provide some relief during this challenging situation. Your prayers for all involved are greatly needed at this time.

Thank you for your support of your neighbors impacted by this disaster.



Blessing of a Christmas Manger or Nativity Scene

In its present form the custom of displaying figures depicting the birth of Jesus Christ owes its origin to St. Francis of Assisi, who made the Christmas crèche or manger for Christmas Eve of 1223.

The blessing of the Christmas manger or nativity scene may take place on the Vigil of Christmas or at another suitable time. When the manger is set up in the home, it is appropriate that it be blessed by a parent or another family member.

All make the sign of the cross as the leader says:

Our help is in the name of the Lord.

R/. Who made heaven and earth.

One of those present or the leader reads a text of sacred Scripture, for example, Luke 2:1 (lines 1-8) or Isaiah 7:10 (lines 10-15, the birth of Emmanuel).

Reader: The Gospel of the Lord.

R/. Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

The leader prays with hands joined:

God of every nation and people, from the very beginning of creation you have made manifest your love: when our need for a Savior was great you sent your Son to be born of the Virgin Mary. To our lives he brings joy and peace, justice, mercy, and love.

Lord,

bless all who look upon this manger; may it remind us of the humble birth of Jesus, and raise our thoughts to him, who is God-with-us and Savior of all, and who lives and reigns forever and ever.

R/. Amen.

—From Catholic Household Blessings & Prayers

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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 Huck Booz, 285-5250

OUR MINISTRIES

Liturgist: Rosanna Hirshkind (471-8647) or momrd5@gmail.com

--Adoration: Pat Gasparini (285-4727), Donna Schulz (285-0711)

--Altar Servers:

-- Sacristans: Tish Vandiver (285-4737), Barbara Crecco (665-1231)

--Extraordinary Ministers, Lectors, Greeters: Rosanna Hirshkind (285-8647)

-- Extraord. Ministers, Lect, Greeters Scheduler: Maureen McCarthy (285-5194)

--Homebound Eucharistic Ministry: Rosanna Hirshkind (471-8647)

--Magnificat: Kathy Lord (271-4660)

--Music: Lara Capparuccia (910-324-5540)

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

--Lighthouse CD info, Sheila Bertoldi 410-979-8200

Pastoral Care: Deacon Mike (285-4737)

--Bereavement & Hospitality: Kathy Lord (271-4660), Julie Couch (271-6808)

--Greetings: Judi Matthews (289-1738)(Jstiddm@gmail.com)

--Prayer Shawl: Joann Booz (285-5250)

--Prayer Tree: Geri Cullen (285-7334), Lita Hopkins (285-2830), Cheryl Partyka (285-6661)

--Vocation Liaison: Gary Deininger

--Transportation: Donna Davis (donnaamd56@gmail.com)

Hispanic: Luis Galan (271-4200) or luisgalan_r@hotmail.com or

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Fellowship: Karen Lutze ktlutze@gmail.com (740-973-7732)

--Christmas Concert & Dinner:

--First Sunday Breakfast: Diana Nizamoff (665-1251), Diane Elko (732-363-5040)

--Feast of the Transfiguration

--Heritage Month Feast

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

--Community: Feed Our Hungry Children, Julia Callahan (285-0503), Julie Couch (271-6808)

--Human Life & Dignity Committee: Maureen MacCarthy, Julia Bryant (benjulb@gmail.com)

--Knights of Columbus: Huck Booz, 285-5250

--Prison Ministry in Pender County: Deacon Mike Vandiver (285-4737)

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