

OUR LADY OF LOURDES CATHOLIC CHURCH



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Monday-Thursday: 9:30 - 4:30
Friday: 9:30 - 12:30

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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.

JANUARY 7, 2018

THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

FROM THE PASTOR

Provided nothing unforeseen happens, please note that I will be away during the coming week, attending the Diocese of Charleston's Annual Convocation of Priests (January 8 through January 11). This is a yearly gathering of the priests of the diocese during which we are "talked at" about some topic related to parish ministry. Please note that there will be no daily Masses during this period. Daily Mass resumes on Friday, January 12 at 8 a.m.

While it is a bit after the fact, December 26 (the day after Christmas) was the Feast of St. Stephen. Stephen, one of the Church's first seven deacons, is known as the "Proto-Martyr" or first martyr. His story and martyrdom by stoning to death are recounted in Acts of the Apostles, chapter 6, verse 8 through chapter 8, verse 1. Toward the end, St. Luke (the author of Acts) notes that Saul was present at the stoning and "consenting to his death." This is, of course, Saul of Tarsus, who, after his conversion, is known as St. Paul, Apostle to the Gentiles. Note that Saul (St. Paul) participated in the murder of St. Stephen. Yet, they are both in heaven now together.

St. Fulgentius of Ruspe, in a sermon on the event noted the following: "Now at last, Paul rejoices with Stephen, with Stephen he delights in the glory of Christ, with Stephen he exults, with Stephen he reigns. Stephen went first, slain by the stones thrown by Paul, but Paul followed after, helped by the prayer of Stephen. *This, surely, is the true life, my brothers, a life in which Paul feels no shame because of Stephen's death, and Stephen delights in Paul's companionship, for love fills them both with joy.* It was Stephen's love that prevailed over the cruelty of the mob, and it was Paul's love that covered the multitude of his sins; it was love that won for both of them the kingdom of heaven."

In Matthew 5: 44-45, Jesus says, "But I say to you, Love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you, so that you may be sons of your Father who is in heaven; for He makes His sun rise on the evil and on the good, and sends rain on the just and on the unjust."

There is no room in Heaven for any lack of forgiveness or for grudges of any kind. We will not be allowed to bring them in. If we hope to go to a place like that, we must forgive others and banish any hint of grudge from our hearts. Best to do it now in this life, lest we have to suffer for it in Purgatory, or far worse still, be condemned to Hell for it. One way is to pray for our persecutors, imitating the example of Stephen whose last words were "Lord, do not hold this sin against them." (Acts 7: 60). How long and how often should we offer such a prayer? As long and as often as it takes us to really mean it.

Fr. Tebalt

MASS INTENTIONS THIS WEEK

Saturday 01/06

5:00 p.m. † Rod di Girolamo

Sunday 01/07

9:30 a.m. † Millie Murray

6:00 p.m. (Spanish) Pro Populo

Monday 01/08 No Mass

Tuesday 01/09

5:30 p.m. No Mass

6:30 p.m. No Spanish Mass

Wednesday 01/10

8:00 a.m. No Mass

Thursday 01/11

5:30 p.m. No Mass

Friday 01/12

8:00 a.m. † Dick DiDiego

Saturday 01/13

5:00 p.m. † Paul A. Toomey

Sunday 01/14

9:30 a.m. † Jerry Morin

6:00 p.m. (Spanish) Pro Populo

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK AND SHUT-INS

Ronald Gadagno	Jeffery Moorner	Sophie Kelly
Andrew Norman	Mary Weston	Mary Jones
Amanda H. Raimondo	Michael Meder	Betty Pierce
Lexi White	Kay Ahlstrom	Chris Langley
Tom Mulvihill	Sara Cushing	Johnny Hodges
William Sexton	Daisy Rodgers	Debbie Hodges
Nancy Rooney	James Carter	George Bell
Donna Brown	Lucille Jესitus	Kevin Glenn
Gertrude Lovaty	Ryan Elledge	Jean Powell
Garson Aburto	Anne Drummond	Frances Shea
Dickie McCormick, Jr.	Rosemary McHugh	Lauryn Scafa
Perfecta Thompson	Sherry Fowler	Berta Cardenas
Karen Krug White	Valerie Panno	Connie Ruiz
Kathryn Krug Galanski	Dominic Panno	Edward Hicks
Dee Mountford	Christy H. Parker	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	Rose Marcaccio	Ceci Giglio
Florence LaRose	Baby Trenton	Barbara Catania
Lauren Austin	Owen Downey	



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

01 de enero, 2018

La Epifanía del Señor

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 meet this Thursday starting with coffee and donuts at 6:00 AM. Here is this week's subject:

Session 13: To Touch the Heart of Man

- Change for the Union of Man and Woman
- Our Children's Reality
- At Stake is Our Ability to Love
- Loss of the Value of Fatherhood
- The Primacy of the Heart
- Rediscovering the Dignity of Fatherhood
- The Father Awaits Your Answer

CHASTITY AND PURITY RESOURCES

In the narthex you may have noticed the new Purity Pack Resource Center. Resources are provided free of charge, but gift donations are gratefully accepted to help cover the cost of replenishment in the display.

K of C ADMISSION CEREMONY

Men of the parish, an Admission Degree ceremony will be held by the Knights of Columbus parish council on January 27, 2018. If you are interested in learning more about the Knights and what our council does, please contact Walt Lordemann or Lee Van Voris (543-7671). We would love to have you become a member of the Knights at this ceremony.

WEEKLY COLLECTIONS

December 23/24 Advent IV (2 Masses)

Attendance: 709 Collection: \$11,339.34

December 24/25 Christmas (4 Masses)

Attendance: 1436 Collection: \$ 18,907.90

December 30 / 31

Attendance: 1049 Collection: \$ 14,081.81

January 1 - Solemnity of Mary, the Holy Mother of God

Attendance: 130 Collection: \$ 1,286.00



THE KNIGHTS' CORNER

Men of our parish, looking for a New Year resolution join the Knights of Columbus and become a Knight one of the best resolutions you will ever make. An Admission Degree Exemplification is scheduled to be held January 27 at 10:00 am; dress is coat and tie. If any Knights have possible candidates for this ceremony please contact Walt Lordemann, Bill Vaudreuil or Lee Van Voris.

YOUTH GROUP NEWS

The next Y Church-league basketball game nights:

Girls game - Thursday, Jan 11 at 6:30.

Boys game - Wednesday Jan 10 at 9.

Youth group meetings resume tonight - Sunday, January 7, 6:30 -8:15 pm.

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

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

For both retreats you may register at this site: <https://sccatholic.org/homepage> - Offices of youth ministry programs or contact Linda Powell.

BIBLE STUDY

Monday Bible study groups will resume on January 8 at the regular times - 10 a.m. and 6:30 p.m.

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 Lav 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 askfather-john@aol.com, Kathy Schmutge at 803.546.6010 or kschmutge@catholic-doc.org, or call the confidential line at 803.386.7653.