

OUR LADY OF LOURDES CATHOLIC CHURCH



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Monday-Thursday:
9:30 - 4:30
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Religious Education: September to May for K5 through Grade 8.

Youth Groups: Sundays, 6:00-7:30, September-April for Middle School Youth.

RCIA: September through May - Meets on First and Third Thursdays of each month at 6:30 p.m.

The Greenwood Catholic Women's Club meets the second Wednesday of each month, September through May, with a "social" at 6:30 and meeting beginning at 7:00. It is open to all women of the Church.

Baptism: Parents must be registered in the parish for 3 months and attend a baptism preparation class. Call the church office to sign up.*

Marriage Preparation: Call Father Tebalt at least 6 months prior to your wedding date to schedule an appointment.

Pastoral Care: Holy Communion may be received at home, in a nursing home or in the hospital. If you find you are unable to attend Mass and want to receive Communion, you or an immediate family member may call the office to make the necessary arrangements.

Anointing of the Sick: Those who may be in danger of death should receive the Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick promptly by contacting the parish or Father Tebalt at church after the weekend Masses.

Facilities: The facilities and services of Our Lady of Lourdes are available to active members who fulfill the requirements. This includes the use of the church for all Sacramental Events.

Diocesan Office of Child Protection: Our Lady of Lourdes and the Diocese of Charleston are committed to ensuring a safe environment for children. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact Fr. Tebalt, the Diocesan Office of Child Protection Services (843-261-0430) or Louisa Storey with Diocesan Victim Assistance at 800-921-8122.

An Active Parishioner at Our Lady of Lourdes is:

- Registered in the parish.
- A faithful attendant at Mass on Sundays (includes Vigil) and Holy Days.
- A supporter of the parish via tithing envelopes, personal checks or the parish on-line giving system
- A participant in at least one parish program, ministry or organization.

*Please note: Those asked to serve as Baptismal Godparents and Confirmation Sponsors must meet the requirements of being an active parishioners.

DECEMBER 17, 2017

THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

FROM THE PASTOR

Although this weekend is the Third Sunday of Advent (Gaudete Sunday), we are only a week from Christmas, which falls on a Monday this year. Once more, I offer the schedule for next weekend and a helpful word about one's obligation to attend Mass for both the Fourth Sunday of Advent and for Christmas: Sunday, December 24th is the Fourth Sunday of Advent. Masses for the Fourth Sunday of Advent will be at 5 p.m. on Saturday, December 23rd and at 9:30 a.m. on Sunday, December 24th (both are the usual times). Then, in the afternoon of Sunday, December, 24th, we switch over to Masses for Christmas: Vigil Masses for Christmas at 4 p.m. in English, 6 p.m. in Spanish, and at 10 p.m. in English. On Monday, December, 25th, Mass for Christmas (in English) will be at 10 a.m.

Because the question will inevitably be asked of me, here's the answer: YES, sometime during the period from the evening of Saturday, December 23rd, to the morning of Monday, December 25th, everyone is obliged to come to Mass **TWICE!** Of course, one could, in one's freedom, choose not to come to Mass two times, but the consequence of that choice is that one would be in mortal sin and unable to receive Holy Communion again until one had gone to Confession.

Gaudete Sunday, which we celebrate this week, is meant to focus us on joy — the Latin word *gaudete* means rejoice. Sometimes, the hardships of life can make it difficult for the Christian to hold onto joy in the midst of life's sufferings. For those moments, I offer the following prayer composed by the great Catholic convert Cardinal John Henry Newman. You might want to clip it out and hang onto it.

“Lord, You have created me to do You some definite service; You have committed some work to me which You have not committed to another. I have my mission — I may never know it in this life, but I shall be told it in the next. Somehow I am necessary for Your purposes, as necessary in my place as an Archangel in his. If, indeed, I fail, You can raise another, as You could make the stones children of Abraham. Yet I have my part in this great work. I am a link in a chain, a bond of connection between persons. You have not created me for naught. I shall do good. I shall do Your work. I shall be an angel of peace, a preacher of truth in my own place, while not intending it, if I but do Your commandments and serve You in my calling. Therefore, I will trust You. Whatever, wherever I am, I can never be thrown away. If I am in sickness, my sickness may serve You; in perplexity, my perplexity may serve You; if I am in sorrow, my sorrow may serve You. My sickness, my perplexity, my sorrow may be necessary causes of some great end, which is quite beyond me. You do nothing in vain; You may prolong my life, You may shorten it; You know what You are about. You may take away my friends, You may throw me among strangers, You may make me feel desolate, make my spirits sink; hide the future from me — still, You know what You are about.”

To Cardinal Newman's words, I add these: “Everything God does is done well.”

Fr. Tebalt

MASS INTENTIONS THIS WEEK

Saturday 12/16
5:00 p.m. † Gladys Touney
Sunday 12/17
9:30 a.m. † Tunis Romein III
6:00 p.m. (Spanish) Pro Populo
Monday 12/18 No Mass
Tuesday 12/19
5:30 p.m. † Eddie Normile
6:30 p.m. (Spanish) Priest's Intention
Wednesday 12/20
8:00 a.m. † Lorraine Corcoran
Thursday 12/21
5:30 p.m. † Michael Serraes
Friday 12/22
8:00 a.m. † Dennis Root and Peg Jenkins
Saturday 12/23 Advent IV
5:00 p.m. † Alida and Fred Schlemm
Sunday 12/24 Advent IV
9:30 a.m. Priest's Intention
Sunday 12/24 Christmas Eve
4:00 p.m. † Henry Johnson
6:00 p.m. (Spanish) Pro Populo
10:00 p.m. † Millie Murray
Monday 12/25 Christmas Day
10:00 a.m. Priest's Intention

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK AND SHUT-INS

Ronald Gadagno	Jeffery Moorer	Rose Marcaccio
Andrew Norman	Mary Weston	Sophie Kelly
Amanda H. Raimondo	Michael Meder	Mary Jones
Lexi White	Kay Ahlstrom	Betty Pierce
Tom Mulvihill	Sara Cushing	Chris Langley
William Sexton	Daisy Rodgers	Johnny Hodges
Nancy Rooney	James Carter	Debbie Hodges
Donna Brown	Lucille Jeditus	George Bell
Betty Oenbrink	Ryan Elledge	Kevin Glenn
Gertrude Lovaty	Anne Drummond	Jean Powell
Garson Aburto	Rosemary McHugh	Frances Shea
Dickie McCormick, Jr.	Sherry Fowler	Lauryn Scafa
Perfecta Thompson	Valerie Panno	Berta Cardenas
Karen Krug White	Dominic Panno	Connie Ruiz
Kathryn Krug Galanski	Christy H. Parker	Edward Hicks
Dee Mountford	Park C. Aitken	Tim Normile
Glenda Lominick	Margaret Mueller	Frank Welch
Elaine Huntsberger	Pam Poulin	Greg Smith
Carlito C. Cuentas	Al Butler	Janet Cuda
Patty McDaniel	Louise Francisco	Pat Reardon
Amanda Smith	Curtis Miles	Mark Kornet
John Nicholas	Randy Flick	Willette Parker
Russell Fleming	Elaine Kerber	Laura Sears
Rosemary Pitruzzella	Roland Brochu	Ceci Giglio
Florence LaRose		Barbara Catania

Please pray for all our loved ones serving with the armed forces, especially Adam J. Alex and Jordan Austin.



17 de diciembre, 2017

Adviento III

Horario de oficina para el Ministerio Hispano: domingo y jueves: 4:00 p.m.– 8:00 p.m. Para contrataciones de coro, comunicarse con el Sr. Jesus Avila - 864-561-4859.

Los padres de familia deben de registrar el bautismo en la oficina con 3 meses de anticipación, también deben de participar y colaborar en la misa. La aplicación se llenará en persona con la secretaria Stefanie. Debe de traer el acta de nacimiento ORIGINAL del niño/a.

Segundo Martes de cada mes después de la misa. Para más información favor de comunicarse con el Sr. Ramiro 864-337-6833.

Hay Hora Santa y Exposición con el Santísimo, el **Segundo Viernes de cada mes, a las 7:00 P.M.** (Siete de la Noche). Cordialmente invitados.

Hay Reunión Pastoral, es decir todos Los Ministerios, el **Primer Martes de cada mes, a las 7:00 P.M.** (Siete de la Noche). Cordialmente invitados.

Hay **confesiones los Domingos** a las 5:30 P.M. (Cinco y treinta de la tarde). Y los Martes a las 6:00 P.M. (Seis de la tarde).

THAT MAN IS YOU (TMIY)

... will suspend meetings for the rest of the year and will resume on Thursday, January 4 - same time, same place.

CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS PAGEANT

Don't miss the OLOL Christmas Pageant this coming Wednesday, December 20, at 6:30 p.m.

CHASTITY AND PURITY RESOURCES

In the narthex you may have noticed the new Purity Pack Resource Center. It has been donated by a parishioner to supply a resource for a large variety of books, booklets and CD's available on the topics of Chastity and Purity. These materials have assisted many churches, schools, even businesses, in planting the seeds of the Gospel message of Jesus Christ in the souls entrusted to their care. They are provided free of charge, but gift donations are gratefully accepted to help cover the cost of replenishment in the display. This is a great opportunity for any member of the Church to show support through a donation that will support the display.

BIBLE STUDY

The Monday Bible study groups will suspend meeting for the holidays Christmas week and resume on January 8 at the regular times - 10 a.m. and 6:30 p.m.

MASS INTENTIONS

Please contact the church office if you would like to schedule a Mass Intention for 2018.

WEEKLY COLLECTIONS

December 7 / 8 Immaculate Conception
Attendance: 311 Collection: \$ \$2,137.00

December 9 / 10
Attendance: 1280 Collection: \$ 16,628.15

Building Fund : \$ 5,033.00

(Totals include on-line giving as well as memorial gifts.)

Building Fund Savings Total: \$ 504,259.00



THE KNIGHTS' CORNER

Congratulations to our newest Brother Knight, Terry Greenfield, who received the Honors of the Admission Degree into the Knights of Columbus on Wednesday, December 6.

Congratulations to the following Brother Knights: Bill Stark, Mike Coleman, and Larry Rossi, who received the Knight of the Month Awards for August, September, and October.

YOUTH GROUP NEWS

Youth group - 6:30-8:15 p.m. All sixth - twelfth graders, come join us for our Christmas gift exchange. Bring one gift - \$5 or less. Also, please bring a baby toiletry item for Crossroads Crisis Pregnancy Center.

Our Church-league basketball teams' records are: boys - 2 & 0, and girls - 1 & 1! The next game night is Thursday, Jan. 4: girls at 6:30 p.m., and boys at 8:30.

All sixth through twelfth graders are welcome to attend the SC Youth Rally for Life which will be held on January 6. We will join Bishop Guglielmo and hundreds of young people from our diocese to march from the State House to Township Auditorium.

High School Young Men's Retreat will be held Jan. 26-28. Register by Jan. 12.

Junior High Young Ladies' Retreat (grades 7-8) will be held Feb. 2-4. Register by Jan. 19.

Thanks to all who contributed to the youth collection for Pathway House.

DIOCESAN PUBLICATIONS

Anyone interested in advertizing on our bulletin, please call Mark, with Diocesan Publications at 404-307-7016 or email him at mfitzgerald@diocesan.com.

UPCOMING IN THE DIOCESE

Family Honor is offering an **online** mini-course, *The Truth and Meaning of Sexuality, Love and Family*. Sign up begins Jan. 8. Call or email the Family Honor office today for more information: 803.929.0858 or famhonor@aol.com. Registration deadline Dec. 15. Family Honor, based in South Carolina - promotes a family-centered, Catholic approach to chastity education via parent-child programs, resources, conferences and training.

Natural Family Planning- Visit sccatholic.org/nfp to find a full listing of NFP methods and instructors in the Diocese, locate a session or to register. Or contact Kelli Ball, Diocesan NFP Coordinator at kball@catholic-doc.org or 803-807-0158.

The Lay Carmelite community of Greenville invites you to attend one of their upcoming meetings to about Carmelite spirituality. Meetings each first Saturday at St Elizabeth Ann Seton, Simpsonville, beginning with 9 am Mass. For more information, please contact Jan at 864-287-5495.

Diocesan 200th Anniversary Pilgrimage w/ Bp.Guglielmo
Consider a visit the Eternal City of Rome to celebrate the 200th Anniversary of our Diocese! Adult Pilgrimage: 9/21-30,2019 and the Family/Youth Pilgrimage: 6/15-24, 2019.

Our Diocese has established a CourageRC chapter, a Roman Catholic outreach for those who have same sex attraction (SSA) who are trying to abide by the Church's teaching. If interested, contact Rev. John Zimmerman at askfatherjohn@aol.com, Kathy Schmugge at 803.546.6010 or kschmugge@catholic-doc.org, or call the confidential line at 803.386.7653.